

# Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

## The Baptism of the Lord - 13 January 2019

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### Seeing Your Life Through the Lens of the Gospels

#### Luke 3:15-16,21-22

1. The people were searching and John pointed them in the direction of Jesus. On your life's journey who have been the John the Baptist people for you, people who have pointed you in the right direction?
2. The Baptism of Jesus was a very special moment for him that affirmed him in his identity as Son of God and in his mission. Recall the experiences that affirmed you - either in your sense of who you are, or in relation to the direction you were taking in life.
3. The Baptism of Jesus marks a transition point in his life, and the start of his public ministry. Recall the transition points in your own life. Where did you see the grace of God at work in those times.
4. This experience of Jesus occurred when he was at prayer. What part has prayer played in opening you to being aware of God in your life? What part has prayer played in helping you through a transition point in your life?

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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.

**Holywood:** 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 Mass for children from P1-P7. Parent consent forms must be signed.

**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 must be given.

**Your prayers are requested for:**

**Recently Deceased:** Des Murray

**Month's Mind:** Joe Walsh

**Anniversaries:**

Vincent O'Regan, Angela Collins,  
Brian Duffy, James Keenan,  
John Walsh, Eithne and Owen Taylor,  
William Eccles, Gordon Parker  
Rosenna and Laurence Connor,  
Sheila and Harry Currie, Jim Ross,  
Peggy Rafferty, Lily McIlmurray,  
John and Miriam Ellis, Hazel Allen,  
Cathryn and Charley Caughey,  
Daniel O'Kane, Peter Doherty,  
Harry Morrow, Michael Carlin,  
Freddie Burns, Ann McCaughey,  
Vera Farley, Joe Donaghy,  
Gerry Donaghy, May McKenna,  
Michael Jennings.

*The second collection this Sunday is for  
the Parish Development Fund.*

**Perpetual Adoration**

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

**Children's Liturgy**

For children from P1-P7 at the 10.30am  
Mass. Parents are requested to deliver  
the children to the Parish Centre before  
Mass begins. Consent forms must be  
signed for each child attending.

**A Combined Service** with Fr Gunn  
and Canon Doogan will be held in Most  
Holy Redeemer Church this Sunday 13  
January at 6.30pm. Refreshments will  
be served after the Service.

**Church Unity Week Services**

**Sunday 20 Jan** in First Presbyterian  
Church at 7pm. Bishop Harold Millar  
will be preaching.

**Tuesday 22 Jan** in St Peter's  
Cathedral at 7pm. All are invited to  
attend.

**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@downand/  
connor.org](mailto:lourdes@downandconnor.org) with your contact details  
and we will get back to you.

**Café Donaghadee:**

Proceeds from the Tea Room were  
donated to St Comgall's Refurbishment  
Fund £75 and St Vincent de Paul £25.

**Trocaire:** A ballot was held in Most  
Holy Redeemer Ballyholme before  
Christmas and £264 was raised. Thanks  
to all who supported this event.

**Youth Weekend – 1-3 February**

Parish of the Braid: Koinonia John the  
Baptist have organised a weekend for 11  
-18 year olds (residential option  
available for 13-17s), jam-packed with  
games, group activities and time with  
the Lord and each other. It's a safe place  
for you to ask burning questions about  
God. It can also count towards your  
Pope John Paul II Award. Full weekend  
costs £35. Places are limited so register  
ASAP. If interested contact Br Darren  
at [darren@koinonia.ie](mailto:darren@koinonia.ie)/07752 154369

**Down & Connor Directories 2019**

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

**Koinonia John the Baptist** invites  
you to an evening of Prayer and  
Worship celebrating Jesus and his gift  
of Life and Healing on Wed 16 January  
7pm-9.30pm in St John's Church, Falls  
Road, Belfast. You are invited for a  
cuppa and a chat in the Parish Centre  
afterwards.

The **Living Church Office** is hosting  
development days for **Children's  
Liturgy Leaders** on Sat 16 Feb and  
Sat 11 May in the Living Church's new  
offices, 120 Cliftonville Road, Belfast  
from 9.30am – 3.30pm. Each session  
will have a different theme and the aim  
of each day is to encourage, nourish,  
support and resource those involved in  
leading the important ministry of  
Children's Liturgy of the Word. The day  
is free, lunch and all necessary  
resources will be provided. Contact  
Caren at the Living Church Office 90 69  
0920 or [c.collins@downandconnor.org](mailto:c.collins@downandconnor.org)

**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.

**St Comgall's Church  
Refurbishment**

At a meeting between the Finance  
Committee and the Architect on  
Monday Night it was proposed that the  
work for phase 2 of the refurbishment  
of would commence at the beginning of  
March 2019. The works are projected to  
last 20 weeks. This will involve closure  
of the church during that period.  
Further details will be announced later.

**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.

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

**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.

**The Whist Club** has recommenced on  
Friday at 2pm in the Parish Centre.  
New members welcome.

**Ards CCE** classes for all trad  
instruments and all levels including  
total beginners recommence in St  
Columbanus college Sat 19 Jan, More  
info Niall McClean 079 6007 2218.

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**Fatima and Lisbon Pilgrimage** ex  
Dublin (last remaining seats) for Feast  
Day of Saint Anthony 9/14 June 2019.  
Full Board €675 pps Single supplement  
€32.

**Medjugorje Pilgrimage for the  
Youth Festival** August Bank Holiday  
Weekend 2019. One of the biggest  
events of the year in Medjugorje. ex  
Dublin costs €725 pps for 7 nights.  
Payment can also be made in  
instalments.  
Contact James Treacy on 061921470 or  
0860572216.

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