



# Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

11th SEPTEMBER 2022  
Twenty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time



## GOD IS MERCIFUL

The message of God's forgiveness is one that we are familiar with, but Jesus still wishes to emphasise it in the Gospel today. Our human approach to forgiveness is so often flawed - we hold grudges, erect barriers, make demands and establish conditions. Jesus wants to remind his listeners (and us) that God's forgiveness is overflowing and bountiful.

Saint Paul in the Second Reading shows he was well aware of this: he had persecuted the Church, calling himself the greatest of sinners; and yet, thanks to the inexhaustible patience of God, he can count himself a believer. We must be open to the gift of forgiveness for ourselves, and also open to that forgiveness offered to other whom we would condemn.

### THIS WEEK

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

<b>SATURDAY 10th</b>	5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
<b>SUNDAY 11th</b>	10am Mass 5pm Mass
<b>MONDAY 12th</b>	10am Mass
<b>WEDNESDAY 14th</b> Day of Prayer For Ukraine	10am Mass <i>Adoration 10.30-8pm in St Malachy's, Coleraine Vespers &amp; Benediction at 7.30pm</i>
<b>FRIDAY 16th</b>	6-6.40pm Confessions 7pm Mass

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

### PARISH FINANCES

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

### DAY OF PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

The Church has asked that this **Wednesday (14th)** will be a day of special prayer for peace in Ukraine. The parishes of Ballymoney, Coleraine, Portstewart and Portrush are coming together for a day of Eucharistic Adoration which will be held in **St Malachy's, Coleraine** from 10.30am to 8pm. The day will conclude with **Vespers and Benediction at 7.30pm.**

If you would like to volunteer to be an adorer for an hour before the Blessed Sacrament on this day, please contact Paula at St. Malachy's (02870343156) on Monday 12th or Tuesday 13th September from 8am - 1pm.

You are invited to call into St Malachy's during the day and pray for any length of time. As a Church we will express our solidarity for the Ukrainian people by uniting in prayer for peace in their country.

### 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. Thank you for supporting our collections.

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL OUTING

Our parish SVP are hosting their annual outing for senior citizens and those living alone on **Sunday 18th September**. For those who have booked the bus will be leaving the car park in Castle St opposite the church at **11.15am sharp!**

### 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**

### LOUGH DERG

One Day Retreats have resumed on Lough Derg, and continue on selected dates until the end of the month: September 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](http://www.loughderg.org) email: [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org)

### WINTER WARM PACKS

Special packs of warm winter clothing are available for senior citizens (over 60) and people with ongoing health issues from Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council. Phone 028 2766 0200 during working hours for more information.

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### LEGION OF MARY TRIP TO KNOCK

The Legion of Mary are organising a bus trip to Knock on Saturday 24th September. The bus will leave the Castle St car park opposite the church at **7.15am**. To reserve your seat contact Sally on **27638512**. £20 per person.

### WEEKEND MASSES IN THIS AREA

Saturday 5pm - Portstewart  
Saturday 6pm - **Ballymoney**  
St Malachy's, Coleraine  
Sunday 10am - **Ballymoney**  
Portstewart  
Sunday 11am - St Malachy's, Coleraine  
Sunday 12noon - Portrush  
Sunday 5pm - **Ballymoney**

### 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

### PRAYER FOR THE SEASON OF CREATION

Creator God, who made our beautiful world, appointed us as its guardians and gifted us with everything we need, forgive us for the times we cause it harm; for the times our way of life affects our neighbours. Inspire us to care for the environment; to help rebuild lives and communities; to share in the griefs and anxieties, joys and hopes of all your people, so that all your creation may flourish. Amen.



### WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

#### Anniversaries

Mary Rose Coughlan, Eileen Devlin, Archie Elliott, John & Mary McCann, Kevin McCann, Annie McConnell, Therese McConville, Anthony McGreevy, Feeny Moore, Michael Mullaghan, Mary Porteous

### REQUIESCAT IN PACE

