

Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - 20 January 2019

Seeing Your Life Through the Lens of the Gospels

John 2:1-11

1. The story is a story of abundance, the abundance of the blessings God gives us. How have you been aware of the abundance of God's blessings? Let the memories lead you to prayer of thanks and praise for the times in your life when that joy and fulfilment have been very real to you.
2. John uses a number of images (marriage, wine, feast, etc) to symbolise the abundance of God's love. Do you have a favourite image, or metaphor, that reminds you of the abundance of God's love and blessings?
3. The hour of Jesus had not yet come when the glory of God would be fully revealed. Even so, something of the glory of God was revealed in the sign that took place. For us, also the revelation of the full glory of God lies in the future, but we do get glimpses along the way. Recall some of the signs that have revealed to you something of the glory of God eg nature, art, friendship, etc.
4. Mary/Jesus. It is interesting to note that despite the apparent rebuff, Mary is the first person in the narrative to show (at the level of the action of the story) that the correct response to the presence of Jesus is to trust in him. When have you trusted in the word of Jesus like that? What relationships do you have that you can trust like that? Do you recall times when your trust was rewarded even when you had initially been disappointed?

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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.

Hollywood: Vigil 6.30 pm;
10 am and 12 noon.

Newtownards: Vigil 6.30 pm; 11.30 am.

Comber: 10.00 am.

Confirmation - Parish of Bangor
Thursday 7 March at 5pm.

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 under
Sacramental Preparation. 2 month's notice must be given.

St Vincent de Paul Helpline No: 077 0367 9384

Your prayers are requested for:

Recently Deceased:

Teresa Sheeran, Rita Flynn,
Michael McConville

Anniversaries:

Angela McKee, Harriet Lismore,
Peggy Carroll, Joshua Kelly,
Nell Coey, Jim McDonagh,
Mick Seeley, Phil McNally,
Thomas Dornan, Fred Feeny,
Lilian and Frank Sullivan.

The second collection this Sunday is the annual collection for the Living Youth.

Grateful thanks for donations received recently of £176 for the church refurbishment.

Perpetual Adoration

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

Church Unity Week Services

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

Tuesday 22 Jan in St Peter's Cathedral at 7pm. The preacher at the Service will be Bishop Ken Good, Church of Ireland Bishop of Derry & Raphoe. Everyone is very welcome to attend and pray for the end to the division of the Christian family.

Warmest congratulations to

St Anne's Primary School Donaghadee on their recent excellent inspection Report from Department of Education.

Catholic Schools Week runs from 27 Jan to 3 Feb. The theme for this year is *Celebrating the work of our local Catholic Schools* and on Wed 30 January **The Bangor Parish Family of Schools** warmly invites you to join them for the Annual Grandparents' Day Mass at 10am in St Comgall's Church. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Parish Hall.

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

World Youth Day Sun 27 Jan 2019. Between 12 noon and 5pm, Living Youth are organising a celebration with our young people at which we will live stream the Papal Mass, have lunch and then engage in workshops that will include adoration, confession, music, meditation and vocations talks, we will finish with Mass. All young people aged 16-30 yrs are invited to join us. Cost is free. Register in Advance: <https://goo.gl/forms/ue1OSzHJ9w2Nau1k1>

St Brigid's Day Lecture

Given by Bishop Alan McGuckian, SJ. "Discerning Disciples: Pope Francis on Prayer" in St. Brigid's Parish Centre, Belfast on Thurs 31 Jan at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.

Beginning Experience: (a support group for widowed, separated and divorced people) meets every Wed from 8-10pm in St Bride's Hall, Belfast. First weekly meeting and Information Session: Wed 30 Jan. All welcome. Residential weekend at Drumalis 22/24 Feb. For details contact Phil Tel: 9020 7645 or Marie Tel: 07896119669.

Anam Cara Armagh the organisation that supports bereaved parents meet on Wed 30 Jan at 7:20pm in the Armagh City Hotel. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

Day of Prayer by Fr Kilian Byrne. Theme: "Lord to whom shall we go?" Knock Shrine - St. John's Rest & Care Centre. Sat 2 Feb, 10am-5pm includes Talks, Rosary, Adoration, Mass. Further Information: Helen 086 1678027/hellywilliams@gmail.com

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.

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.

Study Theology Online: This Spring come and join our supportive student community and study theology by distance learning. Register Now! enquiries@prioryinstitute.com www.prioryinstitute.com

As we journey on from the World Meeting of Families, **Glenavy and Killead Parish** is offering an *Oasis Day of Prayer and Reflection for Married Couples* on Sat 2 March, 10-3pm in St Clare's Community Hall, Glenavy. For more information, contact Accord NI Catholic Marriage Care Service on 9023 3002.

Overseas Volunteering Training Course: This enjoyable course run over 4 weekends from Feb to May, is for anybody interested in overseas or home volunteering, or who just wants to learn more about global injustice issues and how we fit in. Begins on 9-10 Feb in Dublin. For more info Contact Viatores Christi +353-1-8689986 or email apply@viatoreschristi.com

Living Youth/Habitat for Humanity NI Ethiopia Team:

8-18 July* (*Dates may change slightly, depending on flight availability). Be part of this exciting ongoing partnership between Living Youth and Habitat's Global Village programme in Ethiopia! This will be Living Youth's sixth trip to Ethiopia. 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

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.

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.

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