

Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 28 October 2018

Seeing Your Life Through the Lens of the Gospels

Mark 10:46-52

1. In this story Jesus cures the blind man, Bartimaeus. Recovery of sight in the Bible is often a metaphor for coming to faith. Perhaps during your life you have had moments of insight, of deeper understanding, of appreciating who Jesus is for you. What was it that helped you to see more clearly?
2. Who was the 'Jesus person' who helped you to see more clearly? Perhaps, as a parent, a teacher, or a friend, you have also been a 'Jesus person' for another and helped her or him to a clearer understanding of the meaning of life, love and faith.
3. To get to Jesus, Bartimaeus threw aside his cloak so that he would not be impeded. What have you had to discard in order to be able to see more clearly (e.g. an assumption, a prejudice, a rigid opinion)?
4. 'Your faith has saved you' Jesus said to Bartimaeus. Recall situations in which you have been grateful for the faith that is yours because in some way it save you.

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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 - Thursday 9.30am.
Friday as announced.
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 under Sacramental Preparation. 4 week's notice must be given.

MUSINGS

'Mary, Virgin and Mother, you who, moved by the Holy Spirit, welcomed the word of life in the depths of your humble faith: as you gave yourself completely to the Eternal One, help us to say our own 'yes' to the urgent call, as pressing as ever, to proclaim the good news of Jesus. filled with Christ's presence, you brought joy to John the Baptist, making him exult in the womb of his mother. Brimming over with joy, you sang of the great things done by God. Standing at the foot of the cross with unyielding faith, you received the joyful comfort of the resurrection and joined the disciples in awaiting the Spirit so that the evangelising Church might be born. Obtain for us now a new ardour born of the resurrection, that we may bring to all the gospel of life, which triumphs over death.'

Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium* 299

Your prayers are requested for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time

Bernadette and John McAnulty,
Charles O'Hara, Jack O'Driscoll,
Stephen Leon Lennon, Mary Magill,
Mona Mulligan, Frank Connolly,
Charlotte Hutchinson, Denis Gray,
Mary McMahan, James Glenn,
Kevin Graham, Arthur Donnelly,
Elizabeth Savage.

The second collection next weekend is the monthly stipend in support of your priests.

Perpetual Adoration

St Comgall's Church
Monday 10.30am-9.30pm.

All Saint's Day: Thursday 1 November is a holy day of obligation. Masses in St Comgall's Church, Bangor at 1pm and 7.30pm. Ballyholme 9am.

All Soul's Day Friday 2 November Masses in St Comgall's Church, Bangor at 1pm and 7.30pm. Ballyholme 9am.

November Dead Lists:

During November Mass will be celebrated each day for those whose names are recorded on the dead list. Lists are available at the back of the Church and should be returned to the box at the front of the altar. All the envelopes are opened and the lists placed on the altar.

Welcome Rota for November

6.30 pm Mass
Doreen Corran, Patricia Connery
10.30 am Mass
Charlie Taylor, Dervla Le Mahieu
12.30 pm Mass
Marian Murray, Charlie McMullan

Mass for the Deceased Teachers of Down and Connor: Wed 7 Nov in the Good Shepherd Church, Ormeau Road Belfast. Refreshments afterwards in adjacent Centre. Relatives of deceased teachers and retired colleagues, pupils and parishioners are all invited.

Trócaire's Annual Remembrance Mass for deceased supporters Sat 10 Nov at 6pm in St Malachy's Church, Belfast. The Mass will be concelebrated by The Most Reverend Bishop Noel Treanor and Fr Michael McGinnity. We warmly invite you to attend and help celebrate the lives and lasting legacy of these wonderful people.

Parish Service of Remembrance Sunday 11 Nov at 5pm in St Comgall's Church, Bangor. All are invited to remember deceased relatives and friends through prayer and reflection especially those who have died in the parish in the past year.

St Comgall's Primary School

urgently require experienced cleaner(s) to provide emergency support due to staff illness. The position is likely to run until at least Christmas with possible extension. Please contact the school office ASAP if interested on 9146 3194.

Artisan Bazaar at St Gall's Sat 3 November 10am-3pm.

Featuring St Columbanus' College Choir and Traditional Group. Enjoy a browse through craft stalls eg jewellery, homemade cakes and jams, candles, etc. Games and activities available for all children.

Pub Quiz in aid of St Paul's GAA Club on Sat 3 Nov at 8pm in St Comgall's Parish Centre. Great ballot prizes, alcohol and soft drinks available. £5 entrance fee, pay at the door. Everyone welcome.

Tobar Mhuire Retreats

Loss and Blessings: November is a time when we remember loved ones who have died. This day of prayer; reflection and symbols, will be a chance to take time aside; to reflect upon the memory of those who have gone before us, and to give thanks for those who have touched our lives. You are welcome to bring a picture or memento of the person you are remembering. Sat 17 Nov 10.30am-4pm. Day led by: Brian McKee.

Advent Day of Reflection:

Preparing for the Advent and Christmas season through an exploration of the scriptures. The day will be led by Sean Goan. This day is open for all, but is particularly recommended for clergy and for those involved as Ministers of the Word in parishes. Sat 24 Nov 10.30am-4pm.

Cost for each of these day is £30 (to include tea/coffee and light lunch).

The Trocaire Sale last weekend raised £575. Our fellow parishioners in Donaghadee also raised £362 for the Indonesian appeal. Thank you once again for your very generous support.

St Pauls GAC presents Hooley in the Harbour - Sat 24 November Titanic Belfast. Tickets £70 per person and include 3 course meal and an abundance of popular Irish dancing. Tickets on sale at Mace Brunswick Rd.

The Living Church Office will be hosting a series of development courses throughout the year for Children's Liturgy Leaders. The first of these will take place on Sat 24 Nov in Holy Rosary Parish Hall, Ormeau Road, from 9.30am - 4.30pm. The other dates to save are: Sat 16 February and Sat 11 May 2019. Whether your Children's Liturgy Group is well established or just beginning, these days will encourage, nourish, support and resource those involved in leading it. Attendance at each day is free. To register to attend one, two or all three of the days, contact Caren at Living Church Office 90690920 or c.collins@downandconnor.org.

St Comgall's Praise Band launch their debut album. Save the date, Thurs 29 November, doors open 8pm, Imperial Bar Function Room. More info to follow.

Volunteers required in Lisburn

Age NI is recruiting volunteers to assist with Sainsbury's Sprucefield Charity Partnership. If you have a couple of hours to spare every month please get in touch. Call Rosalind on 078 5091 9165 or email rosaling.cole@ageni.org

Bible Study Group meet in the St Dymphna Room every Thursday at 7.30pm. All very welcome.

Bangor Hospice Support Group Coffee Morning Vi and Seamus Bowler's home, 23 Dellmount Rd, Bangor on Wed 7 Nov 10.30am-12.30pm. All proceeds for NI Hospice.

Support for the Bereaved

Confidential mobile no: 075 1085 2157.

Marian Prayer Group meet every Thursday evening for 1 hr at 6.30pm in St Comgall's Church, Brunswick Road.

Day of Recollection in Portglenone Monastery on Mon 10 December. Day begins with tea/coffee at 11am. Speaker: Fr Seamus O'Connell. Book directly with Portglenone Monastery 028 2582 1211.

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