

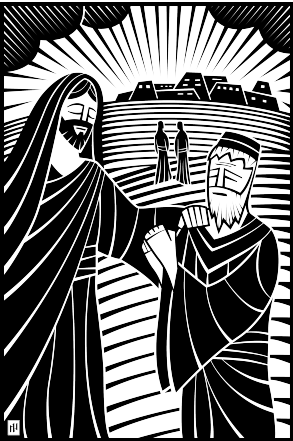


Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

27th July 2025
Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

WHY DOES GOD SOMETIMES KEEP US WAITING?

It's a question we've all asked ourselves! In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us to persevere in prayer, to keep asking like the persistent friend seeking bread at midnight. But why does God delay to answer sometimes? Perhaps he wants us to learn that prayer is about more than just asking for things. If all we do is make requests, how is God different from Santa Claus or a holy cash machine?



What God really wants is a relationship of love with us. When Jesus prays to his Father, he doesn't just ask for things – he praises his Father, gives thanks, and listens. We should do the same: praise God, say sorry for our sins, thank him for his gifts, ask for our needs and those of others, and try to listen to his voice. Let's ask the Lord to help us pray better, so we grow in friendship with our loving Father in heaven.

THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 26th

5.30-5.50pm Confessions
6pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 27th

9.30am Mass
4.30-4.50pm Confessions
5pm Mass

MONDAY 28th

10am Mass

WEDNESDAY 30th

no morning Mass
7pm Rosary

FRIDAY 1st

no adoration, confessions or Mass

SATURDAY 2nd

6pm Vigil Mass

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

CONGRATULATIONS
to **Karin McAleese** and **Ciaran Cassley** who were married this week and to the family of **Darlah Moore** who was baptised.

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.

HOLIDAY TIMETABLE
Fr Damian will be on leave from **Wednesday 29th July to Thursday 7th August.** Please note that there will be no weekday Masses or confessions in Ballymoney during that time. Thanks to the priests from our Causeway Family of Parishes who will say the weekend Masses during this time.

The **monthly novena** to the Holy Face of Jesus takes place on **Tuesday 5th August at 7pm.** The rosary will be prayed as usual on **Wednesday evenings at 7pm.**

OLD & NEW@No.5
Check out our lovely pair of armchairs, choice of mantle clocks, tapestry pictures, lovely oil lamp and a new delivery of Guinness and Landrover boxes. We've also got patio table and chair sets.

Our parish shop is 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.

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.**

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.

GROUNDSKEEPER POSITION
The parish is looking to appoint a **Groundskeeper** to work in our premises in Ballymoney and Dervock. The responsibilities will include:

- Ensuring the churches and parish grounds and other parish properties are maintained to the highest standard, and that all who use them can do so safely and securely.

The terms are based on a permanent appointment requiring **28 hours** attendance each week over **4 days** from **9am** to **4pm** – working days to be agreed with the Parish Priest.

Availability to work flexible hours is required from the post holder from time to time. Rate of Pay - **£12.21** gross per hour.

Full details relating to the vacancy can be found on the Diocesan website at: **www.downandconnor.org** clicking on the tab: JOB VACANCIES and on the **Community NI** website, where terms and conditions relating to the role can also be accessed by way of a Role Profile and Employment Application form. Application packs can also be obtained from Ballymoney Parish Office. We welcome applications from anyone who feels they meet the criteria and are interested in playing an active part in the Parish.

Closing date for applications will be 12noon on Thursday 7th August 2025.

PARISH OF BALLYMONEY & DERRYKEIGHAN

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MASS TIME CHANGES

Due to the reduction in the number of priests serving in the Causeway Family of Parishes, a new Sunday Mass schedule will be introduced from the weekend of **Saturday 16th/ Sunday 17th August:**

SATURDAY VIGIL
Saturday 4.30pm - Portstewart
Saturday 6pm - Ballymoney

SUNDAY MORNING
Sunday 9.30am - Ballymoney
Sunday 10am - Portstewart
Sunday 11.30am - St Malachy's, Coleraine
Sunday 12noon - Portrush

SUNDAY EVENING
Sunday 5pm - St Malachy's, Coleraine

The changes have been made based on several factors - travelling times for priests, availability of Masses in other neighbouring parishes (e.g. St John's, Coleraine) and a desire to offer a full range of times across the four parishes.

Here in Ballymoney our Saturday vigil and Sunday morning Masses will stay at the current times of **6pm** and **9.30am.** However we will no longer have a Sunday evening Mass. Instead there will be a the 5pm Sunday Mass will be celebrated in **St Malachy's, Coleraine.**

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.	Seek ye first the kingdom of God And His righteousness; And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, Alleluia.
We who are redeemed and saved, By his body and his blood, Hail the saving sacred Host Which he gave to be our food.	Ask, and it shall be given unto you; Seek, and ye shall find. Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, Alleluia.
Giver of salvation, Lord Christ, the Son of God most high, Sacrificed to save the world, Raised with him, we will not die.	