

Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

The Epiphany of the Lord - 6 January 2019

Seeing Your Life Through the Lens of the Gospels

Matthew 2:1-12

1. The magi came from the east, hoping to meet Jesus and guided by a star. On your life's journey what are the hopes that inspire you, and what stars guide your steps? Name them for yourself.
2. The magi travelled together. Who have been your companions on life's journey? What has it been like when you have realised that you had companionship along the road? What made you conscious of that companionship? How was it demonstrated?
3. The magi lost sight of the star for a while. What clouds obscure the star that guides your life? Think of those to whom you have turned to get a renewed sense of direction. Perhaps some, like Herod, gave bad advice, but others were wise guides. Remember with particular gratitude those who warned you about dangers on the road and helped you set off with confidence on the right road again.
4. Eventually the magi had the joy of meeting Jesus. In the Epiphany we celebrate God made visible to all humanity. What encounters have you had in life that left you with the sense that God was in what had happened? How did these meetings help you as you, like the magi, 'returned to your own country'?

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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.

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:

Phyllis McPoland

Anniversaries:

Harry Skehin, Noel Kelly,
Margaret Devenney, Brian Quinn,
Arthur Lynas Watson, Sean Jenkins,
Joseph Donaghy, Jim Greenaway,
Eddie Hamilton, Fergus Owens,
Robert Sharvin, John McAloon.

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.

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.

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 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.

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.

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.

Irish Language Class recommences
this Thurs at 7pm, Ceili dancing class
8pm in the Parish Centre.

Bible Study Class recommences on
Thurs 10 January in the St Dymphna
Room at 7.30pm. Newcomers welcome.

Friendship Club re-opens at 10.30am
on Tuesday 8 January. All welcome.

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

Perpetual Adoration

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

**Fr Gunn, Fr Whyte and
Monsignor Macaulay wish all our
parishioners a Very Happy New
Year and thank most sincerely all
those who send cards and gifts at
Christmas time.**

Children's Liturgy

From today Parents are invited to bring
the children to the Parish Centre before
Mass begins. Consent forms must be
signed for each child attending.

St Comgall's Donaghadee: There
will be NO Holy hour and exposition in
January

A Combined Service with Fr Gunn
and Canon Doogan will be held in Most
Holy Redeemer Church next Sunday 13
January at 6.30pm.

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@downandconnor.org
with your contact details
and we will get back to you.

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