



Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

9th JULY 2023
Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time



COME TO JESUS

In our Gospel today Jesus speaks words of peace and comfort to our hearts. "Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest." The Lord knows that our lives are often busy or difficult and we all have times of stress or anxiety. So he tells us that when we feel weighed down we should come to him and receive his peace.

And the best way to come to him is through prayer and reflection. When we spend some quiet time with the Lord, listening to him and speaking to him from our hearts, we almost always feel his consolation. We sometimes worry that we don't have enough time to pray, but actually it's when we most busy or stressed that prayer does us the most good. Let's ask the Lord to remind us to pray often so that we can feel his peace in our hearts. And we pray in a special way for those who are stressed, anxious or hurting at this time.

THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 8th	5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
SUNDAY 9th	9.30am Mass 4.30-4.50pm Confessions 5pm Mass
MONDAY 10th	10am Mass
WEDNESDAY 12th	no Mass
FRIDAY 14th	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 6.30pm - St Malachy's, Coleraine
Saturday 7pm - Portrush
Sunday 8am - Portstewart
Sunday 10am - Portstewart
Sunday 11am - St Malachy's, Coleraine
Sunday 12noon - Portrush

WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Recently Deceased

Edward Gillan
Stephen Robb
Fr Oliver Treanor, Warrenpoint
Patricia Grace Beattie, Australia

Anniversaries

Bobby Graham, Claire McAlister, Annie McCann,
Henry McCann, James McClements, Kieran McGivern,
Henry Magee, John Rodgers

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

CONGRATULATIONS

to **Fr Robert McMahon** of Belfast who was ordained a priest for our diocese last Sunday at St Peter's Cathedral. And to **Mgr Patrick Delargy** of Portrush who celebrated his golden jubilee of priesthood on Friday.



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.**

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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. Thank you for your ongoing support.

SUMMER MASSES

During July and August there are two extra weekend Masses in this area - a **7pm Saturday vigil** in St Patrick's, **Portrush** and an **8am Sunday morning Mass** in Star of the Sea, **Portstewart**.

OLD & NEW@No.5

The volunteers at our Parish Shop have this week presented Fr Damian with another cheque for **£10,000**. This brings the total profit raised from the shop for the Church Renovation Fund to **£80,000!**

A very special word of thanks to all our volunteers who give so willingly of their time, both in the shop and behind the scenes.

The shop continues to trade very well but we really need some more volunteers, particularly to cover holidays over the summer. If you can help at all, we would be delighted to hear from you so please speak to one of our volunteers.

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

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord, make me a better person,
more considerate towards others,
more honest with myself,
more faithful to you.

Make me generous enough to want sincerely to do your will whatever it may be.
Help me to find my true vocation in life,
and grant that through it I may find happiness myself and bring happiness to others.
Through Christ, Our Lord.
Amen.

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HYMNS FOR MASS

Come and take the flesh of Christ
Which he gave to be our bread.
Drink the chalice of his blood
Which upon the cross he shed.

We who are redeemed and saved,
By his body and his blood,
Hail the saving sacred Host
Which he gave to be our food.

Giver of salvation, Lord
Christ, the Son of God most high,
Sacrificed to save the world,
Raised with him, we will not die.

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him,
praise him, praise him,
praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide and swift to bless:
Praise him, praise him,
praise him, praise him,
glorious in his faithfulness.

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

In the Gospels, Jesus said He came to serve rather than be served. Serving in the parish and in the wider community is an important way for us to imitate Christ and live as His disciples. We are currently looking for volunteers for the following ministries:

Minister of Holy Communion at Mass

Ministers help the priest distribute Holy Communion at Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses, on Holy Days of Obligation and occasionally at funerals. Ministers serve on a rota basis every few weeks, usually at their preferred Mass.

Minister of Holy Communion to the Housebound

These ministers bring Holy Communion to sick and elderly parishioners on a regular basis. During the visit they pray with the sick person and often have a chat too! This ministry is suited to those who have some free time on weekdays. A commitment of one or two hours a month is all that is required and it makes a such a difference to those who are visited.

Safeguarding Committee Representatives

Our parish is teaming up with Portrush, Portstewart and Coleraine parishes to have a new Safeguarding Committee in the Autumn. We need two representatives from Ballymoney to take part. The committee would meet occasionally in the evening and the representatives would help to make sure our parish groups are following Safeguarding best practice.

In our parish we want to give everyone an opportunity to serve in some way, big and small. In addition to these ministries you may be interested in serving others in need with **St Vincent de Paul**, assisting at Mass in the **choir** or as a **reader**, or helping out in our parish shop **Old & New@No.5**.

Any other ideas?

If there's another way that you feel you can help the parish or a new ministry you would like us to start please get in touch. For more information or to express an interest, please speak to Fr Damian after Mass or email office@ballymoneyparish.com