

Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 20 September 2020

MASS NEXT WEEK:

WEDNESDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER at 10am – **NO ONLINE REGISTRATION NEEDED.**

in St Comgall's Church, Brunswick Road

SATURDAY VIGIL 26th September at 6.30pm &
SUNDAY 27th September at 10am & 12.30pm
online registration required.

When registering please specify which Mass you would like to attend.

[You will be contacted by text when you have been allocated your seat(s), please allow 48hours, Mon-Fri.]

BOOKING BEFORE MONDAY IS RECOMMENDED.

PLEASE REGISTER USING THE CONTACT FORM on the parish website
<https://www.bangorparish.com/re-opening-of-bangor-parish-for-public-mass/>

Dear Parishioner,

Please sign up for **MASS** in St Comgalls Church, Brunswick Road. Using the **two metre** distancing rule the Church can hold fewer people than the hall so please register early.

For the time being it will no longer be necessary to register for the WEEK DAY MASSES. People attending these Masses will be asked for their name which will be recorded and then will be shown to a seat by the Steward. Please note that online registration for weekend Masses are still necessary.

The Covid-19 virus is still circulating and all necessary sanitising advice supplied by the Diocese following government recommendations will be strictly observed. We need **volunteers to steward and to clean** and anyone over the age of 18 who would like to do so is invited to contact the parish by email as soon as possible.

As part of Track and Trace everyone will be required to apply for Mass online. This will also prevent people from having to be turned away because the number of permitted attendees has been reached. I do not want people who have made the considerable physical and psychological effort to come to Mass to be turned away at the door. **Applications will be dealt with on a first come first served basis.** A seat(s) will be allocated to you. If you cannot avail of this allocation please let us know so that someone else may do so. I am fully aware that this will cause many difficulties and it goes against every custom and every tradition that we hold dear but the aim is to provide Mass to as many people as possible while keeping everyone safe.

International experience has shown churches can be a source of infection spikes. The places you occupy will be cleaned after you use them and time must be given for them to dry before the next Mass. The doors of the centre will remain open to provide ventilation and the toilets will remain CLOSED. Masks must be worn.

I realise that these are onerous conditions to impose for the celebration of the Mass which is a coming together of the Parish but the primary aim is the safety of all. I should be very grateful if you would tell as many people as possible about this notice and the means of applying for Mass.

Upon receipt of your online form we will contact you to confirm the allocated Mass, day and date. **Communication with all parishioners is very difficult at the moment please alert other parishioners to this notice.**

With every best wish and sincere thanks for your assistance in this important but complicated matter.

Fr J Gunn PP



Your prayers are requested for

Recently Deceased:

Phyllis Allen, Yvonne Cowen

Anniversaries:

Alice & Charlie Morrison, Imelda McPoland, John McCart, Barry Armitage, Patricia Small, May Kennedy, Joe Flannery, Joseph Brannigan, James Hill, James Murdock, Nellie O'Hara, James O'Hara, Dominic O'Hara, Frank Moore, Susan Curry, Stephen Taylor, Patricia Small.

5 page bulletin this weekend includes the readings for Mass.

Saint Vincent de Paul Ballyholme and Donaghadee are selling washable face masks to raise much need funds. The masks have 3 layers and are available in child's, adults and large sizes from the Centra, Donaghadee Road/Windmill Road junction and from the porch at 20 Deanfield, Bangor, for a donation.

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

we are here to support and listen.
Confidential. **075 1085 2157**

St Vincent de Paul

Helpline 077 0367 9384

List of Directions for attending Mass in line with the Government Guidelines.

1. Enter through the main doors of the Church only.
2. Exit through the doors at the Baptismal Font only. If you are unable to use the steps please wait in your seat until the majority of people have left and the Stewards will direct you out.
3. There will be hand-sanitisers on entering the Church in the foyer and the steward will confirm your seat number and direct you to your seat(s). Families / households are seated together – (2 metre rule) please respect social distancing as you enter the Church. There will be a time for prayer after Mass so reverence on exiting will permit personal silent prayer.
4. Confession will be offered after all Masses.
5. Envelope collections or donations can be given to one of the stewards when entering or leaving.
6. A mask must be worn at all times within the Church.
7. Distribution of Holy Communion will be given directly to you at your seat. You will receive Holy Communion on the hand only. The host will be placed on your hands. The Priest will sanitise his hands before distribution of Holy Communion and will wear a face mask.
8. When Mass is over please remain in your seats until the Stewards direct you to leave one row at a time. Please keep 2 metres distance as you leave the Church and please move quickly once outside to the carpark to allow others to safely exit the Church.
9. The parish secretary will be in the parish office from Monday to Friday 9.30am to 1.00pm. Those who have no access to the online registration can telephone and book in for Mass with Jacinta.

