

# Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - 27 January 2019

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

#### Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

1. The scene in the synagogue marks the launch of the public ministry of Jesus in Luke. Read the quotation from Isaiah slowly. Reflect on each line carefully. Which of these images captures something of what Jesus and his message has meant for you?
2. Jesus was filled with the Spirit and sent. He came bursting with a message to communicate. When have you had the experience of being enthused by something in that way? Who have been the people you met who had that kind of enthusiasm?
3. His message was addressed to those who were poor, oppressed, blind, or captives. Who are these today? In what ways have you been, or are you, among these? How has the message of Jesus been good news for you, freed you, given you new sight, or revealed God's favour to you.
4. The message Jesus had was one of liberation and he told his listeners that it was being fulfilled even as they listened. It is being fulfilled even as we hear it now. If this does not resonate with you right now, when has the gospel given you an experience of liberation?

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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](http://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:**

**Month's Mind:** Phyllis McPoland

**Anniversaries:**

Noreen Gunn, John McDonald,  
Gerry and Margaret Corscadden,  
Vincent Coulter, Rory Bailey, P C Joy,  
Mollie Hall, Gerry McCready,  
Hannah Flannery, Frank McAlister,  
Patrick Hinds, Kathleen McMullan,  
Comgall Storey, Patricia Hinds,  
Marie Moreland, Teresa Gilmore,  
Bo Dynes, Phyllis (McVeigh) McCabe,  
Mollie Sullivan, Ellen Reilly,  
Rosaleen Lennon.

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

**Perpetual Adoration**

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

**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.

**Welcome Rota for February**

6.30 pm Mass  
Dorren Corran, Patricia Connery  
10.30 am Mass  
Charlie Taylor, Elaine Le Mahieu  
12.30 pm Mass  
Marian Murray, Charlie Mc Mullan

**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

**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:** 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.

**Candlelight Rosary Vigil for Life**

Please join us in a Vigil for the  
protection of Northern Ireland's unborn  
babies at the Royal Courts of Justice  
(Chichester Street, Belfast), at 7.30pm,  
this Monday 28 January, the Feast of  
St Thomas Aquinas.

For more information contact the  
Rosary Crusade for Ireland on  
9027 8484 or info@preciouslife.com

**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.

**First Saturday Devotion of**

**Reparation** as requested by Our Lady  
of Fatima will take place in St Joseph's  
Church, Killough on Sat 2 Feb:  
Sacrament of Reconciliation from 9am;  
Rosary 9am; Meditation on the  
Mysteries of the Rosary 9.30am (15  
mins), Holy Sacrifice of the Mass 10am.

**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.

**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)

**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 or the  
circumstances of their death.

**Rome/San Giovanni** 15/22 April  
Easter 2019 with Papal Ceremonies in  
Rome for the Easter Period 7 nights  
€995 pps Payments can be made in  
instalments contact James Treacy on  
061921470 or 0860572216.

**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](http://www.habitatni.co.uk) – click on  
'Join Us', 'Volunteer Globally' and  
select Living Youth. For further info  
contact: [kieraoneill@livingyouthni.org](mailto: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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