

Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

Parish Priest: Very Rev Joseph Gunn St Comgall's Presbytery, 27 Brunswick Road, Bangor, Co Down, BT20 3DS
T: (028) 9146-5522 E: bangor@downandconnor.org W: www.bangorparish.com Office Hours: Closed.

Third Sunday of Easter – 26 April 2020

THE PARISH CENTRE IS CLOSED

until further notice due to social distancing as recommended by the Diocese of Down and Connor, which is following the government's advice.

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

ALL BANGOR PARISH PUBLIC MASSES

are cancelled
until further notice.

The weekend Sunday Mass will be offered for all parishioners living and deceased.

YOU CAN ASSIST AT MASS BROADCAST FROM THE PARISHES AS LISTED BELOW

MASS TIMES DURING COVID-19

NEWTOWNARDS Times:

St Patrick's Church
Daily Mon-Friday 9.30am
Weekend: Sat 6.30pm
Sunday 11.30am

www.newtownardsandcomberparish.com

HOLYWOOD Times:

St Colmcille's Church
Daily: Tuesday - Thursday 9.30am,
Mon & Fri 7.00pm
Weekend: Sunday 12noon

www.stcolmcilleshollywood.org

ARDGLASS Times:

St Nicholas' Church
Daily: Mon-Sat 10.00am Mass,
Mon-Fri Rosary 9.30am
Wed. eve. 8-9pm Holy Hour with
Eucharistic Adoration.

www.churchservices.tv/ardglass

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

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

we are here to support
and listen. Confidential.
075 1085 2157

PARISH REFURBISHMENT FUND

A sincere thank you for the parishioner who
has donated an amount of £70.
Your support is much very appreciated.

If you wish to contribute to the parish
electronically please use the
"Donation Button" on the parish
website. See notice below.

Parish Podcast

You can listen to the Parish podcasts by clicking on the audio files on the website or by searching for "**Parish Of Bangor Podcast**" in the apple or google podcast apps. You can download these apps from [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play](#). If you use these apps please '**subscribe**' to our channel so you receive all the latest podcasts straight to your phone or tablet.



Daily Podcast audio Mass is available on the parish website
www.bangorparish.com by 11.00am

Parishioners are asked to note that

Funeral Masses have now been suspended. When possible Fr Gunn will say Requiem Mass for the deceased on the day of burial. When this crisis passes, Fr Gunn will welcome all the bereaved families in St Comgall's Church, Brunswick Road, to a Mass for all those who have died during this time.

During the week Fr Joseph Gunn will celebrate Mass *alone* in the oratory in the parochial house.

'I encourage you all in your faith and the hope that only God can give us during these difficult times. To all those who are listening to the Podcasts I offer every prayer and best wish and assure you that you and all the people of the parish are remembered in the prayers offered here day and daily in the parochial house. May God bless and keep you all.'

Fr Joseph Gunn

As you will have noticed we have refreshed our website and have given some new prayer resources:

Look under **The Parish Today**

- Daily Mass – uploaded by 11am.
- Prayer Resources & articles from the Columban Sisters – Sr Maura & Sr Suzanne.
- Family Creative Prayer & Puzzles.

If you would like your deceased family & friends to be prayed for please email your names to the parish office: E: bangor@downandconnor.org
all names will then be mentioned on the weekly Sunday bulletin.

Your prayers are requested for: Recently Deceased:



Gus Ballesty (Waterford), Fr Fernando Carberry CP (formerly of Ardoyne Monastery), Connie O'Neill (USA).

Anniversaries:

Barry McGrattan, Edward Joseph Garvey, Iain Lillie, Lily McCready, Jack Lawless, Mary Hinds, Dorothy Cooley, Nancy Anyon, Elizabeth Gormon, Barry McGuire, Peggy Rogan, James Cummins, Catherine Cummins, Liam McQuaid, Ellie Thompson, Thomas Lennon, Maureen Doherty, John Anderson, Joe McHugh.

Financial Contributions to the Parish

All Parish Priests have received a letter from the Diocese concerning financial contributions. The following is an excerpt:

"I hope you are keeping well in these challenging times.

Since the Government's "Stay at Home" and social distancing policies have come into force and the closure of businesses, leisure facilities, shops, schools and churches we find ourselves in unfamiliar and uncertain times. These Government directives, and the closure of many places, can bring burden to many.

*In the midst of financial distress for many, **financial contributions should be secondary to the needs of our Parishioners.***

Parishioners should feel free at this time to suspend their Standing Orders, or indeed their envelope contributions, until matters have improved.

If Parishioners are in a financial position to do so and wish to continue with contributions, they can be made via:

1. **Standing Order**, or
2. The "**Donation Button**" on Parish websites. This facility is being rolled out throughout the Parishes via updated websites and on Parish live streaming pages.
3. **Envelopes**. In line with the government's "Stay at Home" and social distancing policies we must not collect envelopes at this time. Can we recommend to Parishioners they use the weekly envelopes as normal, if they are in a financial position to do so, and once Government policy allows we will look at measures to safely collect."

Please check out the Podcast for the Third Sunday of Easter audio Mass.

Readings at Mass – THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER 26th APRIL



Penitential Act: I confess to the almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Ps 65: 1-2

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Gloria

Gloria in excelsis Deo et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis.

Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te, gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam, Domine Deus, Rex cælestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.

Domine Fili Unigenite, Iesu Christe, Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis; qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostrum. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solas Dominus, tu solas Altissimus, Iesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu: in Gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

First reading - Acts 2:14,22-33 *God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to this.*

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always,
for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me.
So my heart was glad
and my tongue cried out with joy;
my body, too, will rest in the hope
that you will not abandon my soul to Hades
nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.
You have made known the way of life to me,
you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

The word of the Lord. **R:** Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 15(16):1-2,5,7-11

Response: *Show us, Lord, the path of life.*

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.'

Response

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

Response

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay.

Response

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever.

Response

Second reading - 1 Peter 1:17-21 *Your ransom was paid in the precious blood of Christ*

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

The word of the Lord. **R:** Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation - cf.Lk24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us.

Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel - Luke 24:13-35 *They recognised him at the breaking of bread*

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

PRAYERS AT HOLY COMMUNION

Spiritual Holy Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that you are present
in the most Blessed Sacrament.
I love you above all things and
I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you have already come,
and unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen.

composed by Saint Alphonsus Liguori

ANIMA CHRISTI

Prayer to the Most Holy Redeemer

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, embolden me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesus, hear me.
Within your wounds hide me.
Never permit me to be separated from you.
From the evil enemy defend me.
At the hour of my death call me
and bid me to come to you,
that with your Saints I may praise you
for age upon age. Amen.

Prayer of Saint Bonaventure

Lord Jesus Christ, pierce my soul with your love so that I may always long for you alone, who are the bread of angels and the fulfilment of the soul's deepest desires. May my heart always hunger for you, so that my soul may be filled with the sweetness of your presence. Amen.

EXTRA NOTICES FOR YOUR INFORMATION

TROCAIRE UPDATE

Donations can be made online at <https://www.trocaire.org/donate/make-a-donation>. Several resources are available online at www.trocaire.org/parish. **'Trócaire Together: From our home to yours'**. Starting after Easter, there will be short videos of reflections, prayer and solidarity led by staff members from across the organization. They will be available on our social media channels for you to access at times that best suits you. Please keep an eye on our social media for these – the first one will be posted at noon on Thursday April 16th

ACCORD NI - Belfast
E:belfast@accordni.com
Thu 26/03/2020

We regret that due to the worsening situation being created by the spread of COVID-19, we are unable to resume Marriage Preparation Courses for the foreseeable future. We will continue to monitor the situation, and when we have been advised that it is safe to recommence our normal service we will be delighted to convey the good news to everyone. For the present time Accord Marriage Preparation Courses are suspended until the end of **July 2020**.

=====

ACCORD NI during this Covid-19 lockdown, have set up a Support helpline if you need to speak to an **experienced couples & relationships counsellor** during this time of unprecedented stress and pressure on family life... Contact: **028 9568 0151** 9.00 am - 8.00 pm, Monday to Friday. All calls charged at local rate. Poster can be found under the website page Covid-19 updates.

PODCAST: CATECHISM WITH FR NEILL

Dear friends, We hope you had a peaceful and joyful Easter break and that you and your loved ones continue to be safe and in good health. As the lockdown and social distancing measures remain in place and many of us are self-isolating or cocooning, you may be interested to be reminded of Fr. Neil Xavier O'Donoghue's podcast, "*Catechism with Fr. Neil*". Fr. Neil is a Lecturer in Systematic Theology at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth. Each day, Fr. Neil posts a short (5-10 minute) audio podcast for the 366 days of 2020. In each episode he reads a few paragraphs of the Catechism of the Catholic Church and gives a short reflection on the passage. In this way you can listen to the whole book over the course of a year, starting at any time that suits you. The Catechism is a great summary of the Catholic Faith that Pope St. John Paul II called a "sure reference for the teaching of Catholic Doctrine." The *Catechism with Fr. Neil* Podcast is available on SoundCloud and Spotify and also in the Apple podcast store. Details can be found on Fr. Neil's webpage: www.fatherneil.com. The feed for the podcast is also available at: <http://feeds.soundcloud.com/users/soundcloud:users:747004546/sounds.rss>

www.ShalomWorld.org

Starting on April 20, Monday to Friday at 07.00 PM



The Eucharist in Scripture is a series of dynamic talks by Dr. Scott Hahn, founder, and president of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology. This six-lesson study examines the biblical foundations of the Eucharist and unlocks the meaning of covenant, sacrifice, and sacrament as understood in the Bible, from Genesis through Revelation. Discover God's plan as it is expressed through the Bible and the Holy Mass. We are also pleased to announce the upcoming release of the latest book by Dr. Scott Hahn - **Hope to Die: The Christian Meaning of Death and the Resurrection of the Body**, in which Dr. Hahn explores the significance of death and burial from a Catholic perspective.

Pre-order your Book today! [Click here](#) for more details.

Dr. Scott Hahn is a renowned speaker, professor, and author, as well as the Founder and President of the St. Paul Center, an apostolate dedicated to teaching Catholics to read Scripture from the heart of the Church. He is the Fr. Michael Scanlan Professor of Biblical Theology and the New Evangelization at Franciscan University where he has taught since 1990. Dr. Hahn's works include best-selling titles *Rome Sweet Home*, *The Lamb's Supper*, and *Hail Holy Queen*.