



# Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

8th October 2023  
Twenty Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time



## JESUS GIVES US A WARNING

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable comparing the Jewish leaders to vineyard workers who disrespect and kill the landowner's representatives. Finally the owner sends his son, but the workers kill him too.

This parable warns the chief priests and elders that though they are God's chosen people, they are often ungrateful, selfish, and hypocritical. In the Old Testament God sent them prophets but the leaders rejected them. Now God has sent his Son Jesus, but the leaders are jealous and plotting to kill him. They just won't listen to the warnings God is giving them.

We too can be defensive when Jesus warns us that there are consequences to breaking God's laws. But he warns us out of love, not to control us. If we ignore his teachings, we risk missing out on heaven. Let us open our hearts to his loving warnings for our own good.

## THIS WEEK

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

<b>SATURDAY 7th</b>	5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
<b>SUNDAY 8th</b>	9.30am Mass 3pm Causeway Hospital Service 4.30-4.50pm Confessions 5pm Mass
<b>MONDAY 9th</b>	10am Mass
<b>TUESDAY 10th</b>	7pm Mass in Dervock
<b>WEDNESDAY 11th</b>	10am Mass 7pm Candlelight Rosary
<b>FRIDAY 13th</b>	6-6.40pm Confessions 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

## CONGRATULATIONS

to the families of  
**Alice McKelvey**  
**Sophia Watson**  
who were baptised during the week.



## WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

### Anniversaries

Patsy Douglas, James Fleming, Jane Graham, Sean Johnston, Grace Laverty, Mary McCaughan, Dan McClements, Margaret (Peggy) McGuckian, Sarah Josephine McLaughlin, William McLaughlin, William McSheffrey, Theresa Martin, Cecil Truesdale, Charles Eugene Ward, Samuel Thomas Ward

### 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.**

### BABY LOSS AWARENESS WEEK

The week is the annual Baby Loss Awareness week and it will be marked by our parish and the Causeway Hospital. The annual hospital Service of Remembrance for parents who have lost babies will take place here at Our Lady & St Patrick's church on **Sunday at 3pm.**

The turrets of the Causeway Hospital will be lit in pink and blue to mark the week.

### Prayer for Bereaved Parents

*God of love and life, you gave our child to us as our son/daughter. Give us now the assurance that though he/she has passed from our sight, he/she has not passed from your care.*

*Draw near to us in our sadness, bring blessing out of grief, and help us in our tears and pain to know you standing alongside us and to experience your love and healing; we ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### DERVOCK MASS

This month's Mass at Our Lady & St John the Evangelist church in Dervock will be on **Tuesday 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.

### THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

October is the month of special devotion to the rosary. This prayer gives us an opportunity to spend ten minutes or so meditating on the mysteries of the lives of Jesus and Mary. The rosary has historically been especially popular in Ireland for families to pray together. Why not take the opportunity to pray it this month?



Some people pray the rosary every day and follow the weekly pattern -

Mondays & Saturdays - the Joyful Mysteries  
Tuesdays & Fridays - the Sorrowful Mysteries  
Thursdays - the Luminous Mysteries (mysteries of light)  
Wednesdays & Sundays - the Glorious Mysteries

Alternatively we might want to focus this week on just the Luminous mysteries:

- 1 The Baptism in the Jordan (Matthew 3: 13-17)
- 2 The Wedding at Cana (John 2: 1-12)
- 3 The Proclamation of the Kingdom of Heaven (Mark 1:15)
- 4 The Transfiguration (Luke 9: 28-35)
- 5 The Institution of the Eucharist (Mark 14: 22-25)

### Candlelight Rosary

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

### PARISH OF BALLYMONEY & DERRYKEIGHAN

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### HYMNS FOR MASS

My soul glorifies the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.  
He looks on his servant in her lowliness;  
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me.  
Holy his name!

His mercy is from age to age,  
on those who fear him.

He puts forth his arm in strength  
and scatters the proud-hearted.  
He casts the mighty from their thrones  
and raises the lowly.

He fills the starving with good things,  
sends the rich away empty.

He protects Israel, his servant,  
remembering his mercy,  
the mercy promised to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his sons for ever.

Now thank we all our God,  
with heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done,  
in Whom this world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers' arms  
has blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.

All praise and thanks to God  
the Father now be given;  
The Son and Him Who reigns  
with Them in highest Heaven;  
The one eternal God,  
whom earth and Heaven adore;  
For thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.

### JOB OPPORTUNITY - ST BRIGID'S PS

Building Supervisor (with Supervision) Location: St Brigid's Primary School Ballymoney Applications now open. Closing Time 11.59.00pm on 12th October. Use the link below and search using Post ID 23001051  
eani.taleo.net/careersection/external/jobsearch.ft?lang=en

### OLD & NEW@No.5

How much is that doggy in the window..?! Our pottery dog head figurines dominate our window this week as we set up for another busy week, and our tin men and pairs of stags are back in stock too!

A new mix of ceramics, crystal, pictures, bunnykins and Doultons have been added to the shop this week and our autumn range of clothes has also been topped up!

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

### DO THIS IN MEMORY

Next Sunday (**15th October**) we are bringing back our *Do This In Memory* programme for Primary 4 children who make their First Holy Communion next spring. P4s and their families are invited to come together to our **Sunday 9.30am** Mass once a month to listen to God's word and receive a blessing.

Further information about these Masses has been sent to the P4 families at St Brigid's Primary School and Ballymoney Model Integrated Primary School this week. If your P4 attends another school, you can collect the information sheet from the sacristy after any of our Masses this weekend.

Do This In Memory Masses for the next few months take place at 9.30am on:

**Sunday October 15th**  
**Sunday November 19th**  
**Sunday December 17th**