

Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

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Second Sunday of Easter - 28 April 2019

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

This week:

Bangor:

Vigil 6.30pm;

Sun 10.30am & 12.30pm

Donaghadee:

Sun 9.30am.

Ballyholme:

Sun 11am.

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### Weekday Mass Times:

#### Bangor:

Monday - Friday 9.30am.

#### Ballyholme:

Mon & Fri 9am.

### Confessions:

**Bangor:** Sat 5.30 pm.

### Weekend Mass in the Pastoral Communities

**Holywood:** Vigil 6.30pm;

Sun 10am & 12noon.

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Newtownards:

Vigil 6.30pm; Sun 11.30am.

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**Comber:** Sun 10.00am.

### Baptisms: 1st and 3rd

Sunday of the Month at 2pm. Register online at [www.bangorparish.com](http://www.bangorparish.com) under

### Sacramental Preparation.

2 month's notice required.

### Marian Prayer Group

Meet every Thursday evening for 1 hour. 6.30-7.30pm. Meditation on the Rosary for the unborn, Divine Mercy Chaplet & Prayer Petitions/ Thanksgivings.

### PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

St Comgall's Church, Bangor. **Every** Monday 10.30am to 9.30pm

The **Bible Study Group** will resume on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** at 7.30pm in the Pastoral Centre in St Dymphna's Room. All welcome come and see!

### Invitation to the Parish Vocations Prayer Vigil

Dear Parishioners, You will be aware from Bishop Treanor's Pastoral Letter *To follow Jesus closely*, that he encourages us to pray for an increase in vocations to priesthood and religious life. We therefore warmly invite and encourage you and your loved ones to join the parish community for a vigil of prayer on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** in St Comgall's Church, Brunswick Road lead by the Marian Prayer Group, **starting at 6.30pm until 8.30pm**. At the vigil, we will say the Rosary, Pray and Reflect on Vocations, finishing with a time of silent Eucharist Adoration. At this vigil we will launch the **Vocations Novena** which you can pray at home individually, or with family and friends. This will lead us into the celebration of the parish Eucharist on **Good Shepherd Sunday – 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> May**. Copies of the Novena are available as you leave Mass today. Together, let us pray that all of us hear the call to follow Jesus closely and respond to it with open minds and big hearts, and that more will do so as priests and religious. Thank you.

### Vocations Prayer

Lord, make me a better person, more considerate towards others, more honest with myself, more faithful to you. Make me generous enough to want to do your will, whatever it may be. Help me find my true vocation in life and grant that through it, I may find happiness myself and bring happiness to others. Amen.

### Seeing Your Life Through the Lens of the Gospel of John 20:19-31

1. 'Peace be with you' was the greeting of Jesus on meeting his frightened apostles. Who has come to you bringing peace at times when you were afraid? To whom have you been able to bring peace?
2. Thomas, doubting and questioning, is possibly a person with whom we can identify. What positive part have doubting and questioning played in your life? How have such moments helped you to know that your life is worthwhile? How have questions and doubts strengthened your faith?
3. Note the way that Jesus dealt with Thomas. He did not give out because Thomas doubted. He accepted how Thomas felt, and led him along to see the truth of the resurrection. Who has been that kind of teacher for you, gently meeting you where you were and leading you to a deeper knowledge of some truth about life? For whom have you been that kind of teacher?
4. 'Blessed are they who have not seen and yet believed.' That requires great trust. Perhaps you have had the experience of being trusted without having to justify every step along the way. What was it like to be trusted in that way? Who have you been able to trust in a similar manner?

John Byrne OSA, E: [jbbyrneosa@gmail.com](mailto:jbbyrneosa@gmail.com)

**St Vincent de Paul**  
Helpline 077 0367 9384

**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

### WELCOME ROTA DURING MAY

**6.30pm** Mass – Doreen Coran & Patricia Connery  
**10.30am** Mass – Charlie Taylor & Elaine Le Mahieu  
**12.30pm** Mass – Marian Murray & Charlie Mc Mullan



### Your prayers are requested for:

**Month's Mind:** Bernard Brady

### Anniversaries:

Peggy Rogan, Molly Coyle, James Cummins, Catherine Cummins, Liam McQuaid, Ellie Thompson, Stephen Thompson, Thomas Lennon, Maureen Doherty, Barry McGrattan, Philomena Brown.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY! AND OTHER NOTICES....

For inclusion in the Bulletin Notices, notices need to be in to the Parish Office before 1pm on Wednesdays.

All weekend Anniversary Mass intentions for St Comgall's Church, Brunswick Rd, and the Most Holy Redeemer Church, Ballyholme need to be booked through the parish office during office hours.

