

Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

Feast of Christ the King - 25 November 2018

Seeing Your Life Through the Lens of the Gospels

John 18:33-37

1. The feast we have today, and the Gospel, give us an opportunity to reflect on the different ways in which we, and others, exercise influence and leadership. The authority of Pilate came from position and power. The authority of Jesus came from his integrity and what he stood for. Recall leaders you have known whose influence was like that of Jesus.
2. The values of the kingdom of God cannot be imposed. It is never a matter of fighting battles, or forcing others into compliance. Perhaps through experience you have learned the limitations of the use of force, as a parent, a teacher, a group leader. What has been the good news, the learnings for you, in this?
3. Jesus came to bear witness to the truth that we are all created for a purpose. What do you believe is the purpose of your life? Recall times when you have been able to bear witness to this. What fruit has this witness had for yourself and/or others?

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Sunday Mass Times this week:

Bangor: Vigil 6.30 pm,
10.30 am, 12.30 pm.
Donaghadee: Sun 9.30 am.
Ballyholme: 11 am.

Hollywood: Vigil 6.30 pm;
10 am and 12 noon.

Newtownards: Vigil 6.30 pm; 11.30 am.

Comber: 10.00 am.

Weekday Mass Times:

Bangor: Monday 11am Funeral Mass for
Catherine Topping.
Tuesday - Friday 9.30am.

Ballyholme: Monday and Friday 9am.

Confessions: Sat 5.30 pm.

Children's Liturgy:

Every Sunday at the 10.30am.

Baptisms: 1st and 3rd Sunday of the Month at 2pm.
Register online at www.bangorparish.com under
Sacramental Preparation. 4 week's notice must be given.

Musings

Those who are too good, too gentle, too sincere, too meek, too humble, end up, as a rule, exploited and mocked, sacrificed on the altar of expediency. So it is in the kingdoms of this world. The world knows that too much goodness leads to the cross and takes time off from its obsession with personal and collective security to laugh heartily at such naivety. The truth that the world cannot perceive is that goodness leads through the cross to resurrection and life. Pilate thought to survive, but he survived only to live wretchedly and die another day. The secret of Jesus is that those who are willing to die today to the selfish demands of survival at any price will live forever... It is Jesus, not Pilate, who is truly free.

Fr James O'Kane,
Shortish Homilies for 2017/18 (Year B)

Your prayers are requested for:

Recently Deceased:

Maureen Fox, Catherine Topping

Anniversaries:

Walter and Rose Gethin,
Paula and Brian Campbell,
Maureen Duffy, Daniel McCambridge,
Charles Walsh, Geraldine Hunter,
Margaret and John Cleary,
Peg Connell, Una Evans,
Marie Jamison.

The second collection this weekend is for the World Meeting of Families 2018 Thank you for your generosity to date.

Perpetual Adoration

St Comgall's Church
Monday 10.30am-9.30pm.

A United Celebration in honour of St Columbanus will be held in First Bangor Presbyterian Church this evening at 7pm. Several of Bangor's Churches come together to celebrate the life and legacy of Columbanus. Speaker Rev. Donald Watts previously Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland and former Minister of Ballyholme Presbyterian Church.

Advent Prayer Gatherings

The season of Advent runs for 4 weeks and offer us all an opportunity to pray our way to Christmas. For Advent 2018, our Parish are offering 4 consecutive weekly Advent prayer gatherings. The topics of weeks of Advent are:

- Week 1 - **Stay Awake,**
- Week 2 - **The Wilderness**
- Week 3 - **Joy,**
- Week 4 - **Saying Yes to God.**

The first gathering will be on **Wed 28 Nov** in St Comgall's Church, Brunswick Road at 7pm and all are welcome.

Welcome Rota for December

6.30 pm Mass
Una Sweeney, Anne McCabe
10.30 am Mass
Lisa Morrow, Una Graham
12.30 pm Mass
Choici Denny, Eileen Hanna

Trocaire: The sale last weekend raised an amazing £2011. Thanks to Brigini for £100 raised selling their crafts, and to everyone who helped towards this fantastic sum. Another beautiful cake for the ballot this year! Thanks again for your support.

