



# Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

4th SEPTEMBER 2022  
Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time



## THE SEASON OF CREATION

The beginning of September marks the start of the 'Season of Creation' in the Church. This is a fairly new idea - just as we celebrate Our Lady in May and the Sacred Heart in June, so we are now asked to spend September celebrating the gift of God's creation. The season will run until October 4th, the feast of St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of the environment.

This month is also a time to reflect on the dangers and sufferings caused by climate change, pollution, and exploitation of both people and resources around the world. Pope Francis wants the Church to lead the way in treating others with respect and protecting the beautiful world that God has given us.

### THIS WEEK

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

<b>SATURDAY 3rd</b>	5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
<b>SUNDAY 4th</b>	10am Mass 5pm Mass
<b>MONDAY 5th</b>	10am Mass
<b>TUESDAY 6th</b>	7pm Mass in Dervock
<b>WEDNESDAY 7th</b>	10am Mass
<b>FRIDAY 9th</b>	6-6.40pm Confessions 7pm Mass

Our Lady & St Patrick's is open every day for private prayer - usually from 11am to 6pm.

### CONGRATULATIONS

to the family of **Aoife Hannawin** who was baptised here last weekend.



and to **Hannah Biesty** and **Conor Reid** who celebrated their marriage this week.

### PARISH FINANCES

During the first six months of the year we raised the following amounts to support the work of the Church:

Weekly (for the parish) **£32975** (av. £1319 a week)  
Monthly (for priests' welfare) **£8845** (av. £1474 a month)  
Church Renovation: **£8374** (av. £1395 a month)

Living Youth **£483.50**  
Sick & Retired Priests **£782.70**  
Needy Parishes **£567**  
Holy Land **£550.87**  
Easter Voluntary **£1459.50**  
Education of Diocesan Students **£559**  
Peter's Pence **£502.23**

### Thank you so much for supporting all our collections.

Your contributions help us to fund the work of our parish, the diocese and the church around the world.

Envelopes can be left in the church at Mass times or at the parochial house. You can also set up a standing order or make a one-off payment with these details:

Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan  
Sort code: 95-06-79  
Account No: 10020192.

Please make cheques payable to:  
**Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan**

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL

If you need help or you would like to find out more about getting involved in the work of the SVP contact us on **07860 455 549** or by speaking to any member of the society after Mass.



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### ST VINCENT DE PAUL OUTING

Our parish SVP are hosting their annual outing for senior citizens and those living alone on **Sunday 18th September**. This year's event offers a chance to enjoy the *Naturally North Coast & Glens* artisan market in Ballycastle for a few hours before a whistle-top tour of the Glens, on route to the Tullyglass House Hotel Ballymena for an evening meal.

Transport is being organised for those wishing to attend with number limited to 48. The bus will be leaving the car park in Castle St opposite the church at 11:15 sharp.

The cost is a minimum donation of £5, payable on the bus, **and the closing date for booking your place is this Sunday 4th September!**

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 speaking to an SVP representative.

### PARISH CHOIR

After the success of our special choir who came together to sing at the Easter ceremonies (and occasionally after that), we are pleased to announce that it will be a weekly arrangement from the end of September at our Sunday 10am Mass. Aimee Doherty has kindly agreed to lead the choir and she invites anyone who would be interested in singing or playing an instrument to contact her on **07934 147981** or **aimeedohertymusic@gmail.com**

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### OLD & NEW@No.5

We're open Wednesday- Saturday 10.00am-4.30pm and you'll find us at 5 Gate End, Ballymoney. Check us out on Facebook too @oldandnewatno5

### LOUGH DERG

One Day Retreats have resumed on Lough Derg, and continue on selected dates until the end of the month: September 7, 10, 13, 17, 18, 24 & 25

Booking is essential. Admission fee of €45pp includes all refreshments, lunch, return boat service, full retreat programme, free car & coach parking. Boats available from 9.15am on the day; retreat begins at 10.30am until 4.30pm

For booking and further information:  
by phone +353 (0)71 9861518  
online: www.loughderg.org  
email: info@loughderg.org

### MISSIONARY APPEAL

Next weekend (10th/11th) there will be an appeal for the Holy Ghost Missionaries and one of their priests will speak at our Masses.

### DAY OF PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

The Church has asked that Wednesday 14th September, the feast of the Triumph of the Cross, will be a day of special prayer for peace in Ukraine. The parishes of Ballymoney Coleraine, Portrush and Portstewart are jointly organising a day of prayer at St Malachy's in Coleraine on 14th September from 10.30am to 8pm.

You are invited to call in to St Malachy's at any point during that time for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Night Prayer of the Church and Benediction will be at 7.30pm. Come and pray for this very important intention!

### WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

#### Anniversaries

James Douglas, Pat Fleming, Johnnie & Flo Kirgan, Kevin Laverty, Catherine McCollam, Bena McQuaid, Hugh O'Boyle

### REQUIESCAT IN PACE

