



# Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

15th September 2024  
Twenty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

## A SHARP WARNING

When Jesus says "Get behind me, Satan" to St Peter in today's gospel, the other apostles must have gasped - what a thing to say to your friend!

Why did Jesus speak so sharply to Peter? It was because the apostle didn't want to hear Jesus speak about suffering or the cross. But the Lord knows that suffering is a part of life that can't be wished away. Indeed, Jesus would go on to suffer himself as a sacrifice for the sins of the world. The Lord is warning Peter here that his attitude is wrong and dangerous. If we can't accept the hardships of life then we won't be able to cope when they come. Instead Jesus tells us that we must have a different attitude - we should take up our cross and follow him.



## THIS WEEK

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

<b>SATURDAY 14th</b>	5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
<b>SUNDAY 15th</b>	9.30am Mass 4.30-4.50pm Confessions 5pm Mass
<b>MONDAY 16th</b>	10am Mass
<b>TUESDAY 17th</b>	7pm Holy Hour in Dervock
<b>WEDNESDAY 18th</b>	10am Mass
<b>FRIDAY 20th</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

### Recently Deceased

Anthony (Cahal) Kelly  
Michael Coyles

### Anniversaries

Thomas Graham, John, Mary & Kevin McCann,  
Joseph McCollam, George McMillan, Michael Mullaghan,  
George Shiels

## REQUIESCAT IN PACE

## CONGRATULATIONS

to **Laura McLernon** and **Michael McKendry** who celebrated their marriage this week.



## 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.**

## JOB VACANCY

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.**

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).**

## JOB VACANCIES

At this time there are two other vacancies at local parishes. Full details on the websites mentioned above.

**Part Time Housekeeper** (Dunloy & Cloughmills Parish)  
10 hrs a week. Closing date Thursday 19th September.

**Part Time Parish Centre Caretaker** (Rasharkin Parish)  
12 hrs a week. Closing date Thursday 19th September.

## OLD & NEW@No.5

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.

## SEASON OF CREATION

From the beginning of September through to October 4th (the feast of St Francis of Assisi) the Church marks a *Season of Creation* when we give thanks to God for the gifts he gives us in the natural world and reflect on how we can protect and celebrate the world around us. In our parish there will be a number of special events.

## Prayer Service for the RNLI

The RNLI Ballymoney Branch will be having a prayer service on **Sunday 22nd September at 7pm.** The music will be led by the local choir *Counterpoint*. A collection will be taken up for the work of the RNLI and refreshments will be served in the parish hall afterwards.

## Blessing of Animals



You are invited to bring pets and animals to the church car park on **Sunday 29th September at 3pm** for a short outdoor service. We hope to have a procession round the church grounds followed by a blessing of the animals. A collection will be taken up for Benvardin Animal Rescue.

## PARISH OF BALLYMONEY & DERRYKEIGHAN

Diocese of Down & Connor  
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Youtube: Ballymoney Parish

## 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.

## SVP ANNUAL OUTING 2024

This year's outing for Senior Citizens and those living alone takes place **next Sunday (22nd)**. 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 **Sunday (15th)**. Please phone **07860 455 549** and leave your name and contact number, or speak to an SVP representative.

## 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**.

**Saturday 5th October.** Bus leaving St Patrick's Church Loughguile at 6am. Contact Patricia Campbell on **02827641120** or **07871626940**. Price approx. **£25-£30** depending on numbers.

## BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

The loss of a partner through death, separation or divorce is devastating. *Beginning Experience* is offering a programme of bereavement support in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Ave., Belfast on three Saturdays (28th September, 26th October and 30th November). To book a place or find out more, contact Pauline 07519289185 or Marie 07896119669, or email [belfastbe@yahoo.com](mailto:belfastbe@yahoo.com)