



# Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

8th September 2024  
Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

## COMMUNICATING THE WORD OF GOD

In today's Gospel Jesus heals a man who was both deaf and dumb, allowing him to hear and speak freely. This was beautiful gift, a great healing which changed the man's life for the better.

But did you know this same gift was given to each of us too? When we were baptised the priest blessed our lips and ears and said "The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the dumb speak. May he soon touch your ears to receive his word, and your mouth to proclaim his faith, to the praise and glory of God the Father." This time it was not a healing that the Church prayed for but the gift of communication. We want to be able to hear God when he speaks to our hearts and then to share his Good News with others by the way we live our lives.



## THIS WEEK

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

<b>SATURDAY 7th</b>	5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
<b>SUNDAY 8th</b>	9.30am Mass 4.30-4.50pm Confessions 5pm Mass
<b>MONDAY 9th</b>	10am Mass
<b>WEDNESDAY 11th</b>	10am Mass
<b>FRIDAY 13th</b>	6-6.40pm Confessions 7pm Mass

*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

**Month's Mind**  
Archbishop Noel Treanor

**Anniversaries**  
Danny Coyles, James Douglas, Kevin Laverty, Catherine McCollam, Annie & Roger McConnell, Anthony McGreevy, Feeny Moore, Joe O'Boyle

## 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

At our parish shop this week check out our collection of tea sets including 'Orchard Gold', 'Masons Ironstone', and a 21 piece 'Old Country Rose', plus silver plated tea services and cutlery.

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.

## RADIO MARIA IRELAND

This weekend we have a visiting speaker from **Radio Maria Ireland**. This is an Irish Catholic talk radio station providing prayer, catechesis, uplifting music, talks, interviews and testimonies. Here's how you can listen:

- Download their FREE App "RADIO MARIA IRELAND"
- Streaming on their WEBSITE - [www.radiomaria.ie](http://www.radiomaria.ie)
- Via their 'Listen Live Radio' link on their Facebook Page.

## 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.

## JOB VACANCIES

A vacancy has arisen for the appointment of a **Parish Secretary (Part-time)** who will work across the three parishes of **Portstewart, Portrush and Ballymoney.**

The post holder will be required to:

- provide confidential, efficient and effective secretarial support to the Parish Priest within each of the three parishes, and assistance to visitors and parishioners who visit or make contact with these Parish offices.
- to effectively and efficiently manage and maintain the Parish Offices.

The terms are based on a permanent appointment requiring **25 hours per week**. Work pattern to be agreed across the individual parish offices.

Rate of Pay - **£12.50 gross per hour.**

(Where travel between parish offices is required – mileage allowance will form part of the overall remuneration package for this shared role.)

Full details relating to the vacancy can be found on the Diocesan website at: <http://www.downandconnor.org> clicking on the tab: **JOB VACANCIES** and on the **Community NI** website, where terms and conditions relating to the role can also be accessed by way of a Role Profile and Employment Application form.

Application packs can also be obtained from any of the Parish Offices of Portstewart, Portrush or Ballymoney.

We welcome applications from anyone who feels they meet the criteria and are interested in playing an active part in this family of parishes.

Closing date for applications will be **12 noon on Monday 16th September 2024.**

There is also a vacancy for the role of part time **Parish Centre Caretaker** in **Rasharkin** parish. Details available from the websites mentioned above. Closing date **Thursday 19th September at 12noon.**

## PARISH OF BALLYMONEY & DERRYKEIGHAN

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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  
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How great Thou art, how great Thou art*

When Christ shall come, with shouts 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!

## SVP ANNUAL OUTING 2024

This year's outing for Senior Citizens and those living alone takes place on **Sunday 22nd September**. It will be a trip to **Derry/Londonderry** for several hours before an evening meal at **The Bushtown Hotel, Coleraine** on the return journey.

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 **next Sunday (15th)**. Please phone **07860 455 549** and leave your name and contact number, or speak to an SVP representative.

## 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 this Sunday and they would love to welcome new members who want to sing at the **9.30am Mass**. Just call up and say hello!

## KNOCK PILGRIMAGES

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**.

Also **Saturday 5th October** there will be a bus to Knock leaving St Patrick's Church Loughguile at 6am. To book a place contact Patricia Campbell on **02827641120** or **07871626940**. Price approx. **£25-£30** depending on numbers.