



Parish of Ballymoney
& Derrykeighan
CAUSEWAY FAMILY OF PARISHES

17th August 2025
Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time



SET THE WORLD ON FIRE!

"I have come to set the earth on fire!" Jesus speaks these powerful words in today's Gospel. He came to ignite the fire of faith in our hearts – not to destroy, but to transform us with his love.

But following Christ isn't always easy. Like Jeremiah in today's first reading, we may face opposition when we live by Gospel values. But God promises to keep our flame burning bright. As St Catherine of Siena is supposed to have said: "Be who you are supposed to be and you will set the world on fire."

God takes our simple prayers and good deeds and sets them ablaze with his divine love, making us lights of hope in our world.

THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 16th	5.30pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
SUNDAY 17th	9.30am Mass
MONDAY 18th	10am Mass
WEDNESDAY 20th	10am Mass 7pm Rosary
FRIDAY 22nd	6pm Adoration & Confessions 7pm Mass

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

Other Masses in the Causeway Family of Parishes

Saturday 4.30pm	-	Portstewart
Sunday 10am	-	Portstewart
Sunday 11.30am	-	St Malachy's, Coleraine
Sunday 12noon	-	Portrush
Sunday 5pm	-	St Malachy's, Coleraine

WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Anniversaries

Seamus Diver, Bridie McAleese, Eimèar McCloskey,
Catherine McVeigh

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

CONGRATULATIONS

to Aileen McAlister and Daniel Hendrie
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**.

MASS INTENTIONS

Due to the reduction in the number of Sunday Masses in our parish it will now be necessary for some weekend Masses to have shared Mass intentions. Under canon law, the parish priest must offer one Mass each Sunday and holy day for all the people of the parish. This leaves us now with only one other Mass each weekend for special intentions including anniversaries and month's minds. Please be aware that if you book a Mass intention on a Saturday or Sunday that it may be shared with others. Mass intentions on weekdays will continue to be for just one donor's intention. If you have any questions about Mass intentions please speak to Fr Damian.

OLD & NEW@No.5

What's new in our parish shop this week..? Check out our large Grindley dinner set, our selection of tea and drinking sets, our choice of paintings, and we have just got a top up of our popular tin men, Jack Russell dogs and our popular garden stags.

Open Wednesday to Saturday 10.00-4.30 pm at 5 Gate End Ballymoney. You can also see pictures of our stock on our Facebook page.

CHARITY DANCE IN RASHARKIN

There will be a charity dance to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support at St Olcan's Hall in **Rasharkin** on **Saturday 23rd August** at **8.30pm**. Tickets £10 at the door and a light supper is included. Music by Kenny Paul.

SAVE THE DATE

As part of our bicentenary year events we will be staging a **Jubilee Fête** on **Saturday 20th September** from **12noon** to **5pm**. There will be amusements and entertainment for all ages, something to eat and drink and a chance to win **£500** in the **parish draw**. More details coming soon!

24 HOURS OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

A 24 hour vigil of prayer for vocations to the priesthood takes place at **St Colmcille's church, Newtownards Rd, Belfast** this week, beginning on **Thursday (22nd)** at **9.30am**. Come at any time during the day or night. Adoration, confessions and refreshments will be available throughout.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR GAZA

Next **Sunday (24th)** will be a day of prayer across Ireland for peace in Gaza. Everyone is asked to pray for this intention, or to do some penance or sacrifice asking God's blessing for the Holy Land and all who suffer there at this time.

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HYMNS FOR MASS

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,
Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me, shield in the strife.
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising, Light of my life.

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me,
Christ be on all tongues telling of me.
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me,
In ears that hear me, Christ ever be.

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven,
to his feet your 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 forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless,
Praise him, praise him,
praise him, praise him
Glorious in his faithfulness

LOUGH DERG

There are a number of pilgrimage available at Lough Derg in August and September:

One Day Retreats – Guided Days of Prayer and Reflection - places available on August 19th, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 30th September 3rd, 6th, 7th, 9th, 13th, 20th, 21st. Admission €50. Group discounts available, advance booking essential.

Pilgrim Path Lake Shore Pilgrimage - In the footsteps of pilgrims through the centuries Sunday 31st August. Guided 8km & 12km walk options available. Admission €25, advance booking essential.

Quiet Day Retreat – Come apart by yourself, and rest for a while – Friday 12th September. Admission €40 includes refreshments and lunch. Advance booking essential.

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MASS TIME CHANGES

The new Mass times across our Causeway Family of Parishes take effect from this weekend. As well as the Sunday Masses there are some changes on weekdays too. Here are the new regular **weekday Mass times** for the neighbouring parishes.

St Malachy's, Coleraine
Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays 10am

St Patrick's, Portrush
Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays 10.30am

Star of the Sea, Portstewart
Tuesdays 7pm; Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 9.30am

NB Weekday Masses are sometimes subject to change. Please check bulletins or online to see if a Mass is scheduled on any particular week.