

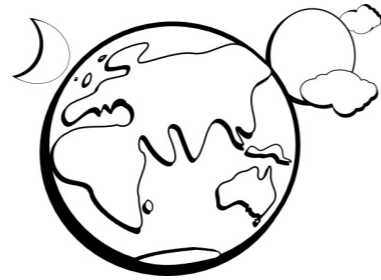


Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

24th SEPTEMBER 2023
Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

THE SEASON OF CREATION

Just as May is the month of Mary and November is the month of the faithful departed, so now September is the Church's *Season of Creation*. It's a time for us to give thanks to God for all the blessings he gives us in the natural world. We also reflect on our responsibility to look after the environment and the whole of humanity so that we can pass on these gifts to the next generation. Christians know that we are not masters of the earth, but stewards, and God expects us to use his gifts wisely.



As a concrete way of marking the month we're planting a thousand crocus bulbs on the lawn outside the church on Sunday morning. Next spring they will bloom to welcome us when we come to Mass and remind us that warmer, brighter days are ahead. By planting them we show our commitment to making the world a more beautiful place and thanking God for the beauty of creation. Thank you as well to everyone who is helping us plant the bulbs this weekend!

THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 23rd	5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
SUNDAY 24th	9.30am Mass 4.30-4.50pm Confessions 5pm Mass
MONDAY 25th	10am Mass
WEDNESDAY 27th	10am Mass
FRIDAY 29th	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
Seamus McCloskey


Anniversaries
Bishop Michael Dallat, Fr Vincent McKinley PP, Kathleen Dunbar, Rosie & Willie McCann, Caroline O'Carroll, Jimmy McCusker, Nora Rodgers, Fionnuala White

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

CONGRATULATIONS

to the family of **Leo and Conor Garland** who were baptised last weekend



 and **Leona McKay and Dermot Casey** who celebrated their marriage during the 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.**

SEASON OF CREATION BULB PLANTING

To celebrate the **Season of Creation** in our parish this year we are having a Bulb Planting Morning after **9.30am Mass on Sunday**. 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!

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS

Arrangements are being finalised for the celebration of First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation next spring. Children attending St Brigid's PS and Ballymoney Model Integrated PS will make their preparation for the sacraments in school.

Children attending other schools who wish to make their sacraments in our parish need to participate in the sacramental preparation course which will run at the parish centre in St Malachy's, Coleraine from next month. An enrolment meeting for parents only will take place will take place in **St Malachy's parish centre on Thursday October 5th at 7pm.**

Children are eligible for the sacraments as follows:
First Confession & First Communion - children in **P4** (or older)
Confirmation - children in **P7** (or older)

For further information please contact the parish office.

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**.



NEW BIBLE PRAYER GROUP

Would you like to learn how to pray and meditate with the bible? A *Lectio Divina* prayer session will take place in the Canon's house (no.79) on **Sunday 1st October at 6pm** (after the Sunday evening Mass). All welcome to attend.

A JOURNEY INTO FREEDOM

The Journey into Freedom course continues this Wednesday at 7pm in St Malachy's parish centre in Coleraine. Refreshments will also be served when there will be time for a chat with new (and old) friends. All are welcome.

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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
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art*

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.



THANK YOU

Thanks to all our St Vincent de Paul members for organising the annual outing last Sunday and the refreshments after Mass this Sunday morning. May God bless you and reward you for your good work which is much appreciated in the parish and the wider community.

OLD & NEW@No.5

This week why not check out our driftwood pieces, our new pottery houses and dog heads, carved wooden birds, our 10 setting Old Country Rose tea set, salad plates, and much more! Our parish shop is open **Wednesday- Saturday 10.00am-4.30pm** at 5 Gate End, Ballymoney. Check us out on Facebook too [@oldandnewatno5](https://www.facebook.com/oldandnewatno5)

CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY (CAP)

CAP is a UK wide Christian charity offering help with managing debt, setting up repayment plans and budgeting. Their Ballymoney branch is based at St Patrick's Church of Ireland. To make an appointment with one of the local debt coaches phone free **0800 328 0006** Monday -Thursday 9.30am-5pm; Fridays 9.30am - 3.30pm. Website www.capuk.org

REELROBICS CAUSEWAY

The Irish dance workout for adults is back in the Parish Hall for another term of classes on **Wednesdays 7-8pm**. All new and existing members are warmly welcome to join us for fun & fitness. Contact **Aileen** on **07513159505** or her social media pages for more information.