

Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 10 February 2019

Seeing Your Life Through the Lens of the Gospels

Luke 5:1-11

1. Jesus invites Peter to put out the net again, and Peter does so through he thinks it pointless. When have you felt it was pointless to stick with a task, but did so nonetheless and been surprised by results? We never know when our efforts are going to bear fruit.
2. 'Push out into the deep.' The invitation is to go out into unfamiliar waters, where we are not sure what will happen, where we are not sure what will happen, where we feel uneasy and our safety is not assured. When have you responded positively to that kind of an invitation and got positive results you did not expect?
3. The story gives us a glimpse of what prepared the disciples to follow Jesus. They were helped by the compassion and concern of Jesus (who cured Peter's mother-in-law); attracted by his work and teaching; and witnessed the power of God at work through him. This led them to 'leave everything and follow him'. What has been the story of key decisions or turning points in your life? Who was Jesus for you in those situations?

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Sunday Mass Times this week:

Bangor: Vigil 6.30pm
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: No Mass this week.

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 under Sacramental Preparation. 2 month's notice required.

St Vincent de Paul Helpline No: 077 -367 9384

Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse - Candle of Atonement

The day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of abuse, as agreed by the Bishops of Ireland, will take place on Friday 15 February, just one week before the gathering of Bishops and Religious Superiors with Pope Francis in Rome to discuss the safeguarding of minors in the Church.

On the papal flight, returning from World Youth Day in Panama, Pope Francis indicated that those attending the Rome gathering will participate in a penitential liturgy to ask forgiveness for the whole Church.

At 10am Mass on 15 February in St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast, Bishop Treanor will light the diocesan Candle of Atonement, which has been blessed at Knock. After Mass there will be a Day of Prayer finishing with Vespers and Benediction at 7pm.

Your prayers are requested for:

Month's Mind:

Rita Flynn, Teresa Sheeran

Anniversaries:

Bert Cassidy, K M Mathew,
Esther Hill, Patricia O'Reilly,
Kathleen Dorrian Brown, David Carlin,
Tommy Simpson, Michael Coyle.

*The second collection this Sunday is for
the parish development fund.*

*Grateful thanks for donation of £300
received for St Comgall's Church
refurbishment.*

Perpetual Adoration

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

Diocesan Vocation Weekend

"Ask Jesus what he wants from you and be brave!" (Pope Francis). Why not take time to explore and reflect on becoming a priest. Join us at the Vocations Weekend in Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne from Fri 15 – Sun 17 Feb 2019. If you wish to attend this weekend or would like further information contact: Fr Kevin Tel: 02890614567; Email: vocations@downandconnor.org

Holy Rosary Parish - Sunday Night

Bingo starting in the new Parish Centre on Sun 10 Feb. The weekly event, run on behalf of Good Shepherd Church by members of Youth Football Club and Bredagh GAC, will raise much needed funds to help pay off the remaining debt for the new Centre and be a great opportunity to meet people and maybe win a few pounds. Doors open at 6.45pm. Light refreshments available.

Candlelight Rosary Procession

to The Grotto, St Mary's Church, Chapel Lane on Mon 11 Feb at 8 pm to pray for the sick on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of the Sick. The procession commences at the same time as the torchlight procession in Lourdes. All welcome. Procession candles available from 7.45 pm.

Beginning Experience

is offering 'a weekend away for a lifetime of change' at Drumalis, Larne, Fri 22–Sun 24 Feb. To find out more, contact Phil: 9020 7645 or Marie 07896119669. Support group continues Wed evenings at 8pm in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Ave.

Children's Liturgy Development

Day: A limited number of places are still available on the Development Day for leaders of Children's Liturgy, which the Living Church Office is hosting on Sat 16 Feb, 9.30am-4pm in our new offices at 120, Cliftonville Road, Belfast. Registration will close on Wed 13 Feb. email c.collins@downandconnor.org or ring the Living Church Office on 9069 0920. Lunch and necessary resources will be provided, free.

Anam Cara Belfast

the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on Wed 13 Feb at 7:20pm in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Belfast. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. RSVP to info@anamcara.ie before Tues 12 Feb or call 02895213120 if you wish to attend.

St Columbanus' College PTA –

Table Quiz Thurs 28 Feb. Doors open 7pm Quiz at 7.30pm. Tables of up to 8 £20. BYO Drinks, Nibbles Provided. Participants must be aged 20+ To book a table please email: stcolumbanuspta@gmail.com. Please support this event to raise much needed funds for the College.

30th Anniversary 'Homegrown'

Concert celebrating the work of TinyLife, the premature baby charity. Fri 1 March at 8 pm in Clonard Monastery, Belfast. Artists include the cream of NI talent: Karl McGuckin, Malachi Cush, Andrea Begley, Eimear McGeown, Niamh Perry, St Dominics Grammar School Choir & Special Guest Phil Coulter. Tickets £20 available from Clonard office, TinyLife office tel: 9081 5050 or www.buytickets.at/tinylife

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Full Board in hotel: 7 nights (9-16 July) £725 or 5 nights (10-15 July) £650. Full board for sick or infirm pilgrims with medical and nursing care in Accueil Notre-Dame: 5 nights (10-15 July) £550. Youth team (7-16 July) £590. All flights from Belfast Int'l Airport. Application forms available from the Parish Office.

Ards CCE Night at the Races,

Fri 15 Feb, 7.30pm Imperial Bar Bangor. Tickets £5 available from Mace Brunswick Road, Bangor.

Vacancy - Parish Centre Cleaner

The terms are based on a permanent appointment for 8 hours each week, work pattern to be agreed and from time to time flexibility will be required in relation to attendance and hours worked. Rate of Pay - £8.13 gross per hour. Full details relating to the vacancy can be found on the Diocesan website at: www.downandconnor.org clicking on the tab: job vacancies and on the Community NI website, where terms and conditions relating to the role can also be accessed by way of a Role Profile and Employment Application form. Application packs are also available from St Comgall's 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 Fri 15 February.

St Patricks Parish - Pilgrimage to

Fatima (2 nights) Lisbon and Estoril Coast (4 nights) 8-14 Sept. €875pps. A deposit of €300 is required at the time of booking with Cultural Connections Ltd, Tel: 00 353 57 93 55050. Email: info@culturalconnections.eu For more info and booking form contact Deirdre Douglas 07843006560. email deirdredouglas@virginmedia.com Deadline for booking Fri 22 Feb.

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'How marvellous it would be at the end of the day each of us could say: today, I have performed an act of charity towards others'.

Pope Francis. Trócaire is looking for volunteers in the Diocese of Down and Connor to bring social justice alive in their parishes. For more Info contact Maria in Trócaire at 028 9080 8036 or email: maria.kane@trocaire.org.

Living Youth/Habitat for Humanity NI Ethiopia Team:

8-18 July, Personal Donation £500; Personal Fundraising Target £1700. Closing Date for Applications Thurs 31 Jan. To register go to: www.habitatni.co.uk – click on 'Join Us', 'Volunteer Globally' and select Living Youth. For further info contact: kieraoneill@livingyouthni.org

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