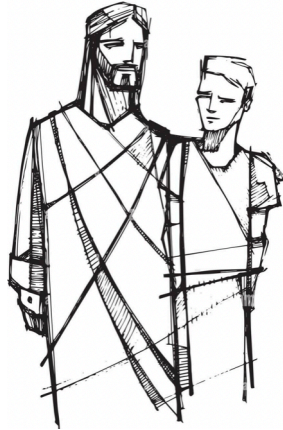




# Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

1st October 2023  
Twenty Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time



## PRAYER: TALKING WITH GOD

October has arrived, bringing shorter days and colder nights *and* the chance to deepen our prayer life. The rosary is a perfect prayer for October. Its repetitive nature quiets our minds, while meditating on the mysteries draws us closer to Jesus and Mary. This month our parish will hold weekly candlelight rosaries with scripture readings to illuminate the mysteries.

But there are other ways to pray too! This Sunday we begin a monthly bible prayer group to help us listen to how God speaks through scripture. And we'll restart our popular First Friday devotion - going to confession, Mass, and adoration monthly for nine months.

With chillier weather keeping us indoors, autumn invites us inward as well to strengthen our connection to God through heartfelt and meditative prayer. This October, deepen your prayer life and feel God's presence grow.

## THIS WEEK

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

<b>SATURDAY 30th</b>	5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
<b>SUNDAY 1st</b>	9.30am Mass 4.30-4.50pm Confessions 5pm Mass
<b>MONDAY 2nd</b>	10am Mass
<b>WEDNESDAY 4th</b>	10am Mass 7pm Candlelight Rosary
<b>FRIDAY 6th</b> First Friday	6pm Holy Hour <i>with adoration confessions and benediction.</i> 7pm Mass & Novena Prayers

*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

### Recently Deceased

Liam O'Mullan, Limerick

### Anniversaries

Annie Devine, Yvonne Fisher, Charlie McAleese, John McGinty, Margaret Shiels, Edna Stinson, Jack Young

## REQUIESCAT IN PACE

## CONGRATULATIONS

to the family of **Donnacha McGuckin** who was baptised 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

The parishes of Portstewart, Portrush, Ballymoney and Coleraine will hold a Mass to conclude the Season of Creation on **Tuesday 3rd October at 7pm in Star of the Sea Church, Portstewart.** The Season closes on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi - 'a mystic and a pilgrim who lived in simplicity and in wonderful harmony with God, with others, with nature and with himself.' (Pope Francis). Refreshments will be provided after Mass in the Marian Hall.

## DERVOCK MASS

This next Mass at Our Lady & St John the Evangelist church in Dervock will be on **Tuesday 10th October at 7pm.**

## 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.

## Growing in Prayer in October

### PRAYING WITH THE BIBLE



#### Lectio Divina 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.

### PRAYING THE ROSARY

#### Candlelight Rosary

During October the rosary will be prayed in the church on **Wednesday evenings at 7pm** by candlelight.



### PRAYING A NOVENA



#### Nine First Fridays Novena

This year the parish will once again make a novena of the nine First Fridays in honour of the **Sacred Heart of Jesus.** The novena runs from October through to next June.

Each First Friday we will have a **Holy Hour of Adoration** from **6-7pm** with **confessions** available finishing with **Benediction.** At 7pm we will have Mass and novena prayers to the Sacred Heart. In addition to praying for our own private intentions we will also pray for vocations to the priesthood and women's religious life. Begins this Friday, **October 6th.**

### OLD & NEW@No.5

Our parish shop is open **Wednesday- Saturday 10.00am-4.30pm** at 5 Gate End, Ballymoney. Check us out on Facebook too **@oldandnewatno5**

## PARISH OF BALLYMONEY & DERRYKEIGHAN

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## HYMNS FOR MASS

The Church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is his new creation  
By water and the Word.  
From heaven he came and sought her  
To be his holy bride;  
With his own blood he bought her,  
And for her life he died.

Elect from every nation,  
Yet one o'er all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation,  
One Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses,  
With every grace endued.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of his word –  
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
his mercy sure, from age to age the same –  
his holy name: the Lord, the Mighty One.

## 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.

## CAUSEWAY SERVICE FOR BABY LOSS

The annual Causeway Hospital Service of Remembrance for parents who have lost babies will take place here at Our Lady & St Patrick's church **next Sunday (8th) at 3pm.**

## KNOCK PILGRIMAGE

A day trip to Knock takes place on **Saturday 7th October.** There will be a bus leaving from **St Patrick's church, Loughguile at 6am.** Phone Patricia Campbell for details or to book place 028 27641120 or 07871626940. Cost approx £25-30.

## THANK YOU

To everyone who supported the bulb planting morning last week. It was a great morning and lovely to see so many parishioners supporting it. Thank you especially to our groundskeeper Sean Kerr, our Parish Pastoral Council and the St Vincent de Paul members who provided refreshments.