



# Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

14th April 2024  
Third Sunday of Easter

## GOD'S WITNESSES TODAY

This Sunday our diocese celebrates the installation of Bishop Alan McGuckian. In a solemn Mass at St Peter's Cathedral he will be formally welcomed as our new Bishop. This is a special moment for our Christian community - our bishop carries out the ministry of the apostles for us today. Bishop Alan is taking on the work of being our shepherd, our teacher and our father in faith.



In today's Gospel we hear how Jesus came to spend time with the apostles on Easter evening. By his appearance and his words he gave them new courage and hope. He also asked them to be his witnesses in the world - and that is still what he wants for his people. In communion with Francis our Pope, and Alan our Bishop, may we be good witnesses for Christ by the way we live our lives and our willingness to share our faith with others.

## THIS WEEK

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

<b>SATURDAY 13th</b>	5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
<b>SUNDAY 14th</b>	9.30am Mass <i>no confessions today</i> 5pm Mass
<b>MONDAY 15th</b>	10am Mass
<b>TUESDAY 16th</b>	7pm Holy Hour in Dervock
<b>WEDNESDAY 18th</b>	10am Mass
<b>FRIDAY 20th</b>	6-6.40pm Confessions 7pm Mass

*Our Lady & St Patrick's is open every day for private prayer - usually from 10am to 6pm.*

## Other Sunday Masses in the Causeway Family of Parishes:

Saturday 5pm - Portstewart  
Saturday 6.30pm - St Malachy's, Coleraine  
Sunday 10am - Portstewart  
Sunday 11am - St Malachy's, Coleraine  
Sunday 12noon - Portrush

## WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

### Anniversaries

Christina Durkan, Catherine Greene, Joe Greene, Veronica Greene, Elizabeth McClements, Mary T. McCollam, Alphonsus McErlain, Brigid McErlain, Daniel O'Loan, Johnny Tweed

## 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 payable to:  
**Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan.**

## INSTALLATION OF BISHOP MCGUCKIAN

On Sunday at 3pm the Most Rev. Alan McGuckian will be installed as Bishop of Down & Connor at St Peter's Cathedral in Belfast. During the Mass there are three special moments:

- The new Bishop is met at the door of the Cathedral by representatives of the clergy and lay people of the diocese who formally welcome him.
- The Papal mandate is read, confirming Bishop Alan's appointment to Down & Connor by Pope Francis.
- The Bishop takes his place at his *cathedra* (the Bishop's throne) for the first time. This represents his authority as chief teacher of the faith for our diocese.

Each parish and ministry of the diocese will be sending representatives to the Mass as will each secondary level school. Our parish will be represented by Fr Damian and by Susan Hargan and Barbara Hegarty from the Parish Pastoral Council. Sr Rosemary Gallagher will be representing the Causeway Hospital chaplaincy team.

The Mass will be available to watch on the Cathedral webcam through churchservices.tv, and on the Down & Connor Facebook page.

We send Bishop Alan our prayers and good wishes at this time. *Ad multos annos!*

## DERVOCK HOLY HOUR

Now that the hour has gone forward and the evenings are brighter there will be a holy hour in Our Lady & St John the Evangelist's church each month until October (usually on the third Tuesday at 7pm). The April holy hour will be this week (16th) with guided prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, concluding with Benediction.

## 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

A fish tank with all it's accessories is just one of the star items in our parish shop this week! We also have a striking collection of blue glass, a walnut corner table, attractive crystal, pictures, a pair of 'his and her' mirrors, Douilton and so much more!

Keep an eye out in store and on our Facebook page because we'll have a new selection of mats and garden benches arriving soon - just in time for spring and summer!

You can find the shop at 5 Gate End, Ballymoney and it's open 10am-4.30pm from Wednesday - Saturday. Take a look at our Facebook page for more information.

## WELCOME MINISTRY

You may have noticed members of the Parish Pastoral Council have been greeting parishioners at the door of the church before some weekend Masses over the last few weeks. We are experimenting with a *ministry of welcome* and finding out how best we can show hospitality and friendship to everyone who joins us for Mass, whether parishioners or visitors. If you have any thoughts or ideas please speak to one of the team or to Fr Damian.

## PARISH OF BALLYMONEY & DERRYKEIGHAN

Diocese of Down & Connor  
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## CONFIRMATION

We keep in our prayers at this time the young people preparing for the sacrament of confirmation. They will be participating in their **Service of Light and Commitment this Wednesday at 7pm** before be confirmed on Friday 26th.



## BROADCAST MASS

BBC Radio Ulster will be broadcasting our Sunday morning Mass on **April 28th**. Please note that on that day Mass will be at the later time of **10am**.

## 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 April, 25th May and 29th June**). Booking essential.

To find out more, contact Pauline **07519289185** or Marie **07896119669** or email **belfastbe@yahoo.com**

## DOWN & CONNOR PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Our annual diocesan pilgrimage includes the celebration of Masses, including at the Grotto; celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick and Reconciliation; participation in the Blessed Sacrament and Candlelight processions and the Way of the Cross. Pilgrims will have the opportunity to visit Bartres (additional cost). There is plenty of free time for your own personal prayer, to relax, and to explore the town of Lourdes.

This year's pilgrimage takes place 10th-15th or 17th July (5 and 7 night options are available). Please visit **www.downandconnor.org/lourdes** for more information or call the Pilgrimage Office on **028 9077 0162** or email **lourdes@downandconnor.org**

## HYMNS FOR MASS

O Bread of heaven, beneath this veil  
Thou dost my very God conceal:  
My Jesus, dearest treasure, hail;  
I love thee and adoring kneel;  
Each loving soul by thee is fed  
With thine own self in form of bread.

Beloved Lord in heaven above,  
There, Jesus, thou awaitest me;  
To gaze on thee with changeless love;  
Yes, thus, I hope, thus shall it be:  
For how can he deny me heav'n  
Who here on earth himself hath giv'n?

Thine be the glory,  
risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory  
thou o'er death hast won;  
angels in bright raiment  
rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes  
where thy body lay.  
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