



Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

CAUSEWAY FAMILY OF PARISHES

31st August 2025
Twenty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time



HOW TO BEHAVE AT GOD’S FEAST

In today’s Gospel Jesus gives us advice about how we should behave at a banquet. But this is also a parable that tells us about the kingdom of God. Firstly, that God is calling all people to his kingdom - but that he starts with the poor, the lame, the lonely and those in most need. These people are top of God’s list, and they should be our concern as well.

Secondly, Jesus reminds us to behave with humility. This doesn’t mean that we put ourselves down - we all have gifts, talents and wisdom to share with others. Instead being humble means putting others first. If we are more interested in others than ourselves we will do great good for them and for the world. And God promises that he will look after us in turn as his special guests.

THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 30th	5.30pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
SUNDAY 31st	9.30am Mass
MONDAY 1st	10am Mass
TUESDAY 2nd	7pm Holy Face Novena
WEDNESDAY 3rd	10am Mass 7pm Rosary
FRIDAY 5th	6pm Adoration & Confessions 7pm Mass

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

Other Sunday 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

Recently Deceased

Hubert Muldoon
Pauline McNicholl, Portrush

Anniversaries

Christine Carr, Pat Fleming, Patsy Lynch, Rose Lynch,
Patsy McAleese, Teresa McAleese, Theresa McConville,
Mary McLaughlin, Johnny Maxwell, Ryan Robinson,
Josephine Smyth

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

CONGRATULATIONS

to the family of **Leo Main**
who was baptised here 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**.

NI AIR AMBULANCE

Our parishioner Sean Kerr will be participating in charity abseil at O’Cahan’s Rock, Roe Valley Country Park on 20th September to raise funds for the Northern Ireland Air Ambulance. To contribute to this worthy cause, please visit www.justgiving.com/page/sean-kerr-1

OLD & NEW@No.5

There are lots of new things in the window and shop to hopefully attract you this week! Open **Wednesday to Saturday 10-4.30pm** at 5 Gate End Ballymoney. You can also see pictures of our stock on our Facebook page.

GROUNDSKEEPER POSITION - READVERTISEMENT

The parish is looking to appoint a **Groundskeeper** to work in our premises in Ballymoney and Dervock. The responsibilities will include:

- Ensuring the churches and parish grounds and other parish properties are maintained to the highest standard, and that all who use them can do so safely and securely.

The terms are based on a permanent appointment requiring **28 hours** attendance each week over **4 days** from **9am to 4pm** – working days to be agreed with the Parish Priest.

Availability to work flexible hours is required from the post holder from time to time. Rate of Pay - **£12.21** gross per hour.

Full details relating to the vacancy can be found on the at: **www.downandconnor.org** clicking on the tab: JOB VACANCIES and on the **Community NI** website. Application packs can also be obtained from Ballymoney Parish Office. We welcome applications from anyone who feels they meet the criteria and are interested in playing an active part in the Parish.

Closing date for applications will be 12noon on Thursday 4th September 2025.

SVP ANNUAL OUTING

The Society of St Vincent de Paul, Ballymoney, are hosting their annual outing for senior citizens and those living alone on **Sunday 21st September 2025**.

This year's event will offer a shopping trip followed by an evening meal. Further details to follow. Transport is being organised for those wishing to attend with number limited to **48**. Anyone with mobility issues please speak to a member of SVP prior to the event.

If you are interested please phone the SVP answerphone **07860455549** and leave your name and contact number, or speak to an SVP representative. Final numbers required by **Sunday 14th September**.

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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

JUBILEE FÊTE

Our parish jubilee fête takes place on **Saturday 20th September** from **12noon-5pm**.

How you can help?

1. Support our Parish Raffle: tickets priced at £10 are now available. First prize £500 and there are five other prizes of £100 each. Please take a book of two tickets as you leave the Church and return them next weekend along with the money.

2. We need donations of bottles and their various contents ie. perfume, cosmetics, soft drinks, alcohol, etc for our Bottle Stall. These can be left in the Church porches at Mass from this weekend onwards.

3. We are looking for volunteers to bake cakes, pastries, breads, puddings, etc for a Cake Stall. Please let Danny Carroll know if you can help.

4. We are hoping to have a big tombola stall so this is your chance to donate any unwanted presents you have at home eg. new cosmetics, candles, ornaments, new toys, etc. These can be left in the Church porches at Mass from this weekend onwards.

5. We are looking for a few more ideas for stalls or indeed any other ideas to help make the event an enjoyable day for everyone. If you can think of anything or can help, please call or message the fete hotline 07860474956.

6. Thanks to the two strong men who volunteered to hold Fr Damian in the stocks while we throw water-soaked sponges at him! We now need someone to help manage the queue!

Finally, please help spread the word and tell your family and friends about the fete as it promises to be a great day!

HOLY FACE OF JESUS

The monthly novena prayers take place on **Tuesday at 7pm**.

