

Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

The Feast of the Holy Family - 30 December 2018

Seeing Your Life Through the Lens of the Gospels

Luke 1:39-44

1. Luke's skill as a storyteller comes through in the details of the story in a way that many people can identify with: the loss of a child, the frantic search, the seemingly offhand speech of the teenager. Let the drama of the story speak to you. Where do you find good news in it?
2. In Luke's Gospel this story serves to give a glimpse of the future greatness of Jesus, the teacher of his people. Sometimes we can look back over our own life, or the lives of others, and with hindsight can see in childhood or teenage years a glimpse of gifts and talents that were later to blossom. Where have you seen this?
3. 'Did you not know that I must be about my Father's business?' This seemingly insensitive reply by Jesus to Mary serves to highlight that in his life the mission given him by God would take precedence over family ties, painful though this would be. Perhaps you have known situations in your own life where there was pain for family members as you followed your own destiny? Where in the midst of the pain was the good news?

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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 - 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.

Your prayers are requested for:

Recently Deceased:

Frank Reynolds, Liam Kelly,
Brian Proctor.

Anniversaries:

Ernest and Michael Teer,
Sarah McConville, Ena Bowler,
Romualdas Bagdonas,
Ernest Nannery, James McGarry,
James and Martha McGreevy,
Jim McCart, Margaret Murray,
Mick Monaghan, Pasquale Forte.

*The second collection next Sunday is
the monthly stipend in support of
your priests.*

Perpetual Adoration

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

Welcome Rota for January 2019

6.30 pm Mass
Dympna Lillie, Maura Fox
10.30 am Mass
Pauline Andrews, Joe Drew
12.30 pm Mass
Anne Rea, Louise Davidson

Nurses! The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes is currently seeking volunteers to join our nursing team to care for our pilgrims who will stay at the Accueil Notre Dame, during 2019 Pilgrimage (10-15 July.) You will need to be a registered nurse, active on the NMC live register - newly registered nurses are welcome. For more info or to register your interest email: lourdes@downandconnor.org with your contact details and we will get back to you.

The Live Christmas Crib in Belfast

Visit the outdoor Live Christmas Crib at St Mary's Church, Chapel Lane, Belfast. The crib is open from 11am-6 pm until 6 Jan 2019. Prayers in the crib throughout the day, for peace in our hearts, our families, our country and the whole world this Christmas and for peace for every child, born and unborn. Proceeds to Mill Hill Missionaries helping children and their families living in extreme hardship in Sudan.

Confirmation will take place in the Parish of Bangor on Thursday 7 March at 5pm in St Comgall's Church Bangor.

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are available to purchase from the Repository or the Parish Office for £4.00.

St Brigid's Church, Belfast are delighted to announce that "The Priests" will be in concert on Fri 4 Jan at 8pm. The Priests recently performed at Croke Park for his Holiness the Pope during his Papal visit to Ireland. This will be an evening of Christmas songs, seasonal Hymns and a few traditional favourites, also including tracks from their latest album Halleluiah. Tickets £25 on sale from Wellington Park Hotel Reception Tel: 9038 1111 and www.ticketmaster.ie or 0844 2774455.

Living Church Office

A series of development days for Children's Liturgy Leaders will take place on Sat 16 March 2019 in Holy Rosary Parish Hall, Ormeau Road from 9.30am-4.30pm. The other date is Sat 11 May 2019. Each day will have a different theme and the aim is to encourage, nourish, support and resource those involved in leading the important ministry of Children's Liturgy of the Word. Attendance is free, lunch and all necessary resources will be provided. To register contact Caren at the Living Church Office 9069 0920 or c.collins@downandconnor.org

**Vacancy for Parish Secretary
St Colmcille's Parish Holywood**

The post holder will be required to provide assistance to visitors and parishioners, and confidential, efficient and effective secretarial and administrative support to the Parish Priest. The terms are based on a permanent appointment of 30 hours per week. Mon-Fri 10 am to 4 pm daily at a rate of £10.50 gross per hour. If interested download an application pack from either the Diocesan website at <http://www.downandconnor.org> by clicking on the link for Job Vacancies/ or alternatively on the Community NI website, where details are also available. Application packs can also be obtained from Holywood Parish Office. We welcome applications from anyone who feels they meet the criteria and are interested in playing an active part in the Parish. Closing date for applications 12 noon Friday 11 Jan 2019.

St Columbanus' College, Bangor

A School for the whole Community.
Open Evening Tuesday 8 January 7pm.
Principal's Address 7pm and 8 pm.

Our Lady and St Patrick's College, Knock - Open Morning For Year 7 Pupils and Parents, Sat 19 Jan 9.15am - 12.30 pm. Principal's Address 9.30am and 11 am. Prospective Year 13 students are also welcome.

Are You Making Wedding Plans?

Prepare for your future married life at a Catholic Engaged Encounter Course, 23-24 March 2019 in Our Lady and St. Patrick's Parish Centre, Ballymoney, Co Antrim. For details and/or booking: marriageencounter.ie or 028 27638512.

Support for the Bereaved

If you need to talk to someone about your bereavement, a member of the Bethany Bereavement Support Group can be contacted on the Confidential mobile number: 075 1085 2157.

Marian Prayer Group meet every

Thurs evening for 1hr at 6.30pm in St Comgall's Church, Brunswick Road. Rosary for the Unborn, Reflection, Music, Petitions and Divine Mercy Chaplet. All ages welcome.

4 Corners Festival 30 Jan- 10 Feb

The theme is Scandalous Forgiveness and the Festival runs from. The aim of the Festival is "to inspire people from across the city to transform it for the peace and prosperity of all". Keynote speaker, **Fr Gregory Boyle SJ**, from Los Angeles, founder of Homeboys Industries, the largest gang intervention and rehabilitation programme in the world, at the Skainos Centre, Newtownards Road. **Morning Service** from the Chapel of St Mary's University College, Belfast, Fr Boyle preaching. **New Irish Choir and Orchestra** in a celebration of Outrageous Forgiveness at St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast. **Canon David Porter**, chief of staff to the Archbishop of Canterbury, and **Dr Nicola Brady**, general secretary of the Irish Council of Churches, speaking at the concluding event of the festival at Clonard Monastery, Belfast.) See 4corners website for more details.

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