



Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

29th JANUARY 2023
Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time



WHO IS TRULY HAPPY?

In the Gospel this Sunday we hear the beginning Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. It opens with one of the Lord's best known teachings - the eight Beatitudes. These statements teach us who it is that God considers to be truly happy and blessed, what his priorities are and what our aims in life should be. They have sometimes been described as Jesus' manifesto, his vision of the kingdom of God.

As we listen to them we are both comforted *and* challenged. The Lord tells us that God is especially close to the poor, the humble and those who are suffering. But he's also letting us know that we need to be willing to make sacrifices and to stand up for our faith and for what is right. May God help us to do that this week!

THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 28th	5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
SUNDAY 29th	10am Mass 4.30-4.50pm Confessions 5pm Mass
MONDAY 30th	10am Mass
WEDNESDAY 1st St Brigid's Day	10am Mass
THURSDAY 2nd Candlemas	7pm Mass <i>with the blessing of candles and procession.</i>
FRIDAY 3rd First Friday St Blaise's Day	6pm Holy Hour <i>with Adoration, Confessions and Benediction at 6.45pm</i> 7pm Mass <i>with Sacred Heart Novena & blessing of throats.</i>

Our Lady & St Patrick's is open every day 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

Roseanne Doran, Brendan Douglas, Janet Downey, Frank Havlin, Mary McCloskey, Sean McFeely, Evelyn McVicker, Rosemary Mooney, Vincent O'Brien

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.**

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

This weekend the Diocese of Down & Connor is reflecting on the work that goes on all year to make our parishes safe and welcoming places. Safeguarding is the responsibility of every member of our Church so that we can be a place where everyone is cared for. For more information see downandconnorsafeguarding.com

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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.

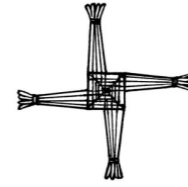


We would like to thank parishioners for your very generous ongoing support.

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.

There are a number of special feast days this week with various traditions and blessings attached:

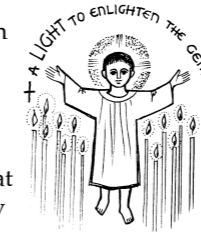


WEDNESDAY: ST BRIGID'S DAY

Children from St Brigid's Primary School will be joining us for Mass at 10am on Wednesday to celebrate their special feast day. Fr Damian will also bless the St Brigid's crosses that the children have made.

THURSDAY: CANDLEMAS

Thursday is the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. It is also known as Candlemas because Mass begins with a blessing of candles and a procession to the altar. There will be Mass at 7pm. Blessed hand candles will be available at Mass and you are welcome to bring any candles of your own which you wish to have blessed.



FRIDAY: FIRST FRIDAY

Our parish novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus continues. **Friday (3rd)** is the first Friday of February so we will have our **Holy Hour** from 6pm and Mass with novena prayers at 7pm.

FRIDAY: ST BLAISE

Friday is also the feast of **St Blaise** who is patron saint of those with throat ailments. The traditional **blessing of throats** will be offered at the end of the novena Mass.



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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,
partakes 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!

DO THIS IN MEMORY

The February *Do This In Memory* Mass will be next Sunday at 10am. Primary 4 children who are making their First Holy Communion this spring are invited to attend with their families.

ADORATION IN PORTRUSH

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place between 10.30am and 3.30pm in Portrush on the First Friday of each month (including this Friday 3rd).

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

LEGACY OF ST BRIGID

Come and learn all about Ireland's patroness, and how to make the iconic St Brigid's cross! The Saint Patrick Centre in Downpatrick is hosting a Legacy of St Brigid Experience on February 1st and February 4th. Refreshments, and exhibition IMAX film are included. Ticket information is available at the Saint Patrick Centre 02844 619000 or book online at sustainablejourneysireland.com There are a limited number of free places available for Ukrainian refugees interested in the cultural experience. Bookings can also be made on Eventbrite.

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**