



# Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

12th FEBRUARY 2023  
Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time



## JESUS LAYS DOWN THE LAW

In today's Gospel Jesus takes over from Moses as the one who brings the law of God to earth. As he says, he is not replacing the Ten Commandments of the Old Testament but revealing what lies behind those laws - love.

In fact that makes the law of Jesus even more demanding. And the examples he gives here about how we apply God's law to our relationships are very strict. But the law of love is also merciful. God knows we are not perfect so he gives us not just a law, but also his mercy when we break it. May we follow God's laws to the best of our abilities and seek his forgiveness when we fail. By his grace we will then be worthy of his kingdom.

### THIS WEEK

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

**SATURDAY 11th** 5.30-5.50pm Confessions  
6pm Vigil Mass

**SUNDAY 12th** 10am Mass  
4.30-4.50pm Confessions  
5pm Mass

**MONDAY 13th** 10am Mass

**WEDNESDAY 15th** 10am Mass

**FRIDAY 17th** 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

#### Recently Deceased

James O'Reilly  
Marie Dunlop

#### Anniversaries

Fr Christopher Dallat, Sarah (Cissie) Cairns,  
Thomas Doherty, Tony Kelly, Jane McCluskey,  
Rosaleen McKenna, Samuel O'Connor, Willie Quinn

### REQUIESCAT IN PACE

### CONGRATULATIONS

to the family of  
**Ryan Cassidy**  
who was baptised last Sunday.



### 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. Everyone is welcome to join them for a hot drink and a bite to eat.

### 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

### TURKEY & SYRIA EARTHQUAKE APPEALS

If you want to support Catholic charities helping in Turkey and Syria you can give online to **Aid to the Church in Need** acnuk.org or **Trócaire** trocaire.org

Trócaire boxes will be available from next weekend at all Masses.

### 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.

### 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.

### ONLINE COURSE FOR LENT

Lent is a season of reflection and preparation as we look forward to the celebration of Easter. Why not join Living Church as we reflect together over Zoom on the final moments of Jesus' life? In a series of short films shot on location in the Holy land, *No Greater Love* is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Over 5 weeks we are given the opportunity to walk step by step with Jesus through the Scriptures from the Garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary.

The programme will be facilitated by Fr Paul Byrne & Aishling Steen. There are 5 online sessions – one for each week of Lent which will lead us into Holy week.

Beginning: Monday 27th February for 5 weeks @7pm.  
To book your place on our online program please click on the registration link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/BR9APwPyRL>

For any further enquires please contact the Living Church Office livingchurch@downandconnor.org 02890690920

### DAY OF PRAYER FOR VICTIMS & SURVIVORS OF ABUSE

Pope Francis has established an annual day of prayer in the to support the journey of human and spiritual recovery. This day is not only for victims and survivors who have been so severely injured, either inside or outside our Church, but also for the families and communities affected by grief for their loved ones.

In our diocese a special Mass will be celebrated on **Friday 24th February** at **1pm** in St Patrick's church, Donegall St, Belfast. You are invited to attend this important Diocesan event.

### RALLY FOR LIFE

Please join us and be a voice for the unborn child as we march for life on Saturday 11th March 2023 gathering in Custom House Square, Belfast, at 2pm. Buses to the Rally leaving from various locations. For further information please contact Precious Life on 07592280522 or 02890278484. Email info@preciouslife.com