### TROCAIRE

"This is the Lord's doing: and it is wonderful in our eyes." *Psalms 118:23*. Trócaire thanks all parishioners and clergy for their support of this year's Lenten campaign. Please return Trócaire boxes so donations can be put to use as soon as possible helping the most vulnerable in the developing world. [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org)

### MONDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

You are warmly invited to the celebration of Mass with special time of charismatic prayer for healing in the **Church of Mary Queen of Peace, Glenravel** (119 Glenravel Rd, Martinstown, Ballymena BT43 6QL) at 7pm. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Olivier Bagnoud, an English-speaking priest and missionary of the Koinonia Community based in Italy. Fr. Olivier will also lead the prayer for healing. The celebration is being organised by the **Koinonia John the Baptist** community based in the Braid. Contact Sr. Christine for any further information on 07547298830.

### SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY

**First Saturday Devotion of Reparation** as requested by Our Lady of Fatima will take place in **St Joseph's Church, Killough**, Chapel Street, BT30 7QJ Sacrament of Reconciliation from 9.00am; Rosary at 9.00am; Meditation on the Mysteries of the Rosary at 9.30am, Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 10.00am.

### SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY

**Lough Derg One Day Retreats** begin Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May and continue on 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Why not take some time and space on Lough Derg personally or as a parish group this May? A NEW event for those who serve in lay parish ministry, is our Parish Ministry Day Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May. Booking essential. Tel: 0(0353) 71 9861518. Email: [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) Web: [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)

### SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY

**Living Church - Children's Liturgy Development Day:** The Living Church will host its third and final 2018/19 Development Day for Leaders of Children's Liturgy of the Word from 9.30am-3.30pm in the Living Church Offices at 120, Cliftonville Road, Belfast BT14 6LA. **Cora O' Farrell**, will be our guest speaker. Cora is an expert in Children's Spirituality and she has a passion for Montessori inspired forms of Religious Education and has undertaken training in both Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (levels 1 and 2) and Godly Play. Contact Caren at by email: [c.collins@downandconnor.org](mailto:c.collins@downandconnor.org); or telephone: 028 90 690 920 to register.

### Prayer Petitions Boxes

The Parish of Bangor has number of prayer groups who are constantly praying for the needs of the parish. Please keep your prayer intentions anonymous and do not put any money into the box.  
All the Saints of Bangor, Pray for us.

### FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> - SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

St. Patrick's College, Maynooth will host a conference on the subject of the spiritual life of the child and their place in the community of faith. The keynote speaker will be Annemie Dillen from KU Leuven who will speak on: "Children in the midst? On marginality, the center and the challenges of turning social norms upside down." Register online, through Eventbrite: [www.eventbrite.ie](http://www.eventbrite.ie). (Search under "The Child in our Midst".)

**ACCORD** provides counselling services for couples who may be experiencing difficulties in their relationship. We also offer Marriage Preparation courses for couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. The Belfast Centre is situated in Twin Spires Centre, Northumberland Street, Belfast. Tel No-028 90339944 [Email-belfast@accordni.com](mailto:Email-belfast@accordni.com)

**ACCORD invites applications** for the Certificate in Counselling (Marriage and Relationship), for the academic year 2019/2020. The Certificate, validated by St. Patrick's College Maynooth, is aligned to Level 8, 20 ECTS on the National Framework of Qualifications (Level 6 England, Wales and NI) and is aimed at qualified, experienced counsellors/psychotherapists who have:

- Degree/Diploma in Counselling/Psychotherapy
- Completed a minimum of 200 client hours and have a current supervised caseload
- Knowledge/Experience of the Person Centred Approach

Successful applicants' course and supervision fees funded by ACCORD. Training in Maynooth over eight weekends, September 2019 to June 2020 **Application Criteria and Form: Closing date 31st May 2019**

<http://www.accord.ie/joining-accord/becoming-a-counselor>

'Children of the Troubles' is a project by Joe Duffy and Freya McClements. They are writing a book to remember the children who died as a result of Northern Ireland's 'Troubles'. They wish to accurately and sensitively record the lives of these children, who died so young. If your family or friends lost a child – aged 16 and under – and you would like to contribute to the book, please contact Joe or Freya on 077 4358 9203 or e-mail – [childrenofthetroubles@gmail.com](mailto:childrenofthetroubles@gmail.com)'.

### Parish Envelopes 2019-2020.

The new parish envelopes are now available for collection in the following locations.

**St Comgall's Parish Office – Brunswick Rd**  
Most Holy Redeemer Church – Ballyholme  
St Comgall's Church - Donaghadee

If any parishioner does not have envelopes and would like some please contact the parish office.

Please contact the Parish Office during office hours.

If you are unable to call to the office to collect your envelopes if you telephone during office hours it can be arranged for your envelope to be left in the sacristy for you over the weekend Masses.