

Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

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3rd Sunday in Lent – 15th March 2020

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

This weekend:

Bangor: (BRUNSWICK RD)

Vigil 6.30pm;
Sun 11.00am

Donaghadee:

Sun 9.30am.

Ballyholme:

Sun 12.30pm.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

**BANGOR PARISH,
BRUNSWICK ROAD**

WEEK DAYS AT 9.30AM

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

CONFESSIONS:

BANGOR: SAT 5.30 PM AND
AFTER ALL MASSES.

**Weekend Mass in the
Pastoral Communities**

Holywood: Vigil 6.30pm;
Sun 10am & 12noon.

Newtownards:

Vigil 6.30pm; Sun 11.30am.

Comber: Sun 10.00am

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

**PERPETUAL
EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION**

WILL CONTINUE

EVERY MONDAY

10.00AM TO 9.30PM

**VENUE: ST COMGALL'S
CHURCH, BRUNSWICK RD.**

**St Comgall's Church
MARIAN PRAYER GROUP**

The Church will remain open
for those who wish to pray
the Rosary together.
6.30pm – 7.30pm

**THE ENVELOPES
FOR ALL BANGOR
PARISH ARE
AVAILABLE THIS
WEEKEND AT ALL
MASSES WHERE?:
ST COMGALL'S
CHURCH,
BRUNSWICK RD, IN
THE MAIN PORCH.**



Your prayers are requested for:

Recently Deceased: Barnie Eastwood

Anniversaries:

Carol Hughes, Lily Jamison, Derek Finnegan, Sean Lennon,
Mary McCarville, Mary O'Kane, James McCarville, Sarah
Turnbull, Damien Morrow, Veronica McBrien, Con Murphy, Pat
Walsh, Lizzie O'Brien, Mr McConnolly, John Magill.

THE PARISH CENTRE IS CLOSED
from Friday 13th March for all groups
except the Pre-School until further notice.

IRISH LANGUAGE DOOR COLLECTION

after all the masses on

**SAINT PATRICK'S DAY- HOLY DAY
TUESDAY 17th MARCH.**

Mass Times:

Brunswick Rd only: 9.30am and 1.00pm.

Considering the current situation, all the faithful are dispensed
from the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days
of Obligation. Those who have underlying medical conditions
or are otherwise vulnerable to infection are asked
to stay at home.

Until further notice Mass will continue as usual.

**Churches will continue to remain
open for private personal prayer.**

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

**Bethany
Bereavement
Support Group**

we are here to support
and listen. Confidential.
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**WELCOME
ROTA DURING
MARCH**

6.30 pm Mass
Anne McCabe &
Maxine Galway
11.00 am Mass
Marian Murray &
Charlie McMullan

Many thanks for the
parishioner who
donated **£68**, towards
the Parish
Refurbishment Fund.
The continued support
is very much
appreciated.



Seeing Your Life Through the Lens of the Gospel of Saint John 4:5-42

1. *Jesus leads the woman along a wonderful journey towards a deeper, fuller human life. You can enter the story from the perspective of the woman. Recognise her resistance to growth, her complacency, her evasions, and her eventual acceptance, partial though it was, of Jesus. When have you made a similar journey in your relationship with God? With others? With your own self?*
2. *The woman is attracted by what Jesus is saying, but for a very human motive: the thought of having water in such a way that she did not have to come and draw it from the well. We too can be attracted to Jesus by very mixed motives, some of them matters of personal interest: belonging, community, security. What have been the motives attracting you to faith, prayer, religion, church? In what way have these been stepping stones to a deeper personal relationship with Jesus? Perhaps we can also see the same movement in the growth of some of our human relationships.*
3. *You can also enter the story with Jesus, the ideal leader, parent, teacher, or spiritual guide. Notice how he meets the woman where she is, needing her assistance, how he is patient with her, but also challenges her to grow to what she is capable of.*

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"Let us continue to keep each other in our prayers at this time."

+ Noel Treanor
Bishop of Down and Connor

DIRECTIVES FOR THE DIOCESE OF DOWN AND CONNOR
Effective 12 Noon Friday 13 March 2020 until further Notice

These directives are issued in accordance with the advice issued by Public Health Authorities in Northern Ireland. We continue to monitor this advice closely and will update these directives accordingly.

PUBLIC HEALTH ADVICE

All members of our parishes, clergy and diocesan employees should adhere to the public health advice, which includes:

- good hand and respiratory hygiene,
- Public Health instructions to be followed if you think you are at risk,
- travel advice,
- the latest advice concerning staying at home issued on Thursday 12 March

The latest Government advice can be found at www.gov.uk/coronavirus

The obligation to attend Mass

Considering the current situation, all the faithful are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation. Parishes should do all they can to raise awareness of available opportunities to participate in Mass via radio, TV, webcam etc.

Local parishes with webcams are:

Newtownards www.newtownardsandcomberparish.com **Mass Times:** Vigil - Sat 6.30pm and Sun 11.30pm

Holywood www.stcolmcilleshollywood.org **Mass Times:** Vigil Sat 6.30pm and Sun 10.00am & 12noon

Churches will continue to remain open for private personal prayer.

Mass Attendance

Mass will continue to be celebrated publicly until advice from the public health authorities indicates that we should determine otherwise. **We advise all those who are unwell, those who have underlying medical conditions or are otherwise vulnerable to infection to stay at home.** We are particularly mindful that many of our regular daily Mass goers are more vulnerable and we encourage them to consider carefully whether they should attend Mass at this time.

Sacraments

The celebration of Confirmation, First Confession and First Holy Communion

Recognising that these are important milestones in the faith journey of our children and a cause for family and community celebration, and that the current situation may overshadow that celebration, we are suspending the programme of Confirmations, First Confessions and First Holy Communion until further notice.

Baptisms will continue to be celebrated until further notice. Families are requested to restrict the number of guests attending the Church to a minimum and to adhere to the public health advice.

Funerals. Every Catholic is entitled to a Christian funeral. Until further notice, funerals will continue. Bereaved families, mourners and those who wish to offer sympathy should adhere to public health advice and consider (in the case of mourners who are not family members) whether their attendance at the Funeral is essential.

Weddings may continue to be celebrated until further notice, couples and their guests should adhere to the Public Health advice. Parishes should do all they can to facilitate those couples who wish to discuss the arrangements for their marriage ceremony or postpone it to a later date.

Meetings, seminars, courses and retreats. Organisers should consider whether such events are essential at this time, if not they should be cancelled. For essential meetings consider the possibility of using conference calling or web-based meetings. Persons vulnerable to infection should not be required to attend such meetings. These directives will be kept under regular review.