

Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

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EASTER Sunday – 12 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

The times of Holy Week will be on the PDF notice accessed on the website under 'News' page.

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
8-9pm Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration.

www.churchservices.tv/ardglass

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

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

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075 1085 2157

See 'News' page (website) for all the latest times of Holy Week online services. Bangor Parish will be putting all Masses on the Podcast page (website). Also available on any Podcast App see below more information.



**Jesus is Risen,
Halleluiah III**

EASTER SUNDAY MASS

In Bangor Parish, will be celebrated without a congregation in St Comgall's, Brunswick Rd at 11am. Mass will be streamed live from:

Newtownards Sunday at 11.30am
Hollywood Sunday at 12noon

Pope Francis' Mass on www.ShalomWorld.org or EWTN at 10am

Parishioners are asked to note that

Funeral Masses have now been suspended. When possible Fr Gunn will say the 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 *privately* in the oratory in the parochial house.

'I encourage you all in your faith and 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 and during the Holy Week ceremonies in the empty Church of Saint Comgalls. May God bless and keep you all.'

Fr Joseph Gunn



Your prayers are requested for: Recently Deceased:

Francie McCaffrey (London), Norman Scott (Bangor)

Anniversaries:

Teresa Linehan, James Cummins, Catherine Cummins,
Gerry Taylor, Maureen Taylor.

PARISH REFURBISHMENT FUND

A sincere thank you for the parishioners who have donated two amounts of £100 each.
Your support is much very appreciated.



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](https://www.apple.com/app-store) or [Google Play](https://play.google.com/store/apps)

If you use these apps please '**subscribe**' to our channel so you receive all the latest podcasts straight to your phone or tablet.



5 page bulletin this weekend includes the Easter Sunday Readings.

Please send all notices and anniversary notices to the parish email for inclusion on the Anv. List.

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."

Excerpt of letter sent to the priests of the Diocese from Bishop Noel Treanor on Confession / Reconciliation.

'...as highlighted in the abovementioned Decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary and stated by the Holy Father in his Homily of 20th March 2020, it is vitally important that the faithful know that if they cannot access confession, then, by making an act of sorrow, by being truly contrite for all their sins with the intention not to sin anymore, and with the intention of going to confession as soon as it is possible, they are reconciled with God and obtain the forgiveness of their sins, even mortal sins. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption. Psalm 130.'

Please check out the Podcast for Easter Sunday audio Mass.



Readings at Mass – EASTER SUNDAY 12th APRIL 2020

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 138: 18, 5-6

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, 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,

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

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.

gloriam tuam, Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, 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 10:34,37-43] *'We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection'*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

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

Responsorial Psalm – [Psalm 117(118):1-2,16-17,22-23]

Response: *This day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad.*

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Response:

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.

Response:

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

Response:

Second reading – [Colossians 3:1-4] *Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

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

Sequence - Victimae Paschali Laudes

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;

and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!
Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.
Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.
The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose!
The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting.
Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.
That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel Acclamation – [1Cor5:7-8]

Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed:
let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel – [John 20:1-9] *He must rise from the dead.*

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

PRAYERS AFTER 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

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

TROCAIRE UPDATE

Trócaire Boxes: This time of year, we would usually get back tens of thousands of boxes but that will not be possible this year, at a time when the developing world needs our help the most. If you can, please donate online or over the phone. Please do hold onto your boxes until further notice and we will be in contact about how to return them when it will be safe for people to do so. 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 <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**.

STOREHOUSE NORTH DOWN

In these difficult times we are aware that many families will have to rely on food banks, will continue as long as we have groceries to give out.

Groceries can be left at any of the following:

- Storehouse ND premises ([12 Balloo Avenue](#))
Monday to Friday 9 am - 4 pm,
- The Co-Op, Groomsport Road,
- The Haven Hairdressers, 121a High Street,
- Sainsbury's Hollywood Exchange.

We are unable to buy in bulk and are short of the following, Tins of meat ...ham, corned beef etc
Tins of meals... minced steak, chunky chicken etc
Rice, Tins of rice mealscurry, chilli con carne, etc
Rice sauces, Tins of custard and rice, Tinned tomatoes
Fruit juices, Diluting juices, Cooking Oil, Toiletries,
Toilet rolls, Kitchen roll, Kitchen sprays

Thank you for all your support and we would ask you to pray for protection for our volunteers, many of whom are in the vulnerable age group.