

12th October 2025

Twenty Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time



THE IMPORTANCE OF SAYING THANK YOU

Today's Gospel gives us a glimpse into the personality of Jesus - we see him moved with compassion for the ten lepers, delighted by the one who came back to thank him and disappointed that the other nine did not return. The Lord is a real person, someone we can know and love. So we should treat him the way he deserves - not just by praying when we want something, but by thanking him for all the good things he blesses us with.

The best way to thank God, of course, is to come to Mass. The word *Eucharist* means *thanksgiving*. When we celebrate the sacrament of the Eucharist we are thanking God in the way that means most to him. May God give us all grateful hearts and a deeper love and commitment to Mass and the Eucharist.

THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 11th 5.30pm Confessions

6pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 12th 9.30am Mass

MONDAY 13th 10am Mass

TUESDAY 14th 7pm Mass in Dervock

WEDNESDAY 15th 10am Mass

7pm Rosary

THURSDAY 16th 7pm Candlelight Rosary

FRIDAY 17th 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

Grace Laverty, Charlie McAleese, Dan McClements, Tilly McCusker, Margaret (Peggy) McGuckian, Terence McKenna, Theresa Martin, John O'Reilly, Catherine Osborne, Jack Young

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

CONGRATULATIONS

to the family of **Eva Milnes** who was baptised here 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 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**.

BROADCAST MASS

BBG RADIO ULSTER

Thank you to everyone who came along to support our broadcast Mass last Sunday - particularly our readers

John and Eithne and our choir led by Aimee. The Mass was heard by approximately 70,000 people - a great privilege for our parish.

DERVOCK MASS

There will be a Mass in Our Lady & St John the Evangelist church in Dervock on **Tuesday evening** at **7pm**.

CANDLELIGHT ROSARY

We will pray the rosary together in the church by candlelight on Thursdays during the month of October. Continues this **Thursday** at **7pm** with the Sorrowful Mysteries. This is a lovely chance to come together in a peaceful and meditative environment.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Arrangements are being finalised for the celebration of First Confession, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation next year. Children attending St Brigid's Primary School and Ballymoney Model Integrated Primary School are already enrolled for these sacraments and will undertake their preparation in school.

For children attending other schools who wish to receive their sacraments in 2026, participation in a sacramental preparation course is required. This course will be held at **St Malachy's Parish Centre** in **Coleraine**, beginning in November.

An enrolment meeting for parents and guardians of children taking part in the sacramental preparation courses will take place in **St Malachy's Parish Centre** on **Wednesday 22nd October** at **7pm**.

The following children are eligible for the sacraments: First Confession & First Communion - children in P4 (or older) Confirmation - Children in P7 (or older). For more information please contact Fr Damian.

OLD & NEW@NO.5

We have lots of smaller items in the shop this week including lovely tea sets, nice glass jugs and comports, and pendelphin figurines. You can also check out our lovely music cabinet, an oval mahogany occasional table, tapestry covered chair, attractive artwork, large tapestry panel and a collection of Denby tableware.

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.

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**.

JUBILEE MASS FOR THE SICK

Our next monthly Dementia Friendly Mass takes place on **Saturday 25th October** at **2pm**. As part of our jubilee year celebrations we would like to open it out this month to all those who are sick, elderly or who can't normally get to Mass. The Sacrament of the Sick will be available at that Mass for those who need it.

Please pass on this invitation to anyone you know who would benefit from it.

WOMEN'S VOCATIONS

Do you feel called to seek God in prayer & contemplation, monastic work, and community life? The Cistercian community at St Mary's Abbey, Glencairn in County Waterford invites single women aged 19–40 to our upcoming Monastic Vocations Weekend from 24th-27th October 2025.

Please contact our Vocation Director, Sr Mairéad, at **vocations@glencairnabbey.org** or for more information visit **www.glencairnabbey.org**

MARY'S MEALS

The charity Mary's Meals is now reaching over 3 million children with daily school meals across 16 countries. We are so grateful for your compassion, prayers and support over the years that have made it possible to reach this milestone.

Each little act of love is giving hope to new generations. Mary's Meals invites you to continue to pray for this work that we can reach the next child waiting and to consider volunteering your time locally to help us raise awareness and funds individually or as part of a group so we can keep the promise of a daily meal to the children we currently feed. Visit our website www.marysmeals.org.uk or contact Caoimhe on 07394564065 to find out more.

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HYMNS FOR MASS

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred let me bring your love. Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope Where there is darkness, only light And where there's sadness, ever joy.

O, Master grant that I may never seek So much to be consoled as to console To be understood as to understand To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace It is in pardoning that we are pardoned In giving to all men that we receive And in dying that we're born to eternal life. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices; who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us, to keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills of this world in the next.