



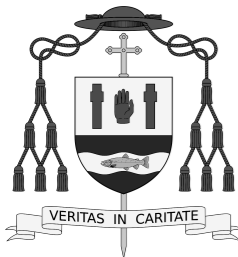
Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

28th MAY 2023
Pentecost



GOD'S DREAM FOR HIS CHURCH

This weekend the Church celebrates its birthday. Pentecost marks the moment when the apostles received the gift of the Holy Spirit and were empowered to go out and share the Gospel with others.



With that in mind, Bishop Donal McKeown, the apostolic administrator of our diocese, has written a pastoral letter to us (Fr Damian will read some excerpts from it at our Masses). Bishop McKeown sees Pentecost as an inspiration for us today. We have reached a point in our diocese where the reality of smaller congregations and fewer priests mean we have to start doing things differently. But under the guidance of the Holy Spirit this is an opportunity for us to go out and share the Gospel, rebuild God's Church, and make our parishes more welcoming and inclusive. This is what the diocesan *Pathways to the Future* programme is all about, and this weekend we entrust that programme to the blessing of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 27th	5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
SUNDAY 28th Pentecost	10am Mass 4.30-4.55pm Confessions 5pm Mass
MONDAY 29th	10am Mass
WEDNESDAY 31st	10am Mass 7pm The Seven Joys of Mary in Dervock
FRIDAY 2nd First Friday	6-7pm Holy Hour 7pm Mass with novena prayers

Our Lady & St Patrick's is open every day for prayer, usually 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

Fr Aidan Denny, Teresa McErlain, David McFadden, Patrick McVicker, Patsy Olphert, Jeannie Scullion

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.**

CONGRATULATIONS

to **Our Lady of Lourdes** school which won the award for best Post Primary School in the Families First NI Awards this week, and to the principal, **Eilish Gillan**, who won the *Post Primary Principal of the Year* award.

BISHOP McKEOWN'S PASTORAL LETTER

The full pastoral letter of our apostolic administrator, Bishop Donal McKeown, can be read online using this QR code or by following the links on www.downandconnor.org, www.pathwaystothefuture.org or our own parish Facebook page.



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

The last session of our May course takes place at **Our Lady & St John the Evangelist** church in Dervock at on **Wednesday at 7pm**.

This week we'll be looking at the assumption and crowning of Mary. We'll listen to readings and spend some time in quiet prayer, ending with a decade of the rosary. We'll also crown the statue of Our Lady. 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.

SACRED HEART NOVENA

This Friday is the first Friday of June and we reach the ninth and final month of our First Friday novena.



As usual there will be a **Holy Hour** from **6pm** with **adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** and **confessions** until 6.40pm. At **6.45pm** we have **Benediction** followed by **Mass** and the **novena prayers** at **7pm**. Congratulations to everyone who has completed the novena and thank you for supporting this spiritual exercise in our parish.

OLD & NEW@No.5

There's all kinds of everything to buy in our parish shop this week with pictures, ceramics, crystal, lamps and of course, a wide selection of pre loved clothes and accessories! Check out our "Old Country Rose" selection, tea sets, and some Mason Ironstone and Doulton figurines.

Our garden benches have arrived and quite a number have already been booked! More are available at an amazing £84.95.

We're open Wednesday- Saturday 10.00am-4.30pm and you'll find it at 5 Gate End, Ballymoney. Check us out on Facebook too **@oldandnewatno5**

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HYMNS FOR MASS

Veni Creator Spiritus,
Mentes tuorum visita,
Imple superna gratia,
Quae tu creasti pectora.

Qui Paraclitus diceris,
Donum Dei altissimi
Fons vivus, ignis, caritas,
Et spiritalis unctio.

Tu septiformis munere,
Dexterarum Dei tu digitus,
Tu rite promissum Patris,
Sermone ditans guttura.

Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God,
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MASS TIME CHANGE

Thank you to everyone who contacted us about the Sunday morning Mass time change in July. This Sunday is the last day for submitting your views on whether our Mass should move to 9am or 9.30am. The decision will be announced next weekend.

CEMETERY SUNDAY

Prayers for the dead and the blessing of graves in our parish cemetery will take place next Sunday, **June 4th at 3pm**. Please note that this ceremony will take place entirely outside and there will not be Mass.

ONLINE COURSE

The diocese invites you to join us for an online course, *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*, where we will explore the biblical roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and reflect on their significance. We hope that this fascinating tour of the Mass will renew your faith and deepen your love & devotion to the Holy Eucharist. This programme will begin on Monday 29th May at 7pm for 5 weeks online via zoom. To book your place please contact the Living Church Office at **028 90690920** or e-mail livingchurch@downandconnor.org

DIOCESAN CENSUS

Last weekend a census of Mass-goers was taken up in every parish across the Diocese of Down & Connor. Here in Ballymoney **376 people** attended Mass which is approximately **20%** of Catholics who live in our parish.

PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE PRAYER

God of Love, You are with us in every transition and change. As we enter into this new era with excitement and even some anxiety, we recall your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love. We thank you for the gifts, talents and skills with which you have blessed us. We thank you for the work of others that gives breadth and depth to our own work. Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another. We ask this in your Holy Name. Amen.