

Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES This week:

Bangor:

Vigil 6.30pm;
Sun 10.30am & 12.30pm

Donaghadee:

Sun 9.30am.

Ballyholme:

Sun 11am.

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## Weekday Mass Times:

### Bangor:

Monday - Friday 9.30am.

### Ballyholme:

Mon & Fri 9am.

## Confessions:

**Bangor:** Sat 5.30 pm.

Grateful thanks to parishioners for the recent donations of £250 & £150 to the Refurbishment Fund.

## Weekend Mass in the Pastoral Communities

**Holywood:** Vigil 6.30pm;  
Sun 10am & 12noon.

### Newtownards:

Vigil 6.30pm; Sun 11.30am.

**Comber:** Sun 10.00am.

## Baptisms: 1st and 3rd

Sunday of the Month at 2pm. Register online at [www.bangorparish.com](http://www.bangorparish.com) under

## Sacramental Preparation.

2 month's notice required.

## Children's Liturgy:

**Will not be on the 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> April 2019.**

We are at present recruiting new volunteers if you feel you can help out on a Rota Basis please contact the parish office.

## Perpetual Adoration

St Comgall's Church, Bangor  
Monday 10.30am to 9.30pm  
closing early **Mon 15<sup>th</sup> April**

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



## Palm Sunday - 14 April 2019

### HOLY WEEK SERVICES 2019

[All services in Brunswick Road]

#### THURSDAY 18 April – HOLY THURSDAY

No morning Mass in the Parish.

**11am Mass of Chrism St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast**

*All parishioners are welcome – stewarded car parking.*

#### Easter Triduum begins with the evening

#### MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper.

10.00pm Night Prayer before the Altar of Repose in the Church.

#### FRIDAY 19 April – GOOD FRIDAY

Day of Fast and Abstinence.

3.00pm Stations of the Cross.

7.30pm The Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion.



#### SATURDAY 20 April – HOLY SATURDAY

**12noon – 1pm – Confessions.**

9.00pm Solemn Celebration of the Easter Vigil

#### EASTER SUNDAY – 21 April

Normal weekend Mass times.

### Seeing Your Life Through the Lens of the Gospel of Luke 23:1-49.

This passage is a very rich one and it would be a mistake to attempt to pray each and every part of it. Almost every phrase has something new: actions, images, symbols, words. When you read the passage, stay with whatever part of it resonates with your own life, but make sure when you pray it that you stay with the passage until you get beyond the violence and the horror to find a good news lesson for you.

1. In this scene of great tragedy, there are people helping others, either reluctantly or with compassion: Simon, the women of Jerusalem, the criminal on the cross, and Jesus himself. Note the differences in the manner in which they help given (as a burden, with sympathy, etc). What has been your experience of helping and being helped?
2. Despite the persecution by the leaders Jesus still shows forgiveness. When have you seen that spirit of forgiveness in yourself or in others? In your experience, what is the effect of a forgiving spirit, or of its absence?
3. Towards the end, there is a ray of light. Jesus says 'Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.' His relationship with his Father was one of trust, even at a moment like this. What difference has it made to you in times of difficulty or pain to have a relationship of trust with God, or with someone else?

John Byrne OSA, E: [jbpbyrneosa@gmail.com](mailto:jbpbyrneosa@gmail.com)

### PENITENTIAL SERVICES – Pastoral Community

**BANGOR – MONDAY 15 APRIL @ 7.30pm**

*Eucharistic Adoration will close early to accommodate  
the Penitential Service in Brunswick Road, Bangor*

Ballygallet – Tuesday 16 April @ 6.30pm

Portaferry – Tuesday 16 April @ 7.30pm

Ballycran – Wednesday 17 April @ 7.30pm

### Support for the Bereaved

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

### Trocaire and Traidcraft

will be holding a sale on the 13/14 April after all the weekend Masses. Tea and coffee will be available in the Parish Centre.

### WELCOME ROTA DURING APRIL

**6.30pm** Mass .....

Maura Fox &  
Dympna Lillie

**10.30am** Mass .....

Pauline Andrews &  
Joe Drew

**12.30pm** Mass .....

Louise Davidson &  
Anne Rea



**Your prayers are requested for:**

**Recently Deceased:** Winnie Fleming  
**Month's Mind:** Carol Hughes

**Anniversaries:** Edward Prior, Maureen Healy, Mary McGrath, Francis McAdam, Brian Burke, Sally Dorrian, Tommy Gunning, Dympna Lennon, Pearl Connor, Patrick McMahon, Alice O'Malley, Sheila Hart, Harry Coan, Mary Heery, Frank Hughes, Eithne Cranston, Hugh Teggart, Margaret Teggart, Fr John Teggart, Tom Connor, John Anderson, Mary Woods, Bob McMullan, Bill O'Hara, Nan McDowell, Ann McDowell.