Confirmation 2019

Sacramental Preparation classes for children from the Parish, not attending the Parish Schools, will be held in Newtownards in early December. If you wish your child to attend please send details i.e Name of child and parents, address, age of child etc to: newtownards@downandconnor.org

Stormont Rosary for Life

Please join us in praying the Rosary for the protection of Ireland's unborn babies at Stormont (Main Gates) Belfast at 3pm on Sat 8 Dec, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. For more info contact the Rosary Crusade for Ireland 9027 8484.

New Mission Council in D&C Diocese:

If you are interested in being part of a new Mission Council in the diocese to promote and foster mission awareness at home and overseas, join us for a meeting on Wed 28 Nov at 7pm in Good Shepherd Centre, Belfast. All welcome. For further info contact Fr Conor McGrath 9081 2238 or email c.mcgrath@downandconnor.org

From Bishop Noel Treanor: I wish to make you aware of an initiative within the Diocese of Down & Connor that is very beneficial to those who are deaf and hard of hearing. Each day a BSL NI Sign Language Mass is provided via the webcam from St Vincent de Paul Parish, Belfast. www.saintvincentdepaulligoniel.com/webcam. You can also watch a recording of the Mass with subtitles at: www.youtube.com/channel/UCQJf_QN2zqPzwKx4p6PJ18A

SVP Christmas cards on sale after all Masses, £3.50 per pack. Please support this worthy cause.

SVP Pensioners Dinner

Sun 2 Dec in the Parish Centre at 3pm. Do you wish to attend or do you know someone who would like to? Please leave name, address, contact details on SVP Helpline 077 0367 9384. Transport to and from the venue can be arranged if required.

A New U3A for Donaghadee

Launch Meeting on Tues 27 Nov at 1.30pm in D'dee Community Centre, Parade. We are a self-help organisation for active retired or semi-retired people, providing educational, creative and leisure activities.

Trocaire Global Gifts

This year you can choose from 13 gifts that help families work their way out of poverty and end the daily struggle for essentials like water and food. From Chicks £7, school lunches £15, Goats £40, Beehives £55, Water £85. The full range of gifts are on the notice board and are available to buy from the Parish Office. When you buy a Trócaire gift you're not just giving, you're joining the fight for justice. Leaflets available in the church.

St Comgalls Praise Band release their debut album on Thurs 29 Nov, in the Imperial Bar, doors open 8pm, Free in, with nibbles. Signed Albums £10, funds for praise band equipment and development. Featuring fantastic guests artists and ballots on the night. All welcome.

St Comgall's Donaghadee - Coffee Morning in 'Slice of Heaven' Sat 1 December 10-2pm. Santa and Mummy Claus will be there between 11am and 1pm. Turkey Raffle on the day, Lady Hermon will drop in for coffee. All funds for Night Shelter Rough Sleepers in Belfast. A representative from the Night Shelter will be attending.

The Bangor Parish Family of Schools warmly invite you to attend our Open Days/Nights to experience the warmth and ethos of a Catholic School.

- St Malachy's PS, Tues 4 Dec 7pm
 - St Anne's PS, D'dee, Wed 5 Dec
 - St Comgall's PS, Thurs 6 Dec 7pm
 - St Columbanus' College, 8 Jan 7pm
- Follow us on Twitter@BangorParishSch

Starting Pre-School 2019/20

St Comgall's Pre-School Education Centre (situated in the parish centre) providing opportunities for children to develop in a safe, friendly, learning environment. Open Morning Tues 4 Dec from 9.30am-10.30am. All welcome.

Christmas Mass Times

Following discussion with the Parish Pastoral Council Mass times for Christmas were agreed as follows:

St Comgall's, Brunswick Road:

Vigil 7pm and 9pm;
Christmas Morning 9.30am and 11am.

St Comgall's Donaghadee:

Christmas Morning 9.30am.

Ballyholme:

Christmas Morning 11am.

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