

# Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

4th Sunday of the Year - 28 January 2018

## World Meeting of Families on 21-26 August 2018, Dublin

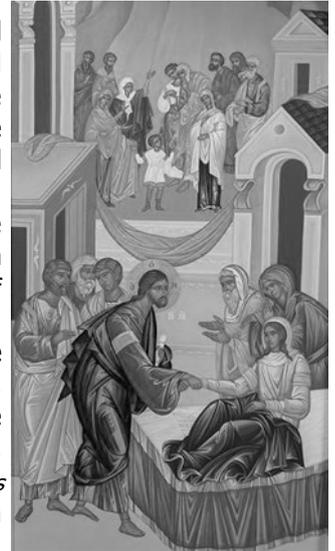
Icon of the Holy Family

*Description of the Icon continued.*

Let's now read the Gospel relating to the scene on the left:

### MARK 5: 21-24, 35-43. THE HEALING OF JAIRUS' DAUGHTER

"When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (*she was twelve years of age*). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat."



In this Gospel passage we see something of Jesus' profound compassion for a family with a sick child. Jairus begs him to come and lay his hands on his daughter who is at the point of death. In the upper part of the icon we can see adults in gestures of distress and commotion. None of them seem to be even looking at each other, they are caught up in their own upset. Jesus has put them all outside of the house. The interior space is defined and marked for us by the draped red cloth. The only still person in the middle of this disturbed crowd is a little child, dressed in white, with hands raised in an ancient gesture of prayer known as the 'orans'. The child seems to be trying to reassure the grown-ups as if to say: "Everything is going to be alright, Jesus is here." Sometimes our children can teach us powerfully of the things of God. *[More next week.]*

During Lent we will be praying the **Stations of the Cross** in the 3 Churches of Bangor Parish on alternate Sundays in Lent at **4.30pm**. We would like to invite 6 families to carry the cross for each of the stations during the read mediation in each of the Churches. If you would like to be involved please contact the parish office during office hours. The dates are as follows:

<b>Time:</b> 4.30pm	<b>Dates:</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb; 4 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup> March
Week 1 & 3 – 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb & 11 <sup>th</sup> March	– St Comgall's Church, Brunswick Road
Week 2 & 4 – 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb & 18 <sup>th</sup> March	– Most Holy Redeemer, Ballyholme
Week 3 & 6 – 4 <sup>th</sup> March & 25 <sup>th</sup> March	– St Comgall's Church, Donaghadee

### 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.

### Bereavement Support Team:

Confidential mobile number: 075 1085 2157.

### Weekday Mass Times:

Bangor: Mon - Thurs 9.30 am.  
Friday as announced.  
Ballyholme: As announced.

**Confessions:** Sat 5.30 pm.

**Baptisms:** 1st and 3rd Sunday of the Month at 2pm.  
Four weeks notice required. Register online at  
[www.bangorparish.com](http://www.bangorparish.com)

### Children's Liturgy:

Every Sunday at the 10.30am Mass in St Comgall's  
Bangor for primary school children.

**Your prayers are requested for:**

**Month's Mind:** Maureen Murray

**Anniversaries:**

John McDonald, Noreen Gunn,  
Thomas Doherty, P C Joy,  
Luke McCann, Patricia O'Reilly,  
Frank McAlister, Phyllis McCabe,  
Sally Barnes, Mollie Hall, Ellen Reilly,  
Sheila and Harry Currie, Rory Bailey,  
Comgall Storey, Freddie Bailie,  
Mollie Sullivan, Patrick John Hinds,  
Cathryn and Charles Caughey,  
Gerry McCready, Anne McGlinchey.

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

*Grateful thanks for donations of £220  
received for St Comgall's Church  
refurbishment fund.*

**Perpetual Adoration**

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

**St Brigid's Day Lecture 2018**

by Fr Paul Murray O.P. "Anxious hearts  
and wounded lives: The place of the  
New Sacred." in St. Brigid's Parish  
Centre on Thursday 1 Feb at 7.30pm.  
Everyone welcome. Fr Paul Murray is  
an Irish Dominican priest, poet, author  
and professor, born in Newcastle, Co.  
Down, and a past pupil of St Malachy's  
College, Belfast He was a friend and  
adviser to Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

**Storehouse North Down**

The usual collection of food and  
cleaning materials will take place next  
Sunday, the first Sunday of the month.  
They are particularly short of rice,  
dried pasta, tinned potatoes and potato  
based products such as stew. Thank  
you for your continued support.

**Welcome Rota for February**

6.30 pm Mass

Doreen Corran, Patricia Connery

10.30 am Mass

Charlie Taylor, Margaret MacNamara

12.30 pm Mass

Marian Murray, Charlie McMullan

**Parish Fundraising Concert**

featuring all 3 generations of the  
'McClellan Family' will be held on Friday  
9 Feb in St Comgall's Parish Centre.  
Doors open 7.30pm, concert 8pm.  
tickets £10 available from Thomas'  
Shop, kids go free with a paying adult.  
Bar available and fantastic ballot  
prizes. All funds raised will go towards  
Parish refurbishment.

