



Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

CAUSEWAY FAMILY OF PARISHES

28th September 2025
Twenty Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

CARE FOR THOSE NEED

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the story of the rich man and Lazarus, teaching us that we cannot claim to love God while ignoring those who suffer right before our eyes. This teaching has inspired Christians throughout the centuries, including Saint Vincent de Paul, who served the poor with great dedication in seventeenth century France.



His legacy continues through Blessed Frederick Ozanam, who founded the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul in 1833, and through our own parish members who serve quietly and faithfully today. They put the teaching of Christ into action in a practical way with great generosity and discretion. To our SVP members past and present: thank you for being Christ's hands and feet. To others: perhaps the Lord is calling you to join this beautiful ministry of love and service..?

THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 27th	5.30pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
SUNDAY 28th	9.30am Mass
MONDAY 29th	10am Mass
WEDNESDAY 1st	10am Mass 7pm Rosary
THURSDAY 2nd	7pm Candlelight Rosary
FRIDAY 3rd	6pm Adoration & Confessions 7pm Mass

Our Lady & St Patrick's church is open every day
for private prayer - usually from 10am to 7pm.

Other Sunday Masses in the Causeway Family of Parishes

Saturday 4.30pm	-	Portstewart
Sunday 10am	-	Portstewart
Sunday 11.30am	-	St Malachy's, Coleraine
Sunday 12noon	-	Portrush
Sunday 5pm	-	St Malachy's, Coleraine

WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Anniversaries

Annie Devine, Jimmy McCusker, Caroline O'Carroll, Liam O'Mullan, Fionnuala White

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 purple 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 payable to:
Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Our parish SVP conference is here to support our local community, and we do this in the strictest confidence. If you are in need and would like our help please do not hesitate to get in touch on **07860 455 549**.

At Mass on Sunday morning the members of St Vincent de Paul will receive a blessing for their work. It's a chance for us to show our support for the good work they do on behalf of the whole parish.

Thank you to everyone who supports the St Vincent de Paul collections - without your generosity they wouldn't be able to help so many people. If you think you might be interested in joining our parish SVP conference, or if you would like to find out more about their work please speak to any of the members.

CHURCH GROUNDS

Thank you to those who have volunteered to help with the church grounds during recent weeks. We will be having another tidy up session on **Saturday (4th)** in the morning. If you are free to help with some gardening from **10.30am** on we would be very grateful.

OCTOBER - THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

The month of October is dedicated to the Rosary, one of the Church's favourite prayers when we meditate on the lives of Jesus and Mary. Families are encouraged to pray the rosary at home during the month, especially with young children.

Candlelight Rosary

We will pray the rosary together in the church by candlelight on Thursdays over the next four weeks. Begins this **Thursday** at **7pm** with the Joyful Mysteries. This is a lovely chance to come together in a peaceful and meditative environment.



Belfast Rosary Festival

The Legion of Mary and the Knights of Saint Columbanus present **Our Lady's Rosary Festival** from **Saturday 4th** to **Sunday 12th October** with nine events in different venues across Belfast. The Festival ends with the 22nd Annual Rosary Procession from St John's Church on the Falls Road to St Peter's Cathedral, commencing at **2.30pm** on **Sunday 12th October**. All details can be found online at belfastrosaryfestival.com

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

Each year the Church celebrates a Season of Creation in September running to the feast of St Francis of Assisi in early October. It's an opportunity for us to thank God for the gifts he gives us in the natural world.



The Causeway Family of Parishes is once again organising a blessing of animals. This year it will be held at **St Malachy's, Coleraine** on **Sunday 5th October** at **3pm**.

You are invited to bring pets and animals to the church car park for a short outdoor service. We hope to have a rosary procession round the grounds followed by the blessing of the animals.

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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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BROADCAST MASS

BBC Radio Ulster will be broadcasting Mass live from Our Lady & St Patrick's **next Sunday** (5th October). Mass will be at the earlier time of **9.03am** and the congregation is asked to be in place by **8.50am**.

OLD & NEW@NO.5

Highlights in our parish shop this week include lots of ceramics, small furnishings, paintings and crystal just in. We've also received another supply of our freestanding garden stags which have been extremely popular!

We're open **Wednesday to Saturday, 10am - 4.30pm** at 5 Gate End, Ballymoney. You can see photos of our current stock on our Facebook page as well.

JUBILEE FETE

The organisers of our Jubilee Fete wish to express a very sincere thank you to everyone who supported our fete in so many ways, either by attending, donating gifts, baking, colouring posters, etc.

A special word of thanks to everyone who bought a ticket for our Jubilee Raffle. First prize went to Jo McKenna and the five runners-up were Rosie McKay, PJ Hendrie, Marie Ferris, Joan Smyth and Jim Henry.

The afternoon was a tremendous success and enjoyed by so many people, young and old. We were very lucky with the weather - the only one who got wet was Fr Damian and well done to him on being such a good sport!

And our thanks go to Gerard McAfee and all the organising team too!

SAFEGUARDING

There will be a meeting of the Causeway Family of Parishes' Safeguarding Committee on **Wednesday 1st October** at **7pm** in the Marian Hall, Portstewart.