

Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - 4 November 2018

Seeing Your Life Through the Lens of the Gospels

Mark 12:28-34

1. Today's gospel brings us right to the heart of what a Christian life involves: love of God and of neighbour. Jesus tells us that having life both now and in the future is the fruit of living in a spirit of love. How have you experienced the power of love given, and received, as a source of life and vitality?
2. If you were asked what is most important in life, what would your answer be? Recall the experiences and relationships you have had. Which are the ones that you treasure most? What has particularly enriched your life? How would you encourage another person who asked you how she/he could live a full life?
3. Jesus praises the questioner as one who had answered wisely. Recall some of the wise people you have known, people who in their words and actions impressed you with their capacity to see and treasure what is important in 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 - Thursday 9.30am.
Friday as announced.

Ballyholme: Mon and Friday 9am.

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

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. These ancient and sacred words are for the faithful Jew the key source of individual identity and social cohesion... Those of us who are older remember a time when we Catholics derived a similar confidence in our personal identity and our community belonging from the private piety and public worship of the tradition handed down to us. I remember too as a child being truly impressed at the sight of Belfast Jews, the men and boys sporting their skull caps, as they took the bus to the Synagogue on Saturday mornings. Nowadays it is our Moslem brothers and sisters who take the prize in our cities for an easy, unselfconscious fidelity to their religious practices.

Fr James O'Kane

Your prayers are requested for:

Recently Deceased:

Agnes McGrogan, Anna Billington

Anniversaries:

James Glenn, William and Mary Finlay,
Joe Smyth, Samuel Thompson,
Moya McAlea, Alfonso Forte,
William and Matilda Clarke,
William Mazur, Sean Leonard,
Frank Rice, Agnes Wilson,
Pauline and Patrick McSherry,
Roseanne Kelly, Deirdre Burke,
William Anderson, Dermot French,
Tom and Hannah Carlin.

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

Perpetual Adoration

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

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.

National Collection for the World Meeting of Families 2018

Please support the Fifth National Collection for WMOF2018 which will be taken next weekend 10/11 Nov. Thank you for your generosity to date.

Parish Service of Remembrance

Next 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.

Feast of All Irish Saints

A service of hymns and rosary in Irish will take place in St Comgall's Church this Tuesday 6 November at 6.30pm.

Mass for the Deceased Teachers of Down & Connor: Wed 7 Nov in Good Shepherd Church, Ormeau Rd Belfast.

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 McGinnessy.

St Comgall's Donaghadee

Holy hour at 2.45 pm sharp, Sunday 4 November. Everyone welcome.

Storehouse North Down Food Collection today

Trolleys or boxes will be available in the porches this weekend to accept goods. Thank you for your generosity already, please donate dried or tinned goods (non-perishable). A full list is in the porch. With your help no-one in our community need go hungry.

SVP Christmas cards on sale after all Masses from this weekend, £3.50 per pack. Please support this worthy cause.

Living Church Office: A series of development days for Children's Liturgy Leaders will take place on Sat 24 Nov in Holy Rosary Parish Hall, Belfast from 9.30am-4.30pm. The other dates are: Sat 16 Feb and Sat 11 May 2019. Each day will have a different theme and the aim is to encourage, nourish, support and resource those involved in leading the important ministry of Children's Liturgy of the Word. Attendance is free, lunch and all necessary resources will be provided. To register contact Caren at the Living Church Office 9069 0920 or c.collins@downandconnor.org

4 Session Training for Advent Prayer offered by Living Church in the Good Shepherd Centre, Belfast. (Refreshments 6.30pm) Session 7pm. Places limited to those who commit to running the programme in their parish with agreement of Parish Priest. Themes of Sessions: 1. Stay Awake; 2. The Wilderness; 3. Joy; 4. Say Yes to God. To reserve a place email: livingchurch@downandconnor.org

Tobar Mhuire Retreats

Loss and Blessings: Sat 17 Nov 10.30am-4pm. Day led by: Brian McKee. You are welcome to bring a picture or memento of the person you are remembering.

Advent Day of Reflection:

Preparing for Advent and Christmas season, this day is open for all, but is recommended for clergy and for those involved as Ministers of the Word in parishes. Sat 24 Nov 10.30am-4pm. The day will be led by Sean Goan. *Cost for each of these days is £30 (to include tea/coffee and light lunch).*

Bangor Hospice Support Group

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

Trocaire Sale 17/18 November

For the Christmas Sale we require unwanted gifts, toys and household items (in good condition). Please leave all items in the parish centre. Thank you all for your continuing support.

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

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.

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

'The Spirit of Christmas' concert Sat 15 December at 7.30pm in Good Shepherd showcasing Marion Jordan accompanied by several performers including the Arco String Quartet, renowned local Tenor Greg Davidson and the St Michael's Parent and Childrens choirs. Post concert, the recently opened parish centre will host a small craft fair and guests can avail of mulled wine and nibbles. Tickets £15 available from www.marionjordan.com and also at venue. The 'Spirit of Christmas' EP and Marion's debut album 'The Prayer' will be available to purchase on the night. Proceeds to St Michael's PTA and PIPS charity.

SVP Pensioners Dinner

Sun 2 Dec in the Parish Centre at 3pm. We are preparing a guest list to include those who attended last year. Do you wish to attend or do you know someone who would like to? If so please leave your name, address and contact details on SVP Helpline 077 0367 9384. Transport to and from the venue can be arranged if required.

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Please take one and register your name to keep the law in Northern Ireland a devolved issue.

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