

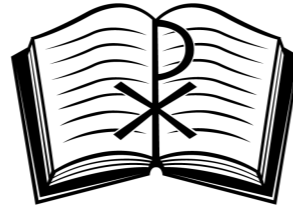


# Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

21st JANUARY 2024  
Third Sunday of Ordinary Time  
*Sunday of the Word of God*

## GOD'S WORD ADDRESSED TO YOU

Today's Gospel tells us about the call that Jesus made to his first disciples, inviting them to come and follow him. The Lord had a dream for their lives, so he spoke to them personally and called them. For Peter, Andrew, James and John hearing the words of Jesus changed their lives forever.



And Jesus has a dream for our lives too - that we should follow him on earth, always growing in love, so that we can be happy with him in heaven. So the Lord speaks to us too through his Word, the Word of God we read in the Bible. This Sunday is the *Sunday of the Word of God*, a new feast of the Church to encourage us to find out more about the scriptures. The Bible isn't so much a storybook or a list of laws. It's a message from God to us, written over the centuries by people who have been inspired by the Holy Spirit. When we really listen to it, we hear God speak to us - and his Gospel is always Good News for the world.

## THIS WEEK

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

<b>SATURDAY 20th</b>	5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
<b>SUNDAY 21st</b>	9.30am Mass 4.30-4.50pm Confessions 5pm Mass
<b>MONDAY 22nd</b>	10am Mass
<b>WEDNESDAY 24th</b>	10am Mass
<b>FRIDAY 26th</b>	no Mass or confessions today

*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

P.J. McKenna  
Lucy Krigovska

### Anniversaries

Susan Graham, Brendan Kearney, Daniel McColgan, Samuel McColgan, Gabriel Mooney, Patrick Mooney, Oliver Muldoon, Una Smyth, Josephine Welsh

## REQUIESCAT IN PACE

## CONGRATULATIONS

to the family of **Cormac Reid** who was baptised last weekend.



## 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.**

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL

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

## ONLINE THEOLOGY COURSES

The Priory Institute in Dublin provides online theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Register before February 14. Find out more on our website:

[prioryinstitute.com](http://prioryinstitute.com)

## 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](mailto:belfastbe@yahoo.com)

## DO THIS IN MEMORY MASSES

Our monthly Mass for children preparing for First Holy Communion continue in 2024. 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).

## 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**.

## FIRST SATURDAY MASSES

To mark the **2024 Year of Prayer**, we will be running a morning Mass on the First Saturday of the month in Dervock. Mass on the First Saturdays is a devotion to Our Lady. The Masses will take place at **9.30am** beginning on **Saturday 3rd February**.

## PARISH OF BALLYMONEY & DERRYKEIGHAN

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## HYMNS FOR MASS

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Come unto Me, and rest;  
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down  
Thy head upon My breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
Weary, and worn, and sad;  
I found in Him a resting-place,  
And He has made me glad

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Behold, I freely give  
The living water: thirsty one,  
Stoop down, and drink, and live."  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
Of that life-giving stream;  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
And now I live in Him.

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!

## ARMAGH REGIONAL MARRIAGE TRIBUNAL

While the Catholic Church upholds the dignity, sacredness, and permanence of marriage, it does not ignore the reality of separation and divorce in our society. The Marriage Tribunal in the Catholic Church is one of the ways through which the Church ministers to those struggling through broken marriages.

The Marriage Tribunal seeks to offer hope and healing for those who suffer the consequences of broken marriages. One important task is to consider the possibility of annulment. The tribunal works with individuals or couples to investigate the causes of marital failure. It attempts to determine whether the marriage was a true marital union according to the expectations and teachings of the Church and whether the parties are still bound to the vows that they made.

The Armagh Regional Marriage Tribunal provides this ministry for the north of Ireland. They have set up a new website with more information: [www.marriagetribeunal.org](http://www.marriagetribeunal.org)

## DIVERSITY COURSE

Would you like to learn more about Diversity, Equity & Inclusion? Building Communities Resource Centre (BCRC) are providing an exciting and engaging series of six sessions each Wednesday commencing on 7 February. Four workshops will be based in BCRC, Ballymoney consisting of 3 hour sessions and a further 2 study visits elsewhere in NI. Transport will be provided for the study visits.

This free training is open to anyone who would like to grow their knowledge and awareness of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion. Booking is essential.

If you would like to apply for spaces on our programme please email [fergal@theresourcecentre.org](mailto:fergal@theresourcecentre.org) or Telephone 07592006003 for more details. We look forward to hearing from you.