

# Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

## 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 30 September 2018

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### Seeing Your Life Through the Lens of the Gospels

#### Mark 9:38-43, 45,47-48

1. John objected when a person, who was not in their group, cast out demons in Jesus' name. Jesus himself had no problems with this. Jealousy can poison our outlook even when what is done by another is good. They are invading my patch. 'Perhaps you have seen, in yourself or in others, the negative effect of jealousy and the contrasting positive effect of being able to rejoice that good is being done, irrespective of the person doing it.
2. In strong terms Jesus condemns those who are destructive of the life of others, particularly the 'little ones'. Just as Jesus came that we might have life and have it to the full, we likewise are here to make a positive difference to others. What was it like for you when you were able to do something that was helpful to another?
3. Rather dramatically Jesus tells us to cut off a hand, or tear out an eye, rather than harm another. It is not to be taken literally but it does mean that we should not be casual about our efforts to live a good life. When have you experienced the benefits of an element of seriousness in your approach to life?

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#### **Sunday Mass Times this week:**

**Bangor:** Vigil 6.30 pm,  
10.30 am, 12.30 pm.  
**Donaghadee:** Sun 9.30 am.  
**Ballyholme:** 11 am.

**Holywood:** Vigil 6.30 pm;  
10 am and 12 noon.

**Newtownards:** Vigil 6.30 pm; 11.30 am.

**Comber:** 10.00 am.

#### **Weekday Mass Times:**

**Bangor:** Monday - Friday 9.30 am  
**Ballyholme:** No Mass at present.

**Confessions:** Sat 5.30 pm.

#### **Children's Liturgy:**

Every Sunday at the 10.30am Mass for children in primary school.

**Baptisms:** 1st and 3rd Sunday of the Month at 2pm.  
Register online at [www.bangorparish.com](http://www.bangorparish.com) under Sacramental Preparation. 4 week's notice must be given.

#### **MUSINGS**

'...more than bureaucrats and functionaries, the Church needs passionate missionaries, enthusiastic about sharing true life. The saints surprise us, they confound us, because by their lives they urge us to abandon a dull and dreary mediocrity. Let us ask the Lord for the grace not to hesitate when the Spirit calls us to take a step forward. Let us ask for the apostolic courage to share the Gospel with others and to stop trying to make our Christian life a museum of memories. In every situation, may the Holy Spirit cause us to contemplate history in the light of the risen Jesus. In this way, the Church will not stand still, but constantly welcome the Lord's surprises.'

Pope Francis, *Caudete et Exsultate* 138-139

**Your prayers are requested for:**

**Anniversaries**

Barry Armitage, Joseph Johnson,  
James Duffy, Michael Duffy,  
James McLaughlin, Jack Devitt  
George & Mary McMillan  
Colin Beck, Pat McMahon  
Joseph Anthony Hall, Alice Hall  
Stephen Taylor, Joe O'Neill  
Edward Patrick O'Neill  
Margaret Shields, Richard Herbert  
Agnes Kane

**St Joseph's Young Priests Society**

*The second collection this weekend is the annual collection.* Envelopes are available at the rear of the Church, along with information leaflets on the work of the Society. By promoting the work of the society through our prayers and financial support, we hope to create a greater awareness of how important Vocations to the Priesthood are and the urgent need to provide Priests for tomorrow. The Society supports young men who wish to study for the Priesthood but who do not have the resources to do so on their own. In the year 2017/18, 82 Irish and 528 Overseas students were supported by your donations, and 118 students were ordained to the Priesthood. There are "Expressions of interest" forms at the back of the church. Anyone interested in joining the Society should complete the form with their name and phone number, and a member of the Society will contact you. Thank you for your support

**Perpetual Adoration**

St Comgall's Church  
Monday 10.30am-9.30pm

**St Comgalls Primary School** are keen to hear from anyone qualified to NVQ Level 3 or equivalent who may be interested in some Classroom Assistant hours to support children with additional needs.

If you, or anyone you know, may be interested please contact the School Office on 02891 463194 or email a CV to [chunter073@c2kni.net](mailto:chunter073@c2kni.net)

**The Parish Pastoral Council** invite you to a Mass of Thanksgiving on Mon 15 October at 7.30pm to celebrate the Ordination of James McAllister to the Permanent Diaconate. The Mass will be followed by hospitality in the Parish Centre.

