



# Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

14th MAY 2023  
Sixth Sunday of Easter

## PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE

As a Church we are called to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world. But we know that our current way of doing things is getting more difficult to sustain. With fewer priests and smaller congregations we have to find new ways to ensure that the needs of our community and our Christian mission can be carried out in the next twenty years. This includes the change of our Sunday morning Mass time (explained below).

For this reason our diocese is undertaking a programme of planning called *Pathways to the Future*. A steering team of lay men, women and clergy has been preparing for this in recent months and representatives of our parish have taken part in initial conversations. In the coming months we will all have a chance to find out more and play our part. This is a time of rebuilding and renewal for our Diocese and we enter it with confidence that the Holy Spirit, sent to us by the Father, will guide us on our journey together.



## 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>	10am Mass 4.30-4.55pm Confessions 5pm Mass
<b>MONDAY 15th</b>	10am Mass
<b>WEDNESDAY 17th</b>	10am Mass 7pm The Seven Joys of Mary in Dervock
<b>FRIDAY 21st</b>	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

Fr Kevin McMullan, Belfast  
Elizabeth McGothigan, Magherhoney

### Anniversaries

William Blaney, Johnny Connor, Berna Kearney,  
Tom, Eileen and Rose McEldowney,  
Henry O'Loan, Stuart Coyles

## 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**.

## CEMETERY SUNDAY

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

## 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.



## 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 visit of the Magi and what that meant for 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 Friday at the Marian Hall in Portstewart at 10am.

## LOURDES ASSOCIATE COLLECTION

The Lourdes Associate Members will be having a collection at Masses this weekend. 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.

## MASS TIME CHANGE

At the start of July there will be a number of changes to Mass times in the Causeway Coast area. As less priests are available there is a need to coordinate times across parishes so that Masses can still be covered even when some of the local priests are away. This also allows us to offer a range of different Mass times across the parishes of Ballymoney, Coleraine, Portrush and Portstewart.

As part of these changes, it will be necessary for Ballymoney's Sunday morning Mass to move to an earlier time so that one priest can celebrate Mass in both Ballymoney and Coleraine or Portrush when required. Our Saturday 6pm and Sunday 5pm Masses will not change.

Before we make a change, our Parish Pastoral Council would like to ask you what time would you prefer for our Sunday morning Mass - 9am or 9.30am. We will also take particular account of the views of those who help out at Mass as readers, ministers of Holy Communion, Children's Liturgy and choir.

You can let us know

- by email - office@ballymoneyparish.com
- by sending a message to the parish Facebook page
- by speaking to Fr Damian or a member of the PPC
- or by using the voting slip in this bulletin and placing your vote in a collection bucket.

Closing date for the consultation is Sunday 28th May.

## PARISH OF BALLYMONEY & DERRYKEIGHAN

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North Connor Pastoral Community

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## HYMNS FOR MASS

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,  
Christ be behind me, king of my heart.  
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,  
Christ be above me, never to part.

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.

Bring flowers of the fairest  
Bring blossoms the rarest,  
From garden and woodland and hillside and dale;  
Our full hearts are swelling,  
Our glad voices telling  
The praise of the loveliest flower of the vale!

*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.

## MASS TIME CONSULTATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I would prefer Sunday morning Mass in Ballymoney to be celebrated at:

9am

9.30am

Any other comments