

# Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 11 November 2018

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## Seeing Your Life Through the Lens of the Gospels

### Mark 12:38-44

1. The scribes are presented as ostentatious and devious, acting more out of self-interest than the love of God or people. There can be an element of self-interest in each of us. Perhaps there have been times when you have been disturbed by glimpsing in yourself 'other motives' in your doing good. Recall when you were awakened to this fact. Where was the good news for you in that awakening?
2. In material terms, what the widow had to offer was very little. Recall when you felt yourself called to give, and gave even though you apparently had very little. Perhaps you have had the experience of finding that what you thought was little and insignificant meant a great deal to another person. Recall some of those moments.
3. The widow 'gave everything she had, all she had to live on'. In doing so she placed herself in a very vulnerable position, trusting that things would work out. Have you ever found that what seemed a generous but reckless giving of yourself proved life-giving for yourself and others?

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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.

Funeral Mass at 10am in St Comgall's Church Donaghadee for Anita Delaney, **No Mass in Brunswick Road.**

**Ballyholme:** Mon 9am.

**Confessions:** Sat 5.30 pm.

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

Every Sunday at the 10.30am.

**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**

If Jesus draws our attention to the generosity of the poor widow captured forever in this splendid Gospel page, it is no doubt because it is an image of his own redemptive generosity. Everything has been given. There is nothing left to give. Jesus surrenders himself totally in his death on the cross and in that act of redemptive generosity he opens up for us the way to salvation. If we are to share with him the glory of resurrection we will need, first of all, to share in the sacrificial generosity of his death. Our generosity, our surrender, needs to match his. This is the promise of our Baptism, what we commit ourselves to afresh every time we involve ourselves in the dynamic of the Mass.

Fr James O'Kane  
Shortlist Homilies for 2017/18 (Year B)

**Your prayers are requested for:**

**Recently Deceased:**

Anita Delaney, Rita Finlay

**Anniversaries:**

Tom Linehan, Sean McGreevy,  
Mary McGreevy, Mary Anne Hinds,  
Catherine, Patrick and Maureen Reilly,  
Gerry McCann, Joan Wright,  
Madge Griffen, Vincent Heaney,  
Joseph, George P T, John Barklie.

*The second collection this weekend is  
for the Parish Development fund.*

**Perpetual Adoration**

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

**Parish Service of Remembrance**

Today 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.  
Refreshments will be served afterwards  
in the Parish Centre.

**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 up in this parish on the weekend  
of 24/25 November.

Thank you for your generosity to date.

**Precious Life - Lobby for life.**

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

**4 Session Training for Advent**

**Prayer** offered by Living Church in the  
Good Shepherd Centre, Belfast on 14  
November 6.30-9pm. Refreshments  
6.30pm, Session 7pm (free of charge).  
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

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

**Trocaire and Traidcraft**

**Christmas Sale 17/18 November**

Big Ballot Prizes; Tombola; New/  
nearly new Gifts; Toys Galore; Bric-a-  
Brac; Bottle Stall. Fairtrade Christmas  
Gifts; **Santa will be there.**

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

**Feast of families in Knock Shrine!**

17 Nov, a day filled with faith, food &  
fun! The celebration will include mass,  
individual talks for parents, young  
adults and children, games, adoration  
and individual blessing for each family.  
The celebrant of the mass is Fr Shane  
Sullivan & the speakers on the day are  
Fr. Mark Byrne (SOLT) & Pure in  
Heart. Bring a packed lunch. For more  
info contact Michelle on 0852032711  
or michelletherese3@gmail.com

**Anam Cara** Monthly Bereavement

Evening in Crowne Plaza, Shaw's  
Bridge Wed 14 Nov from 7:30-9pm.  
Anam Cara Parent evenings are  
facilitated by a bereavement  
professional and our volunteer parents.  
The core essence of our parent  
evenings is to give parents a safe and  
comfortable place where they can meet  
other bereaved parents who  
understand the intense grief and sense  
of loss experienced after the death of a  
child. This is a free event open to all  
bereaved parents.

**Living Church Office:**

A series of  
development days for Children's  
Liturgy Leaders will take place in Holy  
Rosary Parish Hall, Belfast. The first  
date is Sat 24 Nov, 9.30am-4.30pm.  
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

**The Joy of Love in Marriage:**

A  
Marriage Enrichment Weekend offers  
married couples (of all age ranges)  
private time to rekindle the joy of their  
love. The next residential will be 16-18  
Nov 2018 at the Lake Hotel, Killarney.  
visit [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie) or  
call 086-609 5168 or 064-664 4319.

**The Annual St Columbanus  
Festival will take place on  
24/25 November. Details in porch  
and next week's bulletin.**

**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.

**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.

**A New U3A for Donaghadee**

Launch Meeting on Tues 27 November  
at 1.30pm in Donaghadee Community  
Centre, Parade. Just come along and  
find out more! We are a self-help  
organisation for active retired or semi-  
retired people, providing educational,  
creative and leisure activities.

**'The Spirit of Christmas'** concert Sat

15 Dec at 7.30pm in Good Shepherd  
showcasing Marion Jordan. Post  
concert, the recently opened parish  
centre will host a small craft fair and  
guests can avail of mulled wine etc.  
nibbles. Tickets £15 available from  
[www.marionjordan.com](http://www.marionjordan.com) and at venue.

**Ards CCE** Musician of the Year Night  
and remembering Rosemary Dornan,  
Sat 17 Nov, 8pm, Ballyhome Yacht Club,  
£5 at door, featuring all Ards CCE  
groups, Irish dancing, guest artists great  
ballots. Proceeds in aid of Marie curie.

**St Comgalls Praise Band**, from our  
12.30 mass, release their debut album  
on Thurs 29 Nov, doors open 8pm,  
Imperial Bar. Free in with nibbles.  
Signed Albums £10, funds for praise  
band equipment and development.  
Featuring fantastic guests artists and  
ballots on the night. All welcome.

**Cappella Caeciliana** will launch their  
new CD "UNITY May they all be one" at  
a concert in Clonard Monastery at 8pm  
on Fri 16 Nov. Tickets £12, students and  
under 25s free, from Clonard reception,  
[www.caeciliana.org](http://www.caeciliana.org) and at door.

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