

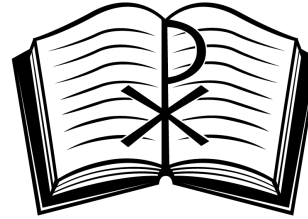


Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

22nd JANUARY 2023
Third Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sunday of the Word of God

THE WORD OF GOD IS ALIVE AND ACTIVE

Today the Church celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, instituted this special Sunday for the first time in 2020. He asked that from now on, the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time would be a day of special reflection on the importance of God's word which we read in the Bible and hear read to us at every Mass.



We can't be Christians without knowing and loving the Bible - everything from the words of the Our Father and the Hail Mary, the mysteries of the rosary, the readings at Mass, the sacraments and traditions of the Church: we find them in the Bible. As St Jerome, the great biblical scholar once said, "ignorance of the scriptures is ignorance of Christ". To read, study and most of all to pray with the Word of God in the Bible is to move from ignorance into a close friendship with Jesus our Lord.

THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 21st 5.30-5.50pm Confessions
6pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 22nd 10am Mass
4.30-4.50pm Confessions
5pm Mass

MONDAY 23rd 10am Mass

WEDNESDAY 25th 10am Mass

FRIDAY 27th 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 area

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

Anniversaries

Sr Auxilia McKenna, Mary Coyles, Ellen Davis, Susan Graham, Bernard Greene, Eileen Lynn, Maureen McAleese, Mona McAfee, Daniel McColgan, Samuel McColgan, Gabriel Mooney, Patrick Mooney, Oliver Muldoon, Josephine Welsh

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

PARISH FINANCES

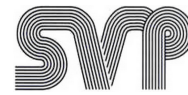
Thank you to everyone who supports the parish through our collections. If you want to request a box of envelopes there is a form at the back of the church. Remember that you can also support the parish through a regular standing order or by making a one off payment through your bank or online. Our account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

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

If you want to give by cheque please make cheques 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.



We would like to thank parishioners for your very generous ongoing support.

SACRAMENTS

Arrangements are being finalised at this time for the celebration of First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation this year. Children attending St Brigid's Primary School and Ballymoney Model Integrated Primary School are already enrolled for the sacraments.

If you have a child attending a different school please contact the office **this week** to enrol them for the appropriate sacraments:

First Confession - children in P3 (or older)
First Holy Communion - children in P4 (or older)
Confirmation - children in P7 (or older)

APOSTOLIC ADMINISTRATOR

Pope Francis has this weekend appointed the **Most Rev. Donal McKeown**, Bishop of Derry, as **Apostolic Administrator of Down & Connor** until a new bishop is appointed. We thank Bishop McKeown for taking on this responsibility and we keep him in our prayers.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you wish to have Mass said for an anniversary or any other special intention please speak to Fr Damian personally so that he can book it in the diary for you. Only one special intention is allowed at each Mass and these are allocated on a first come, first served basis. One Mass each weekend is always said for all the people of the parish.

BIBLE COURSE

Portrush parish is running a 12 week course this spring taking an in-depth look at the Gospel of Matthew. The course will be presented by Kieran Hill and Mgr Delargy. The course begins on **23rd February** and runs on Thursday evenings from **7-8.30pm at St Patrick's Hall, Portrush.**

To register and request course books please contact: · portrush@downandconnor.org tel 02870823388 or Kieran Hill: kc.hill@btinternet.com tel: 0796 4287 839

NEW YEAR'S HONOUR

Congratulations to one of our parishioners who was awarded the King's Volunteer Reserve Medal for her services to nursing and healthcare in the recent New Year's Honours list.

DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE

A bus will be going from Ballycastle church to the Divine Mercy Conference at the RDS in Dublin on Saturday 18th February. For more information or to book a place please contact **Geraldine** on **07840 446429**.

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HYMNS FOR MASS

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike,
no cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord,
At the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled
at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord,
At the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome,
Your arms to embrace.
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord,
At the eve of the day.

ST BRIGID'S PS REGISTRATION SEPTEMBER 2023

If you have a child starting school in September or know someone who is, please contact the school to register your interest. There is a special section on the school website, Starting our School, with a virtual tour of the school. It's well worth a watch for everyone.

The application process is online this year and open right now and continues until the **27th January**. All of the information and guidance will be on the Education Authority website:

www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions

Please contact the school if you require any assistance in completing the online application, have any questions about the school or would like a tour. Tel: **028 2766 2664**

NI CANCER PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The pilgrimage takes place from **Sunday 28th May to Friday 2nd June**. The price of £799 (with price reduction for cancer patients) will include:

- Return flights from Belfast International Airport.
- Full board and accommodation at the Hotel Agena for five nights based on twin/double/triple rooms.
- Service of JWT guides in Lourdes.

The party will consist of patients, ex-patients, relatives and friends accompanied by medical, nursing and other staff. To enquire or to obtain a booking form please speak to a member of the committee on **078746 88388** or email mail@nicancerpilgrimage.org.uk

THEOLOGY COURSES

Are you interested in learning more about theology? The Priory Institute provides online theology courses right up to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Dublin or from the comfort of your own home. Register before February 8 for the new term. Find out more on their website: www.prioryinstitute.com

How lovely on the mountains
are the feet of Him,
Who brings good news, good news,
Announcing peace,
proclaiming news of happiness:
Our God reigns, Our God reigns!

*Our God reigns, Our God reigns!
Our God reigns, Our God reigns!*

Ends of the earth,
see the salvation of our God,
Jesus is Lord, is Lord
Before the nations,
He has bared his holy arm
Our God Reigns, our God Reigns!