

# Parish Newsletter

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## TAKING A DEEPER LOOK

I think it was the Bette Midler character who said in the 1988 film *Beaches*, after delivering a long update on how she was:

“But enough about me, let’s talk about you ... what do YOU think of me?”

Jesus doesn’t ask the “Who do people say I am?” – “who do you say I am?” questions, in any self-seeking way. There is a force, a directness to His question which is addressed to each of us

personally. We each have to work out the answer for ourselves.

Mind you, we personally could do with getting some feedback from people in our lives, what we need to hear, not what we would like to hear.

Who do people say that I am? Who do I think I am? Who would I like to become? I’m not so sure we are good at asking these kinds of self-reflective questions.

### Today's Readings



Isaiah 50:5-9  
Psalm 114:1-6,8-9  
James 2:14-18  
Mark 8:27-35

### Next Sunday's Readings



Wisdom 2:12,17-20  
Psalm 53:3-6,8  
James 3:16-4:3  
Mark 9:30-37

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Going even deeper we might ask – who am I? Where am I going in my life? What kind of person am I? What kind of person do others think I am?

They tell of one young child praying in his bed after dad tucked him in: “Dear God, please make me a fine good man like my Dad.” Moments later, his dad knelt over his sleeping son and prayed: “Dear God, please make me more like the man my son thinks I am.”

We cherish freedom and choice, but we need to ask what kind of choices we are making to get to be more like the person we want to be? Is that to be a selfish or selfless person; a person centred on the world or looking beyond it? The choice is set before me. As I reflect on who I am, I must ask myself, am I centred on

the things of God? Am I focused on Jesus the Christ? Or am I centred on the things of this world? Would Jesus say to me, as he did to Peter, “Get behind me Satan?”

If I love things like money, power, fame, possessions, control, manipulation – the wrong path awaits.

Archbishop Oscar Romero, who is to be canonised (probably in October 2018) along with Blessed Paul VI, said these words. He paid with his very life in 1980 for putting Christ first.

“Christianity is not a collection of truths to be believed, of laws to be obeyed ... Christianity is a person ... Christianity is Christ.”

– Tom Cox

## Reflection

How much can you feel within myself that Christ is a significant person in your life? The most significant?

## Lesson

Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the anointed one of God.

## Prayer

Lord, keep my soul from the death of decay and indifference. Let me walk always in your presence in the world. Amen.

The world tells us to seek success, power and money; God tells us to seek humility, service and love.

– Pope Francis

## This Week (17-23 September)

- 17 Mon** St Robert Bellarmine, bishop and doctor
- 18 Tue** St Joseph of Cupertino
- 19 Wed** St Januarius, bishop and martyr
- 20 Thur** St Andrew Kim Tae-gon and comp.
- 21 Fri** ST MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST
- 22 Sat** St Maurice, martyr
- 23 Sun** 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



JAMES



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**MASS TIMES & SERVICES (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED)**

Saturday Evening at 6.30pm. (English Parish Mass)  
Sunday Morning (in Polish): 9.30am, 1pm & 7pm. (English Parish Mass): 11.30am  
Weekdays: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday at 9.30am. Friday at 7.00pm.  
Wednesday: Communion Service discontinued until further notice (Day off)  
Holy Days of Obligation: Vigil Mass at 7.00pm & Morning of Feast Day 09.30am  
Confessions: Before each Mass and By Arrangement.  
Baptisms: Saturdays at 4pm (3 weeks notice required)



## 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time—Year B

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

Mark 8:27-35

1. 'Who do you say that I am?' Imagine Jesus putting this question to you. How would you answer it? How would you answer it, not in words taken from a catechism or textbook, but from your own experience of the significance of Jesus in your life? What does Jesus mean to you? What does his gospel message mean to you?
2. Jesus went on to teach his disciples that following him would be hard at times. There would be a price to pay. Perhaps you also have found that imitating the love and compassion of Jesus is not an easy road? Nor does it come easy to have the constant trust in God that Jesus had. Yet Jesus tells us that this is the way to life. Would you agree?
3. There is a natural human tendency to shy away from what is painful or difficult. Yet if that is our standard pattern of behaviour we will not get far in reaching our potential. We will never find who we are capable of being. When have you found it worthwhile to face difficulties, persevere, 'carry your cross' for a while in order to achieve some goal that was important to you?

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### WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED LOVED-ONES

Recently Deceased: Mena Lyons (mother of Fr Gabriel), Monica Nic Ghiolla Cathain (mother of Fr Darach)

Anniversaries: Vincent Crilly, Brenda Gunn, Evelyn Mills & Frankie Mills, Jim & Kaathleen Laverty, Thomas & Isobel McGiffin, Kathleen Lambert (nec Magee), Kitty Gibney (Sun 23rd Sept at 11:30am)

### READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

#### Sun 16th September

##### READERS:

Vigil Mass: Ann Flanagan & Shauna Mullen  
Morning Mass: Margaret Sheppard & Kathryn Curran

##### EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Vigil Mass: Frank Doherty  
Morning Mass: Séamus Monaghan

#### Sun 23rd September

##### READERS:

Vigil Mass: Anthony Clifford & Phyllis McGrillen  
Morning Mass: Sarah Corscadden & Eileen Dunn

##### EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Vigil Mass: Sean Rafferty  
Morning Mass: Louis Corscadden

**COLLECTIONS:** Many thanks for your contribution to last week's collections: Weekly Collection £457.41, Monthly Stipend £60.50, Shrines £82.73.

