



Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

10th SEPTEMBER 2023
Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time



GOD'S WAY OF COMPLAINING

In our readings today, we're reminded how to make complaints in a loving, Christian manner. In the first reading the Lord appointed Ezekiel to speak out against sin, even if it felt fruitless, because it was his sacred duty. In the same spirit, we too can stand up and complain about injustice and unfairness because it's the right thing to do.

But how should we deal with other people who have upset us? In the Gospel Jesus advises first discussing it calmly, one-on-one. If that doesn't work, bring along a mediator to help find common ground. And although this may not work immediately we should still be open to a future reconciliation. When we have grievances, let's seek fairness not revenge. Rather than arguing to win, let's aim to rebuild friendships. With patience and respect, even difficult people can have a change of heart. God can help us forgive those who've hurt us, and soften hard hearts through our gentle Christlike love.

THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 8th	5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
SUNDAY 9th	9.30am Mass 4.30-4.50pm Confessions 5pm Mass
MONDAY 10th	10am Mass
WEDNESDAY 12th	10am Mass
FRIDAY 14th	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

Month's Mind
Gavin Young

Anniversaries
Danny Hendrie, Kevin Laverty, Rose & Paddy Lynch, Mary McLaughlin, Feeny Moore

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.**

PARISH SCRIPTURE COURSE

During September we are running a course on the Bible looking at the books of Genesis, Samuel, Matthew and Acts of the Apostles. It continues on **Thursday evenings** in the parish hall from 7-8pm. For more details contact Danny Carroll 07749042878.



OLD & NEW@No.5

Our annual end of summer sale started on Wednesday with at least 25% off ALL stock (excluding clothing and accessories) and everything under £10.00 HALF PRICE! Our autumn clothes range has been topped up again this week and hopefully there's something to suit you. Have a look when you're in for the sale!

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 the Castle St carpark opposite our church at **7.15am**; cost **£43**, including meal on return journey. To book please call or text **07471537051**.

SEASON OF CREATION - SEPTEMBER 2023

Bulb Planting Morning

To celebrate the **Season of Creation** in our parish this year we will be having a Bulb Planting Morning after **9.30am Mass on Sunday 24th September**. We would like to invite as many people as possible to stay behind and help plant crocus bulbs on the front lawn and the Garden of the Good Shepherd.



Coffee and refreshments will be served in the parish hall at this time. Please bring your own gloves and tools. We would especially love to see families and children taking part in this event which will make our Church grounds even more beautiful next spring and for many years to come!

Season of Creation Prayer

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea, and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for your gracious providing may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

PORTSTEWART BROADCAST MASS

BBC Radio Ulster are broadcasting Mass from Star of the Sea church in Portstewart on Sunday morning (**10th**) at **10am**. This Mass will be available to hear afterwards online through BBC Sounds.

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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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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

This Sunday is the last day to book a place on the annual outing for senior citizens and those living alone organised by our parish Society of St Vincent de Paul on Sunday 17th September.



This year's event offers a chance for participants to enjoy Colemans 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.

The bus will be leaving the car park in Castle St opposite the church at **12.30pm sharp next Sunday**. The cost is a minimum donation of **£5**, payable on the bus.

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.