



# Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

5th FEBRUARY 2023  
Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time



## YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

In the scriptures we often come across beautiful titles given to Jesus - he is the Light of the World, the Good Shepherd, the Son of God. But in today's Gospel the Lord honours us with titles of our own. He tells us that *we* are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. High praise indeed!

Of course, we have to live up to this praise. The readings remind us that God wants us to serve others and have a special care for those who are poor and in need. We do this as individuals in our own lives and as a whole Church community through charities like Trócaire and St Vincent de Paul. May God help us to do what we can for others so his light shines through our good deeds.

### THIS WEEK

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

**SATURDAY 4th** 5.30-5.50pm Confessions  
6pm Vigil Mass

**SUNDAY 5th** 10am Mass  
4.30-4.50pm Confessions  
5pm Mass

**MONDAY 6th** 10am Mass

**TUESDAY 7th** 7pm Mass in Dervock

**WEDNESDAY 8th** 10am Mass

**FRIDAY 10th** 6-6.40pm Confessions  
7pm Mass

*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

Sr Mark McAfee, Beatrice Baird, Jim Darragh, James Dixon, Martin Elliott, Barney Gillan, Christopher Hurley, Eileen McAfee, Sarah O'Connor, Jim Wallace

### 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.

### COFFEE MORNING

Our St Vincent de Paul conference have very kindly agreed to organise a coffee morning in the parish hall after 10am Mass **next Sunday (12th)**. Everyone is welcome to join them for a hot drink and a bite to eat.

### DERVOCK MASS

Our monthly first Tuesday Mass at Our Lady & St John the Evangelist's church in Dervock is on **Tuesday at 7pm.**

### TRÓCAIRE

It's fifty years this week since the founding of Trócaire, the charity which supports people in developing countries on behalf of the Catholic Church in Ireland. We mark 50 years of perseverance, courage, participation, accountability and solidarity. From supporting human rights defenders in Central America, to leading the relief effort in Vietnam following the war, to providing essential emergency assistance in the midst of crisis, Trócaire has been proud to work on behalf of the people of the island of Ireland in fighting injustice across the world.

We thank God for the supporters and partners who empower Trócaire to do this vital work. We pray that the next fifty years will see all the people of the world working together for a more just world, and that the fruits of this work will be clear to see.

Trócaire's annual Lent appeal will return later this month. Lent starts on Wednesday 22nd February. Watch out for Trócaire boxes and more information in the next few weeks.

### BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

The loss of a partner through death separation or divorce is devastating. Beginning Experience is offering 'a weekend away for a lifetime of change' at Drumalis Conference and Retreat Centre, Larne, **Friday 10th – Sunday 12th March**. To find out more, contact Phil on 028 9020 7645 or Marie on 07896119669.

### 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

### PARISH OF BALLYMONEY & DERRYKEIGHAN

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### HYMNS FOR MASS

Come and take the flesh of Christ  
Which he gave to be our bread.  
Drink the chalice of his blood  
Which upon the cross he shed.

We who are redeemed and saved,  
By his body and his blood,  
Hail the saving sacred Host  
Which he gave to be our food.

Giver of salvation, Lord  
Christ, the Son of God most high,  
Sacrificed to save the world,  
Raised with him, we will not die.

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today  
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,  
at blessings without number  
and mercies without end:  
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,  
we honour and adore you,our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Saviour, accept the love we bring,  
that we who know your favour may serve you as our king;  
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
we'll triumph through our sorrows  
and rise to bless you still:  
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,  
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

### DOWN & CONNOR DIOCESAN DIRECTORY 2023

This year's edition of the Down & Connor Diocesan Directory is now available. The directory contains information about all the Catholic parishes, schools, chaplaincies and organisations that operate in our diocese. Copies are available from the sacristy before or after Mass at **£4**.

### MASS ATTENDANCE COUNT

Over the next few weeks a count will take place of the number of people attending weekend Masses. This information will help in future planning as we move towards working more closely with our neighbouring parishes.

### 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

### FATIMA PILGRIMAGE

7 nights from Dublin. 25th May until 1st June. £745pps.  
Contact Bridie 02825644181 or Rosemary 07584322607

### 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.