



Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

30th JULY 2023
Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time



FINDING OUR TREASURE

in the Gospel Jesus uses the idea of discovering a treasure as a way of explaining the kingdom of heaven. He wants us to understand that God's kingdom is the most wonderful thing. Jesus goes on to ask his disciples "have you understood all this?" To understand the things of God means to really recognise them in our hearts rather than our heads.

What Jesus wants from us is not knowledge but understanding; that we don't know about him as much as we love him and have faith in him. And the more we have faith, hope and love in Jesus the more we are drawn into the kingdom of heaven. And we love it! Many Catholics we meet find religion boring. But that only means they haven't understood their faith the way that Jesus wants. This week, let's pray to have a deeper understanding of the things of God so that our faith becomes our greatest treasure and a source of joy and peace in our lives.

THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 29th	5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
SUNDAY 30th	9.30am Mass 4.30-4.50pm Confessions 5pm Mass
MONDAY 31st	10am Mass
TUESDAY 1st	7pm Mass in Dervock
WEDNESDAY 2nd	10am Mass
FRIDAY 4th	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

Month's Mind
Peter Beckett

Anniversaries
Kathleen Doherty, Maureen McKenna, Terry McQuaid,
Josephine Smyth

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

WELCOME

We welcome **Fr Denis Ryan** of Ballarat diocese, Australia, to our parish this weekend. He is assisting in the north coast family of parishes during August and will be covering some of our Masses this week.

Please note Fr Damian will be away and the parish office closed from **Monday to Thursday**.

DERVOCK MASS

Our monthly First Tuesday Mass at Our Lady & St John the Evangelist's will be this week (**Tuesday 1st**) at the usual time of **7pm**.

THANK YOU

to everyone who has volunteered to help with parish ministries in recent weeks, including as readers, ministers of Holy Communion and as safeguarding representatives. May God bless you for your generosity!

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.**

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

Our parish shop is all set for another week's trading and quite a few old favourites are back in stock again!

Check out our music player, our colourful new roosters and hedgehogs, our choice of china teaset, crystal and other ceramics.

Our half price sale of clothes and accessories continues this week and many more items have been added... so come along and grab a bargain!

Old & New@No.5 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

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HYMNS FOR MASS

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike,
no cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord,
At the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled
at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours and give us we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord,
At the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome,
Your arms to embrace.
Be there at our homing, and give us we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord,
At the eve of the day.

O God beyond all praising,
We worship you today
And sing the love amazing
That songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder at every gift you send,
At blessings without number
And mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before you
And wait upon your word,
We honour and adore you,
Our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Saviour,
Accept the love we bring,
That we who know your favour
May serve you as our king;
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows
And rise to bless you still:
To marvel at your beauty
And glory in your ways,
And make a joyful duty
Our sacrifice of praise

LOUGH DERG THREE DAY PILGRIMAGE

The pilgrimage runs until 15th August (Sun 13th Aug is final day to begin).

Admission €80 with concessions available for students, seniors and groups. All booking info available at www.loughderg.org, email info@loughderg.org or telephone 00353 7198 61518.

24 HOURS FOR VOCATIONS

This year the Church in Ireland is praying in a particular way for Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood. A special 24 hours of prayer for vocations will be celebrated this **Thursday and Friday**, the feast of St John Vianney, patron saint of parish priests at **St Colmcille's Church, Newtownards Road, Belfast**.

The time of prayer begins at **6pm** on **Thursday** evening and continues until **6pm** on **Friday** when there will be a Mass for vocations. Confessions will be available throughout the time.

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. Thank you for your ongoing support.