**We are all in a new way of attending Mass to ensure the safety of everyone coming to Mass.
We will continue to keep you informed as and when the regulations change.
The most important thing is that everyone feels safe.**

THE PARISH CENTRE IS CLOSED to groups until further notice due to social distancing as recommended by the Diocese of Down and Connor, which is following the government's advice.

If you would like your deceased family & friends to be prayed for please email your names to the parish office: E: bangor@downandconnor.org
all names will then be mentioned on the weekly Sunday bulletin.

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PRIVATE PRAYER will take place before public Mass in St Comgall's Church.

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BAPTISM REGISTRATION

Baptisms will be starting back mid to late September and the team is working on how best to support the parents. Please register online under '**Sacramental Preparation**'

Podcast audio Mass is available on the parish website
www.bangorparish.com (Daily) by **11.00am**. [Sat vigil] by **7pm**.

Bangor Parish Podcast

Fr Gunn offers Mass daily in the oratory of the Parochial House and podcasts it on the parish website. You can listen to the Parish podcasts by clicking on the audio files on the website or by searching for "**Parish Of Bangor Podcast**" in the apple or google podcast apps. You can download these apps from [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play](#)

If you use these apps please '**subscribe**' to our channel so you receive all the latest podcasts straight to your phone or tablet.



As you will have noticed we have refreshed our website and have given some new prayer resources: Look under **The Parish Today**

- Daily Mass – uploaded by 11am.
- Prayer Resources & articles from the Columban Sisters – Sr Maura & Sr Suzanna.
- Family Creative Prayer & SUNDAY LOOK SHEETS.

SVP-The Society continues to help those in need who seek their assistance, albeit on reduced resources with the suspension of Parish Masses. Many thanks to those Parishioners who have donated to date.

If you are in a position to assist, donations can be made via St Vincent de Paul website (svp.ie) Follow the on screen instructions and when prompted indicate if your donation is for St Comgalls Bangor or Most Holy Redeemer Ballyholme. Alternatively a payment can be made direct to the Conferences Bank Accounts with First Trust Bank-Sort Code 93-82-03. St Comgalls A/C 25302098. Most Holy Redeemer Ballyholme A/C 06885061. For account reconciliation purposes please provide a note of your name where indicated.

Donations of furniture and good clothing are suspended temporarily.

Non-perishable food donations can continue to be made to Storehouse at their premises at 12 Balloo Avenue, Bangor only on Mondays and Thursdays 2.00pm to 4.00 pm. Again many thanks for your continued support.

**NEED EXTRA SUPPORT!
CARE FOR THE FAMILY...**

<https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/>

<https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/family-life/bereavement-support/widowed-young-support>

A free Zoom support day for young widows and widowers here in NI on the 3rd October 2020 (See details below)

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/widowed-young-support-3-october-tickets-116738188063>

Totus Tuus Magazine

Due to the Covid 19 Outbreak Totus Tuus magazine is now being delivered straight to your door. If you would like to start receiving Totus Tuus to your home then please phone Fiona at 086 876 0058



Readings at Mass – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 20 September.

Penitential Act: I confess to the almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Gloria

Gloria in excelsis Deo et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis.

Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te, gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam, Domine Deus, Rex cælestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.

Domine Fili Unigenite, Iesu Christe, Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis; qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostrum. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solas Dominus, tu solas Altissimus, Iesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu: in Gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

First reading - Isaiah 55:6-9 • My thoughts are not your thoughts

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,
to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

The Word of the Lord. **R:** Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 144(145):2-3,8-9,17-18

The Lord is close to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
The Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured. RESPONSE

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. RESPONSE

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. RESPONSE

Second reading - Philippians 1:20-24,27 *Life to me is Christ; but death would bring me more.*

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

The word of the Lord. **R:** Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation - cf.Ac16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

The Gospel according to Saint Matthew (20:1-16) - *Why be envious because I am generous?*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **R: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

PRAYERS AT HOLY COMMUNION

Spiritual Holy Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that you are present
in the most Blessed Sacrament.
I love you above all things and
I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you have already come,
and unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen.
composed by Saint Alphonsus Liguori

ANIMA CHRISTI

Prayer to the Most Holy Redeemer

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, embolden me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesus, hear me.
Within your wounds hide me.
Never permit me to be separated from you.
From the evil enemy defend me.
At the hour of my death call me
and bid me to come to you,
that with your Saints I may praise you
for age upon age. Amen