

# Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

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Sixth Sunday of Easter – 17 May 2020

Podcast audio Mass is available on the parish website  
[www.bangorparish.com](http://www.bangorparish.com) (Daily) by 11.00am. [Sat vigil] by 7pm.

**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.

MASS OFFERED DAILY accessed by Podcast App or Website.

**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.

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

**4 page bulletin** this weekend includes the Sixth Sunday of Easter Readings.

## 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.



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**Helpline 077 0367 9384**

**Bethany Bereavement Support Group**

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

**Your prayers are requested for  
Recently Deceased:**

Harry Stanford, Bob Mooney, Una Kelleher.

**Anniversaries:**

Anna Magill, Eileen Lloyd, Mamee Doherty, Kathleen McCabe, Alex Rogan, Willie Magill, Frank Rafferty, Kathleen Rafferty, Jimmy Doherty, Catherine Brown, James Brown, Peg Burke, Teresa Burke, Josie McVeigh, Therese McVeigh, John McVeigh, Brigid McQuade, Frank McQuade, Vera Sharkey, Brian Sharkey, Geraldine Gorman, Teresa McCreesh, Margaret Barbour, Bernard Barbour, Harry Close, James McQuillan, Pepe Roche, Jimmy Caulfield.



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.

Deacon James McAllister will be offering Morning Prayer at 9.00am every Monday, Wednesday & Friday and on Tuesday Evenings the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help at 7.00pm in  
**Church: Our Lady of the Visitation Church, Comber.**

[webcam can be found on the website of Newtownards & Comber [www.newtownardsandcomberparish.com](http://www.newtownardsandcomberparish.com) ]

**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](http://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.



## Readings at Mass – SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER 17<sup>th</sup> 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. Is 48: 20

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;  
proclaim to the ends of the earth:  
The Lord has freed his people, 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 8:5-8,14-17] They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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

**Responsorial Psalm** - 65(66): 1-7,16,20

**Response: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.**

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,

O sing to the glory of his name.

O render him glorious praise.

Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!

**Response**

'Before you all the earth shall bow;

shall sing to you, sing to your name!'

Come and see the works of God,

tremendous his deeds among men.

**Response**

He turned the sea into dry land,

they passed through the river dry-shod.

Let our joy then be in him;

he rules for ever by his might.

**Response**

Come and hear, all who fear God.

I will tell what he did for my soul:  
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer  
nor withhold his love from me.

**Response**

**Second reading** – [1 Peter 3:15-18] In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

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

**Gospel Acclamation** - Jn14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him,  
and we shall come to him.'

Alleluia!

**Gospel - Saint John** [14:15-21] I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate

to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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**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.

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MASS TIMES DURING COVID-19**

<p><u>NEWTOWNARDS Times:</u> St Patrick's Church Daily Mon-Friday 9.30am Weekend: Sat 6.30pm Sunday 11.30am <a href="http://www.newtownardsandcomberparish.com">www.newtownardsandcomberparish.com</a></p>	<p><u>HOLYWOOD Times:</u> St Colmcille's Church Daily: Tuesday - Thursday 9.30am, Mon &amp; Fri 7.00pm Weekend: Sunday 12noon <a href="http://www.stcolmcilleshollywood.org">www.stcolmcilleshollywood.org</a></p>
<p><u>ARDGLASS Times:</u> St Nicholas' Church Daily: Mon-Sat 10.00am Mass, Mon-Fri Rosary 9.30am Wed. eve. 8-9pm Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration. <a href="http://www.churchservices.tv/ardglass">www.churchservices.tv/ardglass</a></p>	<p>streamed live from  St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast on <a href="http://www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral">www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral</a>  Sunday 11.00am</p>

**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](http://www.trocaire.org/parish)

**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. (charges apply). Please join our growing faith family!

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