



Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

7th MAY 2023
Fifth Sunday of Easter



CALLED AND GIFTED TO SERVE

On Friday we celebrated the Sacrament of Confession in our parish and we rejoiced as our young parishioners received the gifts of the Holy Spirit. It reminds us too that we have all received the gifts of the Spirit at our own baptisms and confirmations.

And these gifts have been given to us so that we can answer God's call to bring his love into the world and share the Gospel Good News with others. We live in a time when so many people don't know the love of God or have the hope of heaven. Each of us has a role to play in doing something about that. May God help us to follow his call and renew his Church and the world.

THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 6th	5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
SUNDAY 7th	10am Mass 4.30-4.55pm Confessions 5pm Mass
MONDAY 8th	10am Mass
WEDNESDAY 10th	no Mass today 7pm The Seven Joys of Mary in Dervock
FRIDAY 12th	6-6.40pm Confessions 7pm Mass

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

Recently Deceased

Eileen Shiels, Ballymoney / New York
Seamus Diamond

Anniversaries

Marie McConville, Arnold McDaid, Alex McGowan,
Pearl McGowan, Alan Millar, Gerard Mulholland,
John & Frances Mulholland

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

CONGRATULATIONS

to the children of St Brigid's PS and Ballymoney Model Integrated Primary School who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday. A very special thank you to their parents, grandparents and teachers who prepared them for their special day.

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.**

CEMETERY SUNDAY

Prayers for the dead and the blessing of graves in our parish cemetery will take place on **Sunday June 4th at 3pm.**

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

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.



MAY—THE MONTH OF MARY

May is the month of special devotion to Our Lady. Mary is the greatest example to us of a Christian who loves God and who serves others. She teaches us how to pray and to listen for the voice of God speaking to our hearts. And as mother of Christ, her prayers for us have a very special power. We should look for ways to honour Mary throughout the month especially in our homes or families. Why not commit to praying the rosary (or at least a decade) regularly as a family throughout the month? You might also make a May altar in your home as a sign of our love for God and Our Lady.

PRAYING WITH THE SCRIPTURES - THE SEVEN JOYS OF MARY

Each **Wednesday evening** of May there will be a time of guided prayer using the scriptures at **Our Lady & St John the Evangelist** church in Dervock at **7pm**. This week we'll be looking at the Birth of Jesus and what that meant for his mother Mary. We'll listen to readings and spend some time in quiet prayer, ending with a decade of the rosary. It's a lovely chance to spend some quiet time with Jesus and Mary during the month of Our Lady. The same session will also run on Fridays at the Marian Hall in Portstewart at 10am.

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

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HYMNS FOR MASS

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,	Bring flowers of the fairest
Christ be behind me, king of my heart.	Bring blossoms the rarest,
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,	From garden and woodland and hillside and dale;
Christ be above me, never to part.	Our full hearts are swelling,
	Our glad voices telling
	The praise of the loveliest flower of the vale!

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me, shield in the strife.
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising, light of my heart.

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me,
Christ be on all tongues telling of me.
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me,
in ears that hear me Christ ever be.

*O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today!
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.
O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.*

Our voices ascending, in harmony blending,
Oh! thus may our hearts turn, dear Mother, to thee;
Oh! thus shall we prove thee
how truly we love thee,
How dark without Mary, life's journey would be.

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

LOURDES ASSOCIATE COLLECTION

The Lourdes Associate Members will be having a collection at Masses **next weekend** (May 13th/14th). This is a way for us to support the pilgrimage and, in particular, to raise funds to subsidise the pilgrims who are sick or taking part in the Youth Team. **Please note that the collection can only accept cash donations.** Those who support the collection may be enrolled as associate members of the pilgrimage and your names and intentions will be prayed for in Lourdes.