



Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

27th AUGUST 2023
Twenty First Sunday of Ordinary Time



WHO IS JESUS... AND WHO ARE WE?

In today's Gospel Jesus asks his apostles a crucial question - "who do you say I am?". He's already heard how other people think he's John the Baptist or Elijah. They know he's someone important but they're not entirely sure who. But what about his close friends, do they know who he really is? It's Peter who answers and he knows that Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus responds to this by telling Peter who he is and what he will be - the rock on which the Church is built.

Each of us has to answer this question for ourselves - who do we think Jesus really is? And if we know in our hearts that he is the Son of God and the Saviour of the World then he in turn will help us discover our own vocation in life. Like St Peter, God is calling each of us to be a great saint who makes the world a better place.

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	10am Mass
FRIDAY 1st	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
Sunday 10am -	Portstewart
Sunday 11am -	St Malachy's, Coleraine
Sunday 12noon -	Portrush

WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Recently Deceased

Seamus McCloskey
Camillus Mooney

Anniversaries

James Coyles, Rose Coyles, Breedh Doey, Archie Elliott, Bridget (Bridie) Gillan, John Gillan, Elizabeth Graham, Sean McColgan, Theresa McConville, Johnnie Maxwell, Jessie Neill

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

Please note that the extra summer Masses in Portrush and Portstewart come to an end this weekend. The regular schedule (as shown in the panel left) restarts next weekend.

ORDINATION

We pray for **Deacon Dawid Aksenczuk** of Belfast who will be ordained a priest for the Diocese of Down & Connor at St Peter's Cathedral on **Sunday at 3pm**. May God bless him as he begins his ministry.

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

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.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Parish Financial and Administrative Secretary

Reporting to: Parish Priest of **St John's, Coleraine**
Hours of Work: 12 negotiable to 15
Place of Work: Parish Office, Laurel Hill, Coleraine, Co Derry
Reporting to the Parish Priest, the role entails provision of full secretarial support. This will be inclusive of all administrative duties, payment of accounts due and maintenance of accurate and timely records of all the income and expenditure of the Parish using computerised systems.
For application pack please contact Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP, 02871262302, recruitment@derrydiocese.org
Closing date for applications is 30th August 2023 at 16.30.
Derry Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer.
We welcome applications from all men and women and from members of all communities.

PARISH OF BALLYMONEY & DERRYKEIGHAN

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North Connor Pastoral Community

Contact Details

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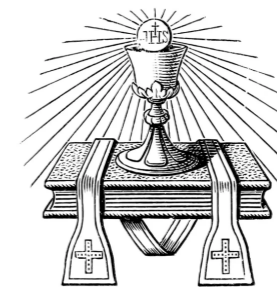
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HYMNS FOR MASS

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



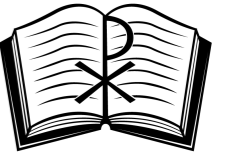
Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness;
And all these things
shall be added unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia.

*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.

PARISH SCRIPTURE COURSE

During September there will be a four week course on the Bible looking at the books of Genesis, Samuel, Matthew and Acts of the Apostles.



It will run on **Thursday evenings** in the parish hall from **7-8pm** beginning **7th September**. For more details contact Danny Carroll **07749042878**.

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.

SVP OUTING



Our parish Society of St Vincent de Paul, will be hosting their annual outing for senior citizens and those living alone on **Sunday 17th September**.

This year's event offers a chance for participants to enjoy Coleman's Garden centre in Templepatrick for a few hours before a meal at The Hedges Hotel. Transport is being organised for those wishing to attend with number limited to **48**.

Senior Citizens or anyone living alone interested in attending should register their attendance by calling **07754 060895** and leaving their name and contact number, or by speaking to an SVP representative.

On the day the bus will be leaving the car park in Castle St opposite the church at **12.30pm** sharp.

The cost is a minimum donation of **£5**, payable on the bus, and the closing date for booking is **Sunday 10th September**.