



Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

30th APRIL 2023
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Vocations Sunday



I WILL GIVE YOU SHEPHERDS AFTER MY OWN HEART

On the fourth Sunday of Easter we always hear readings about the Good Shepherd. This title often appears in the Bible to explain how God loves, protects and provides for his flock. It also reminds us that God has promised to send us "shepherds after his own heart."

That's why today is the annual day of prayer for vocations to the priesthood. Priests are those who have been called by God to give their lives in a special way to serve the Church and be his shepherds. Here in Ireland we are facing a shortage of priests and religious in the coming years so we need to pray for them more than ever. And if God is calling you, be not afraid! Give him a chance and listen carefully. Perhaps you will discover your life's mission!

THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 29th	5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
SUNDAY 30th	10am Mass 4.30-4.55pm Confessions 5pm Mass
MONDAY 1st	10am Mass
TUESDAY 2nd	7pm Mass in Dervock
WEDNESDAY 3rd	10am Mass
FRIDAY 5th First Friday	6-7pm Holy Hour 7pm Mass with novena prayers

Our Lady & St Patrick's is open every day from 10am to 6pm.

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

Dan McErlain, Bernard McGilligan, Susan McGilligan, Edward McGothigan, John McKenna,

REQUIESCAT IN PACE



PARISH FINANCES

Here are the parish collection figures for **July-December 2022**:

Weekly Collection	£36,383.00 (average £1400/week)
Monthly Offering	£8761.45 (average £1460/month)
Church Renovation	£7711.11 (average £1285/month)

Pastoral Services	£465.54
Cathedral Fund	£384.75
Autumn Voluntary	£924.90
Propagation of the Faith	£470.15
Bishops' Commissions	£453.00
Christmas Voluntary	£1870.45

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.**

OLD & NEW@NO.5

Our parish shop is restocked for another week and there's lots of new collectibles on offer; including crystal, ornaments, tea sets, pictures, and small items of silver. Check out too our various planters, tin plate garden ornaments and garden benches that are proving really popular!

Hope to see you this week, our opening hours are 10.00-4.30pm Wednesday - Saturday!

If you haven't visited our shop before, you'll find us at 5 Gate End, Ballymoney - come say hello! Check us out on Facebook too @oldandnewatno5

SPECIAL MASSES THIS WEEK

This week we have our monthly **First Tuesday Mass** at Our Lady & St John the Evangelist's in Dervock at 7pm.

On Friday we continue our **First Friday novena** to the Sacred Heart with a **Holy Hour** from 6pm and the **Mass and Novena Prayers** at 7pm.

MAY COURSE - THE SEVEN JOYS OF MARY

During May, the month of Mary, the parish will be running a course called *The Seven Joys of Mary*. Over **five weeks**, this programme will give us a chance to reflect on the joys of Mary's life and how we can draw comfort from them and make a connection between our own faith journey and Our Lady's.

The Seven Joys of Mary are:

- The Annunciation & Visitation
- The birth of Jesus
- The adoration of the Magi
- The resurrection of Jesus
- The Ascension of Jesus into heaven and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost
- The Assumption of Mary into heaven.
- The crowning of Mary as Queen of heaven.

Each week we'll reflect on what scripture says about these mysteries and learn how to pray about them more deeply. We'll finish by praying a decade of the rosary together.

The course begins this **Wednesday 3rd May** and will run each Wednesday evening of the month at 7pm. It will take place at Our Lady & St John the Evangelist's church in Dervock.

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.



PARISH OF BALLYMONEY & DERRYKEIGHAN

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HYMNS FOR MASS

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

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.
*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting
*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

VOCATIONS

If you feel God may be calling you to priesthood or religious life you are welcome to come and talk with Fr Damian. You can also speak to the Down & Connor Vocations Director, **Fr Conor McGrath** on (028) 9065 4157
Email: c.mcgrath@downandconnor.org
For more information: vocations.ie

A PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord, make me a better person: more considerate towards others, more honest with myself, more faithful to you. Help me to find my true vocation in life and grant that through it I may find happiness in myself and bring happiness to others. Grant, Lord, that those whom you call to enter priesthood or religious life may have the generosity to answer your call, so that those who need your help may always find it. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

DOWN & CONNOR LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will run in July this year. Our 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. There is plenty of free time for your own personal prayer, to relax, and to explore the town of Lourdes.

Five night pilgrimages (**12th-17th July**) cost **£769** and six nights (**11th-17th July**) **£829**. Fares are inclusive of return flights from Belfast International Airport, transfers from and to Lourdes Airport, full-board accommodation, courier services and other taxes. A deposit of **£200** per person is required at the time of booking, with the balance payable approximately 8 weeks before departure.

To request a booking application, or with further queries, please contact the Pilgrimage Office on (028) 9077 0162 or email us: lourdes@downandconnor.org

The Lourdes Associate Members will be having a collection at Masses on the weekend of **May 13th/14th**.