**Introduction to Theology of the Body:** This DVD and group discussion programme for adults will be held in Tobar Mhuire Monastery, Crossgar for 8 consecutive weeks beginning Thurs 11 Oct 2018 at 7.30pm, lasting 1 hour. For further enquiries contact [tobteam@yahoo.com](mailto:tobteam@yahoo.com)

**St Comgall's Sunday School**

Sacramental preparation for First Penance and First Communion for P4 children not attending the parish schools will begin with registration on Sunday 7 October, 11.30am - 12.15pm in St Comgall's Parish Centre. Parents must attend with their child.

**A day in Honour of Our Lady - "Calling all Families".** Consecrate your families to Our Lady on Sat 6th Oct in Knock Shrine at the 3pm Pilgrimage Mass. Followed by testimony, food and music in the Rest and Care Centre and concludes with a Holy Hour to pray for our Priests, Bishops and their Dioceses. To book your FREE seat on Bus from Glengall Street, Belfast at 7am, please contact Human Life International in Knock on 094 9375993 or email: [mail@humanlife.ie](mailto:mail@humanlife.ie) Donations Welcome, Booking Essential.

**Marriage Encounter Weekend**

Dromantine Conference Centre, Newry 5- 7 Oct 2018. For more info or to book visit [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie) or call 028 7135 9612 or (087) 784 0408.

**Legion of Mary**

There will be a Catholic Young Adult Conference at QUB Catholic Chaplaincy on Sat 20 October. Brilliant talks and workshops on how to be a courageous Catholic in today's world. Speakers include Fr Andrew Black, Fr Conor McDonough and Maria Steen. Cost: £10 inc. lunch. For ages 18-40. To book a place call 07753379110 or email [cyaconference16@gmail.com](mailto:cyaconference16@gmail.com)

**Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service:**

Belfast. Tel No. 02890339944  
Email: [accordbelfast@btconnect.com](mailto:accordbelfast@btconnect.com).

**Knights of St Columbanus.** The new council for Bangor/North Down and Ards has just been established. Anyone seeking further information can contact Derek on 07935678182 or [dgkck4@outlook.com](mailto:dgkck4@outlook.com).

**Pilgrimage Rome & Tuscany – 18** June 2019 - 7 nights ex Dublin (includes Assisi, Florence & Pisa) 3 nts Rome/4 nts Tuscany  
Spiritual Director Fr Brian Donnelly PP Plumbridge - Guide Kieran Troy  
£1090 stg pp sharing (single room supplement £280) Includes guided tours and most meals. Contact Paul or Marie at DOWNE TRAVEL -Tel : 028 4461 3288 or [email-marie@downetravel.co.uk](mailto:marie@downetravel.co.uk)

**Healing Mass**

Devotion to St Pio Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October @ 7.30 PM in ST Mary's Star of the Sea Church, Killyleagh  
ST Pio's Relic will be available before and after mass

**Welcome Rota October**

6.30 pm Mass – Ligimol Thomas & Dympna Lillie  
10.30 am Mass – Pauline Andrews & Joe Drew  
12.30 pm Mass -Sarah Donaghy & Anne Rea

**Annual Legion of Mary Rosary Procession – Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> October**

The Annual Legion Of Mary Rosary Procession will take place. The procession leaves St Johns Church, Falls Road, at 3pm and will process to St Michael the Archangel Church where there will be a short service of Benediction. Refreshments will be available afterwards. Rosary beads and leaflets provided. All are welcome. Please gather at Saint Johns church at 2.45pm

**Dedication of Studies Mass at Queen's University Belfast**

The annual Dedication of Studies Mass will be celebrated by the Bishop of Down and Connor, Most Rev. Noel Treanor DD, in the Corpus Christi Chapel at the Catholic Chaplaincy, Queen's University Belfast, 28 Elmwood Avenue, on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2018, at 8.00pm.** Students, parents and visitors are very welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served after Mass.

**Support for the Bereaved**

If you need to talk to someone about your bereavement, a member of the Bethany Bereavement Support Group can be contact on the Confidential mobile number: 075 1085 2157

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