



# Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

13th July 2025  
Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

### THE GOOD SAMARITAN

The parable of the Good Samaritan teaches us two important lessons. First, we must help those in need. Second, it addresses religious divisions and God's desire for unity among His people.

Two thousand years ago, Jews and Samaritans lived as bitter enemies despite sharing the same God—much like our own sectarian divisions. Yet Jesus chose a Samaritan as the hero of His story, teaching that people of all backgrounds are our neighbours and equally loved by God.

Christian unity will come through the Holy Spirit, not human compromise. Even in North Antrim, we see growing cooperation between parishes and neighbours. These small gestures of respect and kindness reflect God's will that we become one flock with one shepherd.



### THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 12th	5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
SUNDAY 13th	9.30am Mass 4.30-4.50pm Confessions 5pm Mass
MONDAY 14th	10am Mass
WEDNESDAY 16th	10am Mass 7pm Rosary
FRIDAY 18th	no Mass or confessions today

Our Lady & St Patrick's is open every day  
for private prayer - usually from 10am to 7pm.

### Other Sunday Masses in the Causeway Family of Parishes:

Saturday 5pm	-	Portstewart
Saturday 6.30pm	-	St Malachy's, Coleraine
Sunday 10am	-	Portstewart
Sunday 11am	-	St Malachy's, Coleraine
Sunday 12noon	-	Portrush

### WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

#### Recently Deceased

Paddy Douglas  
Blain Fleming

#### Anniversaries

George Connelly, Kathleen Darragh, James McClements,  
John McLaughlin, George Nash, Jean Stewart

### REQUIESCAT IN PACE

### CHANGES IN OUR FAMILY OF PARISHES

Earlier this week Bishop Alan McGuckian announced the Down & Connor diocesan clergy appointments for this year. These appointments will take effect from **16th August**.

As part of the changes **Fr Nideesh Varghese** is leaving St Malachy's in Coleraine to take up a new appointment in Belfast. Due to the shortage of priests he cannot be replaced. Instead **Fr Damian** and **Fr Kevin McGuckien** have been asked to take on the pastoral care of **Coleraine parish** along with their current responsibilities for Ballymoney, Portrush, Portstewart, the Causeway Hospital and Ulster University. Our Causeway Family of Parishes is also fortunate to have the help of Mgr Patrick Delargy, who assists in Portrush.

This change will have a great impact on our family of parishes. Fr Damian and Fr Kevin will need the support and help of all our parishioners to make the new arrangements work. Some of our expectations about how much our priests can do will have to change. We will have to accept some reduction in Masses and other services. These will be worked out and announced in the near future.

Our family of parishes has seen a great growth in Mass attendance over the last few years. There are many signs of God's Spirit at work in our communities. We have every reason to be hopeful for the future!

So now, more than ever, all of us need to be willing to step up and offer our time and talents to support our parishes. We need to make sure they continue to be centres of prayer, worship, community and service. We also need to reach out and share the Gospel of Jesus with those who don't know it in their hearts. We have our work cut out for us - but God is with us every step of the way!

### OTHER APPOINTMENTS

We send our best wishes to our former parish priest, **Fr Francis O'Brien**, who is transferring from Larne to St Patrick's parish in Belfast. A full list of the appointments can be found on the diocesan website -**www.downandconnor.org**

### CONGRATULATIONS

to **Mark Fleming** and **Victoria Whitton**  
who celebrated their marriage this week.



### 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 purple 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 payable to:  
**Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan.**

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Our parish SVP conference is here to support our local community, and we do this in the strictest confidence. If you are in need and would like our help please do not hesitate to get in touch on **07860 455 549**.

### PORTRUSH MASS

Please note that due to **The Open** taking place next week, Mass in St Patrick's Portrush will be at **8am** on **Sunday 20th July**. There will be no 12noon Mass that day.

### TOMMY FLEMING CONCERT

Tickets for the Tommy Fleming concert taking place in our Church on **Friday 7th November** are available to purchase from **Old & New @ No. 5**. Tickets are **£30** each and if you could help sell a few tickets to family and friends, please speak to Gerard McAfee after Mass or contact him on **07860474956**.

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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.

The Church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is his new creation,  
By water and the word;  
From Heav'n he came and sought her  
To be his holy bride;  
With his own blood he bought her,  
And for her life he died.

Elect from every nation,  
Yet one o'er all the Earth,  
Her charter of salvation  
One Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses,  
With every grace endued.

### OLD & NEW@No.5

Lots of visitors on holiday are calling these days at our parish shop and we're receiving so many lovely comments about our wide range and variety of gifts!

Check out our butler's trays, our four legged planters, standing dogs and range of Landrover merchandise which are all back in stock. There's also a nice range of ceramic busts, Masons ironstone, ruby and crystal.

You can find the shop at **5 Gate End**, Ballymoney and it's open **10am-4.30pm** from **Wednesday-Saturday**. Take a look at our **Facebook** page for more information.

### PARISH GROUNDS

Have you an hour or two free to help tidy the church grounds? While we wait for a new groundskeeper to be appointed we are looking for volunteers who can help keep the place looking tidy. We're meeting on **Wednesday morning** this week at **10.30am**.

### KNOCK PILGRIMAGE

The annual Pioneer pilgrimage to Knock Shrine will take place on **Sunday 20th July**. Prayers will be offered at Our Lady's Shrine for all who work in alcohol and drug treatment centres around Ireland. The pilgrimage is open for Pioneers and their families, and also for anyone who wants to pray for people with addictions. Contact Fr Robert McCabe via [prayer@pioneers.ie](mailto:prayer@pioneers.ie) for further details.

### WELCOME

A warm welcome to visitors who are joining us for Mass over these summer weeks. May God bless you during your time in Ballymoney and the Causeway Coast.