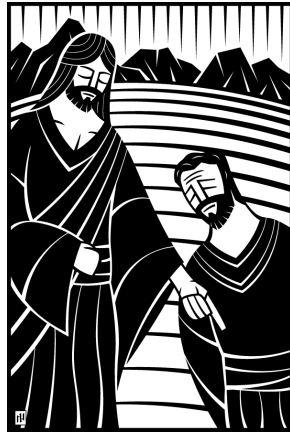




# Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

3rd SEPTEMBER 2023  
Twenty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time



## POOR ST PETER!

For the man chosen to be the first leader of the Church poor St Peter sure made a lot of mistakes! Today's Gospel sees him trying to correct Jesus and being called Satan for his trouble. And that was only one of the times that Peter did the wrong thing. Think of his denial of Jesus on Good Friday or the story of *quo vadis* when Peter made to flee Rome during the persecutions of the emperor Nero.

But even though he slipped up a lot Peter always returned to the right path, with Jesus forgiving and guiding him. Peter's mistakes make him relatable, and he sets an example of having the humility to admit errors and get back on track. We should emulate St Peter - when we falter or take the easy way out, think of him, seek Jesus' forgiveness, and turn round to follow God's will once more. Like Peter, we make mistakes, but through faith in Christ we can find our way again.

## THIS WEEK

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

<b>SATURDAY 1st</b>	5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
<b>SUNDAY 2nd</b>	9.30am Mass 4.30-4.50pm Confessions 5pm Mass
<b>MONDAY 3rd</b>	10am Mass
<b>TUESDAY 4th</b>	7pm Mass in Dervock
<b>WEDNESDAY 5th</b>	10am Mass
<b>FRIDAY 7th</b>	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

Clare McAfee, Ballycastle

### Anniversaries

James Douglas, Pat Fleming, Johnny & Florence Kirgan, Patsy McAleese, Anthony McGreevy, James McGreevy

## REQUIESCAT IN PACE



## CONGRATULATIONS

to the family of **Betsy Rae McKay** who was baptised here last weekend.



## 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 Tuesday Mass in Dervock takes place this week (Tuesday 4th) at 7pm at Our Lady & St John the Evangelist church.

## OLD & NEW@No.5

As September begins our Autumn clothes range is going down really well. Elsewhere in the shop, we have some nice new tea sets, ceramics, crystal and other items to hopefully tempt you!

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

## PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

The annual Legion of Mary Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine will take place on **Sunday 24th September**. A coach will leave from Dunloy at 7am; cost £43, including meal on return journey. To book please call or text **07471537051**.

## SEASON OF CREATION



More details to follow.

During this time we give thanks to God for the world we live in and to become more aware of the importance of looking after the environment as gift from God. We will be marking the season in our parish and in the north coast family of parishes in the next few weeks.

## 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 this wee (**7th**). For more details contact Danny Carroll **07749042878**.



## 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 email: livingchurch@downandconnor.org

## 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**.

## 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.

## PARISH CHOIR

Our choir return this week for the **9.30am Mass** on **Sundays** after a short break. New members (male and female) are always welcome. Just speak to our choir director Aimee Doherty after Mass or contact her on 07934 147981 or aimeedohertymusic@gmail.com

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## HYMNS FOR MASS

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.

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!