

Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

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Fifth Sunday of Easter – 10 May 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

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 & SUNDAY LOOK SHEETS.

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:

Michael Brannigan

Anniversaries:

John Fox, Marion McAuley, Margaret Sullivan, Jean O'Kane, Monica McDermott, Kathleen O'Neill, Sarah McGarry, James McQuillan, Maureen Craig, Mary Heron, Charlie Heron, Maura McPadden, Gerald Scollan, Thomas Scollan, Sarah McKeown.

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

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

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5 page bulletin this weekend includes the Fifth Sunday of Easter Readings. Homily of Sunday can be found on the Podcast App or website.

DIOCESAN NEWS DURING COVID-19

We are aware of a **fraudulent scam** within some Parishes. Unscrupulous individuals are calling with vulnerable people (in some cases our Parishioners) and offering to:

1. Take their weekly envelopes to the Church.
2. Offering to do their shopping but wanting cash up front.

Please be aware of this scam.

The parish is not collecting envelopes during this time of social distancing.

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.



SVP-The Society continues to help those in need who seek their assistance, albeit on reduced resources with the suspension of Parish Masses. Many thanks to those Parishioners who have donated to date.

If you are in a position to assist, donations can be made via St Vincent de Paul website (svp.ie) Follow the on screen instructions and when prompted indicate if your donation is for St Comgalls Bangor or Most Holy Redeemer Ballyholme.

Alternatively a payment can be made direct to the Conferences Bank Accounts with First Trust Bank- Sort Code 93-82-03. St Comgalls A/C 25302098. Most Holy Redeemer Ballyholme A/C 06885061. For account reconciliation purposes please provide a note of your name where indicated

Donations of furniture and good clothing are suspended temporarily.

Non-perishable food donations can continue to be made to Storehouse at their premises at 12 Balloo Avenue, Bangor only on Mondays and Thursdays 2.00pm to 4.00 pm.

Again many thanks for your continued support.

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



Readings at Mass – FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER 10th MAY.

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 97: 1-2

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, 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 solus Dominus, tu solus Altissimus, Iesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu: in Gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

First reading - [Acts 6:1-7] *They elected seven men full of the Holy Spirit*

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

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

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 32(33):1-2,4-5,18-19

Response: *May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.*

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs.

Response

For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love.

Response

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

Response

Second reading – [1 Peter 2:4-9] *Christ is the living stone, chosen by God and precious to him*

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: *See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed.* That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

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

Gospel Acclamation - Jn14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
No one can come to the Father except through me.'
Alleluia!

Gospel [John 14:1-12] *I am the Way, the Truth and the Life*

Jesus said to his disciples:
'Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Trust in God still, and trust in me.
There are many rooms in my Father's house;
if there were not, I should have told you.
I am going now to prepare a place for you,
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,
I shall return to take you with me;
so that where I am
you may be too.
You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:
'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
No one can come to the Father except through me.
If you know me, you know my Father too.
From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father,
so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?'
Do you not believe
that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?
The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself:
it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.
You must believe me when I say
that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;
believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.
I tell you most solemnly,
whoever believes in me
will perform the same works as I do myself,
he will perform even greater works,
because I am going to the Father.'

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 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

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