Please consider signing a Gift Aid form so that the parish can claim back the Tax from the HMRC on your contributions. Your own Tax is not affected. New boxes of envelopes are available in sacristy. If you would like a box please speak to Fr McCann.

**80th Anniversary Committee** next meeting will take place on Thurs 20th Sept at 7:30pm in SVP hall/John Paul II hall behind the church.

**Annual Belfast Pioneer Mass** will take place on Tuesday 18th September 2018 in St. Malachy's Church, Alfred St. Belfast at 7pm. Everyone is welcome. Light refreshments afterwards. Anyone wishing to be presented with emblems/ certificates please contact Pat 9262 9959, Ian 9061 6601, Josephine 9061 7116, Roisin 9064 6957.

**Pathways Adult Faith Development Programme at Drumalis** - Enrol now for 2018-2020 intake. Pathways is a broad-based adult faith development course which explores spirituality, theology and prayer. Now in its thirteenth year, Pathways is geared towards those who want to reflect about life, faith and relationships with God and others. The course takes place in the beautiful surroundings of Drumalis in Larne. No

academic qualifications are necessary and there is no coursework attached. This two-year programme supported by the Diocese of Down and Connor runs from October to June each year and will be held on nine Saturdays from 10:00 am - 4:30 pm. For further information and booking form, please contact Drumalis - 028 2827 2196/2827 6455 (during office hours, Mon-Fri, 9 am - 5 pm), email [maura@drumalis.co.uk](mailto:maura@drumalis.co.uk) or see the Drumalis website: <http://www.drumalis.co.uk>

**5th Diocesan Faith and Life Convention**, in Our Lady and St Patrick's College, 120 Gilnahirk Road, Belfast BT5 7DL, on Saturday 29th September 2018. The Faith and Life Convention is a forum for people from across the diocese, and beyond, to gather together and to take part in a range of conversations about the meaning of faith and its relevance to every area of our lives. Keynote Address by Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez Maradiaga, SBD, from Honduras. Vatican spokesman to the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, regarding developing-world debt. 27 Workshops, exhibition hall, capacity for 600 visitors from parishes all over the diocese. Full adult pass (including lunch) £20. Packed Lunch adult pass £10, and children under 16 go free. Booking available at [www.faithandlifeconvention.org](http://www.faithandlifeconvention.org).

**Youth Alpha.** If you are aged 16-19 and have questions about faith, or just want to know more about Christianity, then you have the perfect opportunity to do so over a free dinner in the upcoming Youth Alpha course. Each evening is based around food, a short video and discussion with peers. The series will run for 10 weeks (September 30th - November 11th in St Brides hall and November 18th - December 9th in Saint Joseph's Parish Centre). The course runs every Sunday evening from 7pm until 9pm. Transport from non-host parishes will be provided. There is no charge for the course, simply sign up by emailing your interest to [s.farrell@downandconnor.org](mailto:s.farrell@downandconnor.org) or visit <https://alpha.org/alpha-youth-series/>

**Trócaire at Culture Night.** At Culture Night, Trócaire will screen an award-winning 12 minute documentary about life under Israeli occupation in the West Bank, told through the stories of Palestinian women. 'Sumud: Everyday Resistance' will be shown between 5-6pm in Room 21, Ulster University, York Street on Fri 21st Sept. Free & all welcome.

**Radio Maria Ireland** is an Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station. Prayer, Catechesis, Uplifting music, Talks, Interviews and Testimonies - all commercial free - Listen via TV on Saorview Channel 210; FREE App "RADIO MARIA IRELAND", streaming on [www.radiomaria.ie](http://www.radiomaria.ie) or via PHONE - get live radio feed by calling +353 (0) 1 437 3277 (no extra charges apply). Please join our growing faith family!

**Belfast Community Gospel Choir** presented by Simon Community NI. In St John's Parish, 444 Falls Road, Belfast BT12 6EN, on Sunday 16th Sept 2018 @7pm, ticket price: £10. Tickets available online, At the Parish Office(470 Falls Road) and Scarcity, or <http://www.bcge.biz/event/st-johns-church-falls-road/>

**Doubleband Films Documentary - "Born in '21"** for BBC NI to mark the centenary of the creation of Northern Ireland in 2021. The film will tell the story of the state through the lives of ordinary people, born at the time of it's foundation in 1921. Conversation will focus on their own families, their work, and how their lives changed over the decades. These personal stories will then be weaved through interviews with historians, who will talk about the key moments and events in the history of Northern Ireland, from it's birth to the present day. So far we've met some fantastic characters but are still on the lookout for more individuals with a range of life experiences, from across the country and who were born in 1921. At this stage it's just a chat over a cup of tea for research purposes. This project will run well into 2019 and possibly beyond, but more information can found on the poster in the porch. For more information contact Sharon Whittaker, Doubleband Films, 02890243331/07547535119, or email [swittaker@doublebandfilms.com](mailto:swittaker@doublebandfilms.com)

**Parish Safeguarding.** Can you please ensure that all Children and Vulnerable Adults are accompanied at all times when entering the Sacristy / Toilet facilities. If you have any queries regarding the Safeguarding Policy please contact a member of the Parish Safeguarding Committee. Many Thanks. Fr Henry McCann PP.