



Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

14th JANUARY 2024
Second Sunday of Ordinary Time



READING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

In the readings this Sunday we hear of the great call that God makes to us - if we follow him he will lead us to heaven. It is the greatest offer we'll ever get! God loves us enormously and he wants to save us from sin and death, even at the great cost of the passion and death of Jesus.

But like all offers, this one has terms and conditions attached. We are expected to follow God's commandments - even the ones we find difficult (like his teaching on the sins of the flesh which we hear once again in the second reading). But we can't follow Christ without following the way he lived his life - obedient to his father and willing to make sacrifices. That's how we gain eternal life.

THIS WEEK

Parish webcam can be viewed on our YouTube channel (search for Ballymoney Parish)

SATURDAY 13th	5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
SUNDAY 14th	9.30am Mass 4.30-4.50pm Confessions 5pm Mass
MONDAY 15th	10am Mass
WEDNESDAY 17th	10am Mass
FRIDAY 19th	6-6.40pm Confessions 7pm Mass

Our Lady & St Patrick's is open every day for private prayer - usually from 10am to 4.30pm.

Other Sunday Masses in this Family of Parishes:

Saturday 5pm - Portstewart
 Saturday 6pm - St Malachy's, Coleraine
 Sunday 10am - Portstewart
 Sunday 11am - St Malachy's, Coleraine
 Sunday 12noon - Portrush

WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Month's Mind

Thomas (Roy) Graham

Anniversaries

Fr Andrew Scott PP, Vincent Havlin, Mona McAfee, Richard McAfee, P.G. McQuaid

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

CONGRATULATIONS

to the family of **Grace Watson** who was baptised last weekend - the first baptism in our church for 2024!



PARISH FINANCES

Thank you to everyone who supports the parish through our collections. If you want to request a box of envelopes there is a form at the back of the church. Remember that you can also support the parish through a regular standing order or by making a one off payment through your bank or online. Our account details are:

Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan
Sort code: 95-06-79
Account No: 10020192.

If you want to give by cheque please make payable to:
Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan.

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If you need our help please call us confidentially on **07860455549**. For more information about the work of our conference you can speak to any of our members. Thank you for your ongoing support.



OLD & NEW@No.5

Our parish shop is open again for the new year! As promised we started with one of our major sales with 25% off all stock.

We are situated at 5 Gate End, Ballymoney and open 10am-4.30pm from Wednesday - Saturday. Take a look at our Facebook page for more information.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

The loss of a partner through death, separation or divorce is devastating. Beginning Experience is offering a programme of bereavement support in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Ave., Belfast on three Saturdays (27th January, 24th February and 23rd March 2024). Booking essential. To find out more, contact Marie 07896119669 or 07519289185 or email belfastbe@yahoo.com

DO THIS IN MEMORY MASSES

Our monthly Mass for children preparing for First Holy Communion this spring takes place **next Sunday (21st)** at **9.30am**. The dates for the following months will be:

Sunday 25th February
Sunday 24th March (Palm Sunday)
Sunday 28th April
and Sunday 2nd June (Corpus Christi).

ONLINE BIBLE COURSE

Looking for a new year's Resolution - what about an online Bible course? *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* includes 8 weekly sessions on zoom. Course participants will receive a resource pack and the programme requires one hour of study per week. It begins **this Wednesday (17th)** at **7pm** and runs for 8 weeks. The program will conclude with a retreat day on Saturday 23rd March at the Holy Rosary Parish Centre, Belfast. The cost of the programme is £30.

To book your place use this online registration link:
<https://forms.office.com/e/HTLtfTXUaD>

SAFEGUARDING

Our parish cooperates on child safeguarding matters with the parishes of Portstewart, Portrush and St Malachy's, Coleraine. The next meeting of our joint committee takes place this week on January 17th.

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HYMNS FOR MASS

The Church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word:
from heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her
and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation,
yet one through all the earth;
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth:
one holy name she blesses,
and shares one holy food;
as to one hope she presses
with every grace endued.

Holy God, we praise thy Name!
Lord of all, we bow before thee;
All on earth thy sceptre claim,
All in heav'n above adore thee;
Infinite thy vast domain,
Everlasting is thy reign.

Hark! the loud celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and Seraphim
In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy Lord!

DISCUSSION GROUP

Portrush Parish runs a regular theology discussion group and everyone is welcome to attend. The next meeting is on **this Thursday (18th)** January from **7-8.30pm** in the Gallery Room at St Patrick's Hall, Causeway Street, Portrush. This time the topic for discussion is Bishop Barron's work on the Mass and Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Some of his books will be available for purchase on the evening.

School Updates

ST BRIGID'S PRIMARY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

If you have a child starting school in September 2024 or know someone who is, please contact St Brigid's Primary School to register your interest.

The application process is online this year and is open until **26th January**. All of the information and guidance will be on the Education Authority website
<https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions>

Please contact the school to if you require any assistance in completing the online application or have any questions on **028 27662664**.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES SCHOOL OPEN NIGHT

Our Open Night takes place on **Wednesday 17th January** at **7pm**. Principal's address 7.05pm. We look forward to seeing all the Primary 6 and 7 Pupils and Parents then.

DOMINICAN COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Prospective students and their parents are warmly invited to Open Days on **Wednesday 17th January** (7pm - 9.30pm) & **Friday 19th January** (9am - 11.30am)

There will be an opportunity to meet students and teachers, see some of the work of the students and visit various departments. The Principal will give an introductory address to pupils and parents at **7pm** on Wednesday 17th and at **9am** on Friday 19th.