**Volunteers Needed St. Comgall's Brigins and Guides**

Do you like working with children? Have you a sense of humour? Are you over 18? Can you spare 2 hours a week? If YES! St. Comgall's Brigins (aged 6-10) are looking helpers on a Thursday evening from 6.30-8pm. No experience necessary, full support and training provided. If interest or for more information contact Yvonne 07851144222 or email [stcomgallsguideunit@gmail.com](mailto:stcomgallsguideunit@gmail.com)

**St Vincent De Paul Clare Lodge Holiday Home**

in Newcastle Co Down are takings bookings for day trips lunches, tea, coffee and biscuits; overnight or weekly stay overs; conference meetings, etc. Everyone welcome. SVDP does not discriminate against Colour or Creed. Open all year round. Any information required contact Regina or Tom on Telephone 028437 22849 or email [clare.lodge@svpni.co.uk](mailto:clare.lodge@svpni.co.uk)  
Looking forward to meeting with you.

**LIVING YOUTH - Local Summer Pilgrimages 2019**

**Summer Madness** – join with over 2,000 other young people, from all religious backgrounds, across the island of Ireland to celebrate, connect and explore your faith. This 5-day camping experience at Glenarm Castle is on from 28th June – 2nd July 2019, Cost: £120, Age: 15 – 18.

**Camino Through the Mournes** – join with other young adults to spend time together in a faith environment, all through the medium of outdoor activities such as hikes, walks and outdoor adventures. Stay in Newcastle Co Down from 6<sup>th</sup>–9<sup>th</sup> August 2019, Cost:£125, Age:18 –25.

**Parish Envelopes 2019-2020.**

The new parish envelopes are now available for collection in the following locations.

**St Comgall's Parish Office – Brunswick Rd**  
Most Holy Redeemer Church – Ballyholme  
St Comgall's Church - Donaghadee

If any parishioner does not have envelopes and would like some please contact the parish office. Please contact the Parish Office during office hours.

If you are unable to call to the office to collect your envelopes if you telephone during office hours I will arrange for your envelope to be left in the sacristy for you over the weekend Masses.

**Trocaire Ballot - Ballyholme Church**

Thanks to all who contributed to the Mozambique Appeal Ballot last Sunday we raised £24

**THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

ARDS PENINSULA U3A is to hold its launch meeting at 2pm in the Donaghadee Community Centre. All retirees and semi-retirees are invited to come along and join in the fun, friendship and learning.

**HOLY THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> - SUNDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

The Benedictine Monks, Rostrevor Co. Down, invite men (18-40) to an Easter Triduum Retreat. Take time to reflect. Examine your life and consider your call. If interested, please contact:Fr Thierry: [benedictinemonks@btinternet.com](mailto:benedictinemonks@btinternet.com) / +44 (0)28 4173 9979  
Facebook: Benedictine Monks Rostrevor / Twitter: @rostrevormonks

**Prayer Petitions Boxes**

The Parish of Bangor has number of prayer groups who are constantly praying for the needs of the parish. If you have a particular intention that you would like the groups to pray for, please use one of the prayer intention slips to write your intention and post it into the prayer box. The intentions will be brought to the altar and your prayer petitions will be prayed for by our prayer groups. Please keep your prayer intentions anonymous and do not put any money into the box. Saints of Bangor, Pray for us.

**Lough Derg One Day Retreats** begin **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May** and continue on 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>,12<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>,19<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Why not take some time and space on Lough Derg personally or as a parish group this May? A NEW event for those who serve in lay parish ministry, is our Parish Ministry Day Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May. Booking essential. Tel: 0(0353) 71 9861518. Email:[info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) Web: [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)

**SMA Retreat Centre, Dromantine, Newry**

is offering 2 short Retreats.

- 1. Awareness and Mindful Living.** Conducted by Martina and Patrick Sheehan. From 10am on Fri. 10<sup>th</sup> May – Sun. 12<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.
- 2. Forgiveness; the journey from hurt to healing, freedom and peace** Conducted by Fr. Des Corrigan SMA Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup> June 9.30am – 5pm  
Contact retreat Centre, Dromantine Tel. 028-30821964  
E mail: [admin@dromantineconference.com](mailto:admin@dromantineconference.com)

**ACCORD** provides counselling services for couples who may be experiencing difficulties in their relationship. We also offer Marriage Preparation courses for couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. The Belfast Centre is situated in Twin Spires Centre, Northumberland Street, Belfast. Tel No-028 90339944 [Email-belfast@accordni.com](mailto:Email-belfast@accordni.com)

For inclusion in the Bulletin Notices, notices need to be in to the Parish Office before 1pm on Wednesdays.

All weekend Anniversary Mass intentions for St Comgall's Church, Brunswick Rd, and the Most Holy Redeemer Church, Ballyholme need to be booked through the parish office during office hours.

