



# Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

4th JUNE 2023  
Trinity Sunday



## THE MYSTERY OF GOD'S LOVE

On Trinity Sunday we celebrate the great mystery of who God is - the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He is one God but three persons. Each of these three persons is wholly God, but they are also distinct. The Father and the Son are different and so too is the Holy Spirit. But they are, all three, one God.

But though we don't know anything about how God can be both one and three, we do know something about what it means. It means that God really is love! He is a father who loves his son, a son who loves his father, and he is that spirit of love between them and around them. God really is full of love - and he doesn't keep that love to himself! No, he is constantly pouring his love out upon the whole world through his Son Jesus Christ. That's what today's Gospel reminds us. "God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son".

### THIS WEEK

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

<b>SATURDAY 3rd</b>	5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
<b>SUNDAY 4th</b>	10am Mass 3pm Cemetery Sunday 4.30-4.55pm Confessions 5pm Mass
<b>MONDAY 5th</b>	10am Mass
<b>TUESDAY 6th</b>	7pm Mass in Dervock
<b>WEDNESDAY 7th</b>	10am Mass
<b>FRIDAY 9th</b>	6-6.40pm Confessions 7pm Mass

*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

John Cushnahan, Josephine Diamond, Meta Doherty, Tillie Douglas, Patrick McCullagh, Annie McGivern, James McGivern, Jack McLaughlin, Mary Jo McKenna, Eileen Mooney, William Rodgers

### 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 at **3pm**. We will remember in a special way those parishioners who have died in the last year.



Please note that this ceremony will take place entirely outside and there will not be Mass. Anyone unable to stand outside is welcome to sit in the church and listen to the prayers.

### MASS IN DERVOCK

Our monthly Mass in Our Lady & St John the Evangelist in Dervock will be on **Tuesday (6th) at 7pm.**

### 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.



### MASS TIME CHANGE

Thank you to everyone who contacted us about the Sunday morning Mass time change in July. After taking account of the views expressed in our consultation, our Sunday morning Mass will move to **9.30am**. This was the preference of 73% of those who got in touch including a large majority of the people who currently go to Sunday morning Mass and in particular those who take part in it as ministers or volunteers.



Among the comments that were received, there were a number saying that 9.30am would give a bit more time to get ready for those coming with small children or who are picking up elderly people.

Mass will move to 9.30am from **Sunday July 2nd** as part of a new coordinated Mass timetable for Ballymoney, Portrush, Portstewart and St Malachy's, Coleraine.

### OLD & NEW@No.5

Once again there's lots of varied and interesting items - *old and new* - for sale in our parish shop!

This week check out our large Waterford crystal bowl, our claret jug and a selection of model tractors and jeeps - ideal gifts for Father's Day! As always, there's a nice selection of pre-loved clothes, shoes, accessories and also new collectibles.

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**

### PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

Fr Damian will be away on leave from Monday 12th June and the parish office will be closed until Monday 26th. Any enquiries during this time should be sent to the parish offices in Portstewart or St Malachy's, Coleraine. Anniversaries for the bulletin of 18th June must be sent in by this Friday (9th June).

### PARISH OF BALLYMONEY & DERRYKEIGHAN

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### HYMNS FOR MASS

Father, we adore you.  
Lay our lives before you.  
How we love you.

Jesus we adore you.  
Lay our lives before you.  
How we love you.

Spirit we adore you.  
Lay our lives before you.  
How we love you.

Holy God, we praise Thy Name;  
Lord of all, we bow before Thee!  
All on earth Thy sceptre claim,  
All in Heaven above adore Thee;  
Infinite Thy vast domain,  
Everlasting is Thy reign.

Holy Father, Holy Son,  
Holy Spirit, Three we name Thee;  
While in essence only One,  
Undivided God we claim Thee;  
And adoring bend the knee,  
While we own the mystery.

### PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE

Last weekend Bishop Donal McKeown wrote to us about the challenge facing the Church in Down & Connor in the years ahead. His letter certainly got attention - particularly where he talked about the difficult decisions and sacrifices, we have to make as congregations get smaller and the number of priests fall.

But that's not the whole story by any means! We believe in the Good News of Jesus Christ, and there is always good news in the Church. In the pastoral letter a vision is set out of a Church which faces up to the profound changes we're living through, that goes out and makes new disciples, and which welcomes everyone into a relationship with God. This is a courageous vision that will require us to look at how we are structured as a church. The Pathways to the Future Committee are developing ideas on how we can collaborate across our parishes as Families of Parishes.

In these Families, we will see a new range of ministries develop in which lay people will play a crucial role. If we want to pass on the faith to the next generation, to see our congregations grow again, to see Catholics making a real difference in the community and to nourish new vocations to religious life, we have to do things differently - and we all have a part to play! On Trinity Sunday, may the Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless us as we take the first steps on our pathway to the future.

### 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.