



Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

16th JULY 2023
Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time



A SOWER WENT OUT TO SOW

In the Gospel today Jesus tells us a parable about a sower going out to sow seed. He's generous - almost wasteful - with the seed, scattering it wherever he goes. He hopes that all the seed will take root and grow strong. But he knows that sometimes it just won't flourish.

God shares his Word of Love with us in the same way. His message is preached everywhere in the world, his scriptures are always available. And yet, in many hearts it has no effect. The Lord wants us to know today how important his Word is, but that we have to take responsibility for whether it flourishes in our lives or not. Let's ask the Lord today to help us grow in his love and fellowship.

THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 15th	5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
SUNDAY 16th	9.30am Mass 4.30-4.50pm Confessions 5pm Mass
MONDAY 17th	10am Mass
WEDNESDAY 19th	no Mass
FRIDAY 21st	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

Dolores Ledger June Sweeney
Teresa Elliott Gavin Young

Anniversaries

Kathleen Darragh, Annie Douglas, Bobby Graham, Jean Stewart

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.**

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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.**

MENS' ROSARY

There will be a men's rosary rally at the seafront in Ballycastle opposite the Marine hotel on **Saturday 5th August at 1pm.** The intentions are for a return to the faith in Ireland, the conversion of sinners, and reparations for offences against God's love. All men of any age are welcome to come along and be part of this rally.

OLD & NEW@No.5

As always, there's a good variety of new and pre-loved stock including a nice selection of Royal Albert Old Country Rose pieces and a large selection of W.H. Goss and other souvenir ware. Our garden benches and planters continue to sell well and we've just got another supply of our ever popular sheep. The half price sale of clothes and accessories continue this week and there's lots of summer style still available!

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

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

We keep in our prayers the Ballymoney parishioners on pilgrimage in Lourdes at this time with the Down & Connor group.

JULY DEVOTION - THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS

Lord Jesus, keep me free today from evil, sin, temptation, Satan's attacks and afflictions, fear of darkness, fear of man, sickness, diseases, doubts, anger, all calamities and from all that is not of thy Kingdom.

Fill me Lord Jesus with gift of your Holy Spirit and grant me the gift of wisdom, knowledge, understanding and discernment so that I will live today in your glory by doing that which is right.

Praise you Jesus. Thank You Jesus.

May every heart, every tongue, now and forever, praise and thank this priceless balm, this saving Blood, this fountain of crimson Mercy welling up from the fountain of infinite Love. 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