**Diocesan Vocation Weekend**

Is God calling you from your family to  
serve His family? Have you ever asked  
Jesus what he wants from you? Perhaps  
He wants you to serve as a priest in His  
Church. Take this opportunity to gather  
with other men who are discerning a  
vocation to the priesthood. This retreat  
will create the time and space to help  
you reflect on what vocation Jesus is  
calling you to. Drumalis Retreat Centre,  
Fri 16 – Sun 18 February 2018. If you  
wish to attend this retreat or would like  
further information contact: Fr Kevin  
McGuckien on 90614567 or email:  
k.mcguckien@downandconnor.org.

**Rally to "Save the 8th"** – a massive  
pro-life Rally will be held in Dublin on  
Sat 10 March. Join thousands from  
across Ireland in support of the 8th  
Amendment of the Irish Constitution  
that protects unborn babies. Coaches  
travelling to the Rally from towns across  
NI. For further details contact the Rally  
for Life Committee on **02890278484**  
or click on [www.rallyforlife.net](http://www.rallyforlife.net)

**"Awakening Breath" Retreat Day**

The first in "Meeting God Mindfully" - a  
series of four themed retreat days with  
Maria Garvey at Drumalis in 2018,  
bringing together the practices of  
Christian Contemplative Prayer and  
Mindfulness Based Stress  
Reduction. Sat 3 Feb from 9:30-5 pm.  
**"One Family-One Common Home"**  
Re-inhabiting the Earth Spring  
Conference – Fri 23 - Sun 25 Feb 2018.  
For further details or to book a place on  
any of the above contact Drumalis 028  
28272196/28276455 (Mon- Fri, 9am –  
5pm) Booking forms can also be  
downloaded from [www.drumalis.co.uk](http://www.drumalis.co.uk)

**A Journey into the Ministry of  
Service** providing instruction,  
guidance and support for Extraordinary  
Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors will  
take place on Sat 17 Feb from 9.30am to  
3.30pm in St Patrick's Parish Centre  
Newtownards. If you wish to attend,  
contact the Parish Office by emailing  
ards-comber@btconnect.com or by  
phoning 9181 2137 no later than Tues 9  
Feb. Tea/coffee available. Lunch will be  
served. New members are welcome.

**Bangor Hospice Support Group**  
invite you to a Table Quiz at Bangor  
Golf Club, on Fri 9 Feb at 8pm. Cost £5  
pp. To book a table please contact Vi  
Bowler on 9146 8160. Proceeds to NI  
Hospice.

**Bangor Parish**

**7 Day Trip to Brittany and  
Normandy**

From June 25th to July 1st joining the  
one day St Columbanus International  
Meeting in **St Coulomb June 30th.**

The cost is 895 euro pp sharing, all  
breakfasts and dinners included, 3  
nights Lisieux, 3 nights St Malo. Day  
trips include; Places associated with St  
Therese, Mont St Michel, Dinard and  
more. (Courier: Kieran Troy who has led  
Bangor groups in the recent past). As  
there is great demand for hotel space in  
Brittany in this period prompt booking  
would be highly recommended.

Details on the parish website, church  
notice board and from the Parish Office.

**The Bethany Bereavement  
Support Team**

wish to recruit new  
members. A Bethany training course  
will start on Thurs 22 Feb at 7.30pm in  
the Good Shepherd Centre, Belfast. If  
you are interested phone Geraldine on  
075 1085 2157 or Claire on 075 5788  
2183 for further information.

**Living Youth – World Meeting of  
Families - Volunteering**

Living Youth is leading a Youth Group  
from the Diocese of Down & Connor to  
Dublin this coming summer to  
volunteer at the World Meeting of  
Families Congress and to attend the  
Papal Mass. The trip will be from 22–26  
August 2018 and will be for those aged  
16–25, cost will be £100 per person. We  
expect places to fill quickly so to register  
your interest please email Living Youth  
@ [info@livingyouthni.org](mailto:info@livingyouthni.org) with your  
name, contact number, parish and dob  
or contact us directly on 9023 2432.

**Café Donaghadee**

Many thanks for two donations of £100  
each received for the Night Shelter.

**Catholic Schools Week 2018**

Sunday, January 28 marks the start of  
Catholic Schools Week.

As well as school-based activities, there  
will be a parish mass in Bangor at 10am for  
"Grandparents Day" on Wed  
Jan 31 with all schools represented.

**27<sup>th</sup> Divine Mercy National  
Conference Saturday 17 February  
Theme: Courage, it is I. Do not be  
afraid. (Mt14:27).**

Entrance fee for Saturday is €30. It is  
hoped to organise a bus from Portaferry  
(Cost of the bus and times will follow).  
Contact Jean Byers 028 427 28781.