



# Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

13th AUGUST 2023  
Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time



## DROWNING IN DISTRACTIONS

In today's Gospel we hear about the wonderful miracle Jesus carries out by walking on water. In this moment the Lord shows that he truly is God with power even over the elements. And then he shares his gift with St Peter, inviting him to walk across the water to meet him. For a little while Peter succeeds - but soon he takes his eyes off Jesus and gets distracted by the storm around him. Eventually Peter loses his footing and needs the Lord to save him.

This Gospel reminds us that when we focus on Christ we can do great things and come close to Jesus. But when we are distracted by problems and worries we can lose sight of God and feel as if we're sinking. Whenever we pray Jesus invites us to leave our distractions to one side and allow him to bless us and look after us.

### THIS WEEK

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

<b>SATURDAY 12th</b>	5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
<b>SUNDAY 13th</b>	9.30am Mass 4.30-4.50pm Confessions 5pm Mass
<b>MONDAY 14th</b>	10am Mass
<b>TUESDAY 15th</b>	<b>10am Mass</b> The Assumption <b>7pm Mass</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 16th</b>	10am Mass
<b>FRIDAY 18th</b>	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

### SUMMER MASSES

During 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**.

### WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

#### Recently Deceased

Gavin Young  
Darren Casey, Rasharkin  
Helen Fidgeon, Rasharkin

#### Anniversaries

Molly & Willy Douglas, Paddy Havlin, Anne Quigley

#### 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**.

### OLD & NEW@No.5

It's been a very busy week for our parish shop with lots of locals and holidaymakers calling in. Now the shelves are restocked and we are all set for another busy week! This week check out our choice of lamps, our collection of Masons Ironstone, our Doulton 'ladies' selection of new ceramics and candelabras.

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

### LOUGH DERG ONE DAY PILGRIMAGE

The Living Church Office are organising a one day pilgrimage to Lough Derg on Saturday 23rd September. As this is a one day retreat, fasting and walking barefooted are not required. It will cost £55 includes luxury coach transfers, tea, coffee & scones on arrival, retreat day, light lunch, concluding with Mass.

The coach will depart 7am From St Patrick's Church, Donegall Street, Belfast. Places are limited so early booking is recommended. Contact Claire Tel: 02890 690920 Email: livingchurch@downandconnor.org

### ONLINE BIBLE COURSE

The Bible is at the heart of our faith and our relationship with God. Reading the Bible should bring us closer to Christ, but many people find it hard to even begin. So why not begin with the Down & Connor Living Church office to learn how to read the bible, understand it and so experience its life changing power?

*Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* is an 8-week programme. Course participants will receive a resource pack and gather online through Zoom for a time of teaching, discussion, and prayerful reflection. It begins Monday 18th September and runs for 8 weeks.

The programme will conclude with a retreat day at the Holy Rosary Parish Centre Belfast on Saturday 18th November.

The course is being run by Aishling Steen & Fr Paul Byrne from the Living Church Office. For further information or to book your place please contact **livingchurch@downandconnor.org** or Tel: **028 90690920**

### PARISH OF BALLYMONEY & DERRYKEIGHAN

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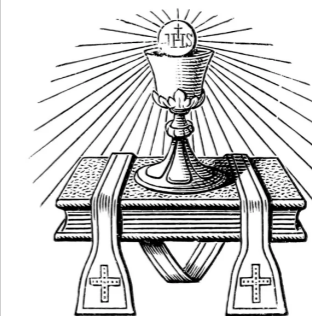
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### HYMNS FOR MASS

O sacrament most holy  
O sacrament divine  
All praise and all thanksgiving  
Be every moment thine.



Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
And His righteousness;  
And all these things  
shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, Alleluia.

*Alleluia, alleluia.  
Alleluia, Allelu, Alleluia.*

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;  
Seek, and ye shall find.  
Knock, and the door  
shall be opened unto you.  
Allelu, Alleluia.

### 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.

## Tuesday 15th August The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION  
Masses here at 10am & 7pm



### Other Masses in this area:

Monday 7pm	-	St Malachy's, Coleraine
Tuesday 7am	-	St Malachy's, Coleraine
Tuesday 9.30am	-	Portstewart
Tuesday 10am	-	St Malachy's, Coleraine
Tuesday 10.30am	-	Portrush
Tuesday 7pm	-	Portstewart