



Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

1st September 2024
Twenty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

THE LAW OF LOVE

In the first reading this week we hear how important the Law was to the Jews. God's great law written in the scriptures was the most important gift that the Jews had received from the Lord. And keeping it faithfully was their most solemn duty.

But over the centuries the law was filled out, extended, clarified and specified so that keeping it it completely became a huge task which required the skill of a lawyer. That's why Jesus offers his teaching here - that's God's law should be honoured and obeyed, but that what really matters is what is in a person's heart. We can commit many sins privately that never break a law! But if we love with all our hearts then we need never fear any legal judgement.



THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 31st	5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
SUNDAY 1st	9.30am Mass 4.30-4.50pm Confessions 5pm Mass
MONDAY 2nd	10am Mass
TUESDAY 3rd	7pm Holy Face Novena
WEDNESDAY 4th	10am Mass
FRIDAY 6th	6-6.40pm Confessions 7pm Mass
SATURDAY 7th	9.30am Mass in Dervock

Our Lady & St Patrick's is open every day for private prayer - usually from 10am to 6pm.

Other Sunday Masses in the Causeway Family of Parishes:

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

Margaret Kelly, Larne

Anniversaries

Christine Carr, Pat Fleming, John & Florence Kirgan, Rose Lynch, Pat Lynch, Patsy McAleese, Mary McLaughlin, Ryan Robinson

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.**

MASS IN DERVOCK

Our monthly First Saturday Mass in Dervock takes place this week (**Saturday 7th**) at **9.30am** at Our Lady & St John the Evangelist church.

NOVENA TO THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS

The monthly novena to the Holy Face of Jesus takes place on Tuesday at 7pm. It includes novena prayers and a time of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.



BACK TO SCHOOL

The new school year has begun! All the classes at **St Brigid's PS** are back now (apart from Primary 1/Class A who have special arrangements).

At **Our Lady of Lourdes**, Years 8 and 12 only come in on Monday 2nd, Yrs 9, 10, 11 only on Tuesday 3rd and then the whole school is present from Wednesday 4th on.

We wish pupils, teachers, staff and volunteers at all our local schools God's blessings for the new academic year.

OLD & NEW @No.5

Our summer sale is over and it's back to normal business! We have rearranged the front of the shop to include all the nice small furnishings that have come in together with an unusual collection of Doulton figurines, pretty tea sets and much more.

Please note that our large hares, lambs, pipe clocks and lying dogs are back so if you get a chance give us a call!

You can find us at 5 Gate End, Ballymoney and it's open **10am-4.30pm** from **Wednesday - Saturday**. Take a look at our Facebook page for more information.

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.



SVP ANNUAL OUTING 2024

The Society of St Vincent de Paul, Ballymoney, are hosting their annual outing for senior citizens and those living alone on **Sunday 22nd September**.

This year's event offers a chance for participants to enjoy a trip to **Derry/Londonderry** for several hours before an evening meal at **The Bushtown Hotel, Coleraine** on the return journey.

Transport is being organised for those wishing to attend. Senior Citizens or anyone living alone in attending should register your attendance by calling **07860 455 549** and leaving your name and contact number, or speaking to an SVP representative.

The bus will be leaving the Car Park in Castle St opposite the Chapel at 12.15pm sharp. The cost is a minimum donation of **£5**, payable on the bus, and the closing date for attendance figures is **Sunday 15th September**.

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HYMNS FOR MASS

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto Me, and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
Thy head upon My breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
Weary, and worn, and sad;
I found in Him a resting-place,
And He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
The living water: thirsty one,
Stoop down, and drink, and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in Him.

O Lord, my God, when I, in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art*

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration
And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

ONLINE THEOLOGY COURSE

The Priory Institute provides online theology courses to degree level. You can attend Saturday lectures in Dublin or from the comfort of your own home online. Register before September 17. Find out more on our website, prioryinstitute.com

SEASON OF CREATION

The Church's Season of Creation begins on **Sunday (1st)** and runs to **4th October**. It's a time to give thanks to God for the natural world and to consider our responsibility to care for it. We'll keep this intention in our prayers during the month and there will be various events across the diocese in the coming weeks.



KNOCK PILGRIMAGE

The Legion of Mary Annual Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine will take place on **Sunday 29th September**. A coach will leave Dunloy Parish Centre at 7am, returning by 9.15pm, costing £20 per person. For more information to book phone **07471537051**.

CAN YOU HELP?

As we head into autumn we are looking for volunteers to help with some of our ministries in the parish. We are looking for people to **read** at Saturday evening or Sunday Masses or to **assist with Holy Communion**. Both of these ministries are organised on a rota basis so the commitment is only occasional. We particularly need readers and Eucharistic ministers for the **Sunday 5pm Mass**. Please contact Fr Damian if you can help.

Our parish choir return from the summer break next **Sunday (8th September)** and they would love to welcome new members who want to sing at the **9.30am Mass**. Just call up to the choir next Sunday morning!