



Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

20th AUGUST 2023
Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time



JESUS TEACHES US A LESSON

Jesus doesn't sound like himself in today's Gospel. He seems reluctant to help the Canaanite woman because she isn't a Jew and she has to persuade him to heal her daughter. But what's really going on here is that Jesus is teaching his apostles - and us as well - to avoid prejudice and be open to people of all nations.

Once we realise the lesson Jesus is trying to teach us we then have to put it into practice for ourselves. We live in a world where there is much division and bigotry. What Jesus wants is that we Catholics should be open-minded, kind and welcoming to others. He wants us to speak up for those who face discrimination. And he wants us to see others as our sisters and brothers in the faith.

THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 19th	5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
SUNDAY 20th	9.30am Mass 4.30-4.50pm Confessions 5pm Mass
MONDAY 21st	10am Mass
WEDNESDAY 23rd	10am Mass
FRIDAY 25th	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
May Hogan

Anniversaries
Tony Donaghy, Elizabeth Graham, Eimear McCloskey, Eileen Mooney, Hannah Morrison

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

Our parish shop is **six years old this week** - and what a great six years it has been! **Thank you** to both our customers and the loyal team of volunteers who have made it such a success for our parish.

This week check out our tea sets, new set of advertising cans, a new range of traditional games, binoculars, Masons Ironstone, silver plate and much more. Our first range of Autumn clothing is on the rails this week too!

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

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.**

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** and 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 rmail: 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**

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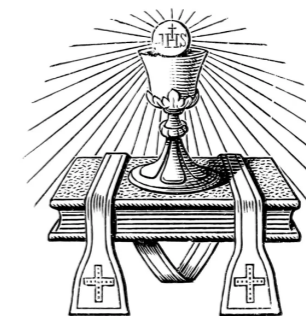
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HYMNS FOR MASS

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.



A JOURNEY INTO FREEDOM

You are invited to join **A Journey into Freedom**, a faith development programme which intends to lead us into a more personal relationship with Christ and deepen friendships among those who participate.

St Malachy's parish centre in Coleraine will be the venue for this programme. It will begin on **Wednesday 20th September** and will run for **six weeks** (finishing on Wednesday 25th October). Each evening will commence at 7pm and conclude at 8.30pm. Refreshments will also be served when there will be time for a chat with new (and old) friends. All are welcome.

DUNLOY COMHALTAS



Would you like to play music? Or would you like to learn Irish? Dunloy Comhaltas is offering lessons for adults and young people on **Wednesdays 7-8.30pm**, starting **13th September** at Dunloy Parish Centre.

They would also like to hear from anyone with music expertise to teach, or simply join sessions. Contact **dunloycce@gmail.com**