

# Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 3 February 2019

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### **Seeing Your Life Through the**

### **Lens of the Gospels**

### **Luke 4:21-30**

1. The people of Nazareth could not accept that this local boy had something to teach them. Fixed ideas about people can at times block us from hearing what is being said. What a difference when we drop our prejudices! Perhaps you have experienced hearing an important truth when you focussed on what was being said, rather than on the person saying it?
2. The anger of the people arose when Jesus confronted them with God's inclusive ways. For them, God was 'their God' and God's blessings were for them. Jesus reminded them that this is not God's way. When have you been challenged to think in new ways and not to be excluding some people from your thoughts or concerns? Was there good news for you in the challenge?
3. Jesus continued his work despite the opposition. Have there been times when despite opposition you have been able to 'walk through the people' and 'continue on your way'? Have you seen this courage in others

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### **St Columbanus College**

All associated with the college are delighted with the announcement of a School Enhancement Programme for a new VI Form Facility and Technology Centre of Excellence and improved ICT and sports facilities costing in excess of £4 million and requiring 2 years for completion. The school authorities are convinced that the announcement will lead to the phased replacement of the current 60 years old building.

The college is expected to have 800 pupils by 2020. Our college community sees this announcement as a recognition of our top ranking in School Inspection Reports and excellent exam outcomes consistently and significantly above the national average as well as the outstanding pastoral care we provide for our young people. This is the first significant capital investment in Catholic Post Primary education in North Down for the past 60 years and underpins the College's policy of inclusion in Faith Based Education whereby we cater for every pupil irrespective of faith, ability or background. With this new development the College will continue to be 'a school for the whole community' and with the parish primary schools we will provide seamless Catholic Education from the age of 4 to 19.

**Your prayers are requested for:**

**Recently Deceased:**

Nora Magorrian, Gwendoline Finegan,  
Margaret Moore, John McElhill

**Anniversaries:**

Gerard Cassidy, Thomas Doherty,  
Catherine and William Quirk,  
Mary Joseph, Pat Hagan, Kay Magill,  
Hugh McAlea, Winifred Savage,  
Leo Gribben, May Gallagher,  
Mary Norrington, Patricia Simpson,  
John O'Hara, Martin and Mary Drew,  
Patrick and Margaret Shannon,  
Siobhan Shannon.

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

*Grateful thanks for a donation of £350  
received for St Comgall's Church  
refurbishment.*

**Perpetual Adoration**

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

**Holy hour and Exposition**

St Comgall's Church D'dee Sun 3 Feb  
2.45pm sharp. Everyone welcome.

**Catholic Schools Week** runs from  
27 Jan to 3 Feb. The theme for this year  
is *Celebrating the work of our local  
Catholic Schools*. The parish schools  
will be participating in the 12.30 Mass  
today. Grateful thanks for all concerned  
who attended the Ethos Day for the  
Parish Family of Schools. Also  
congratulations to all who came to and  
assisted at the Grandparents Mass on  
Wednesday.

**Parish Pastoral Council:** A meeting  
of members will be held on Tues 5 Feb  
at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre.

**Healing Mass** devotion to St Pio on  
Mon 4 Feb at 7.30pm in St Mary's Star  
of the Sea Church, Killyleagh. St Pio's  
Relic available before and after mass.

**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.

**Fr James Keenan, SJ**, is a moral  
theologian who serves as Canisius  
Professor and Director of The Jesuit  
Institute at Boston College. As a  
specialist in virtue ethics and the  
history of theological ethics, he is the  
author of several moral theology texts.  
Fr Keenan will deliver a talk on  
**"What's so Good about Virtue  
Ethics?"** in the Holy Rosary Parish  
Centre, Belfast on Wed 6 Feb at  
7.30pm. All welcome to attend and Car  
Parking is available in the grounds of  
the Centre.

**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

**30<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.buytickets.at/tinylife)

**Children's Liturgy:** New Guidance  
from Parish Safeguarding Committee:

- A parental consent form must be held  
in respect of each child who wishes to  
attend (valid for 1 school year only)  
new consents required at the start of  
each school year;
- Children's Liturgy for P1-P7 only;
- Parents to bring children to the door  
of the allocated room in the Parish  
Centre between 10.20 and 10.30am.  
Children's Liturgy is a spiritual, positive  
and fun learning experience for  
children. We are desperate for  
additional personnel and appeal for  
volunteers who are willing to commit on  
a regular basis eg parents, grandparents  
students for UCAS/Duke of Edinburgh  
volunteering, anyone willing to get  
involved. Contact Lisa 077 6278 8733.

**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](http://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.

**Ards CCE Night** at the Races, Fri 15  
Feb, 7.30pm Imperial Bar Bangor.  
Tickets £5 available from Mace  
Brunswick Road, Bangor.

**Bangor Hospice Support Group**  
invite you to a Table Quiz on Fri 8 Feb  
at 8pm in Bangor Golf Club. Cost £5 pp.  
To book a table contact Vi Bowler on  
9146 9160. Proceeds to NI Hospice.

**'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](mailto:maria.kane@trocaire.org).

**Weekday Mass Times this week:**

Bangor: Monday - Friday 9.30am.  
Ballyholme: Monday 9am.

**Confessions:** Sat 5.30 pm.

**Baptisms:**

1st and 3rd Sunday of the Month 2pm.  
2 month's notice must be given.  
Register online at  
[www.bangorparish.com](http://www.bangorparish.com)  
under Sacramental Preparation.

**St Vincent de Paul Helpline No:**  
**077 0367 9384**

**Fr Gunn/Parish Office Tel: 9146 5522, 27 Brunswick Road, Bangor.**

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