



Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

15th October 2023
Twenty Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

GOD'S INVITATION TO MASS

Today's Gospel tells of a king who invites guests to a wedding feast, just as God sends each of us to invite others to join him in faith and community at Sunday Mass. We are called to share this invitation wherever we go in our daily lives. By the witness of our faith, and the way we live our lives, we can draw more people into a relationship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

A recent Diocesan census recorded nearly 37,000 attending weekly Mass across Down & Connor (and around 400 in our parish). We should be thankful for this, but also want many more people to experience Christ's love among us. Each one of us has a role in building a vibrant, welcoming Church and we are missed if we're absent. As a Catholic community, let's work together to make our parishes joyful places that attract others to join us each week.

Above all, let's treasure the gift God gives us at Sunday Mass, which Jesus asks us to come to faithfully and to "do this in memory of me".



THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 14th 5.30-5.50pm Confessions
6pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 15th 9.30am Mass
4.30-4.50pm Confessions
5pm Mass

MONDAY 16th no Mass

WEDNESDAY 18th no Mass
7pm Candlelight Rosary

FRIDAY 20th no Mass or confessions

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

Martin McCarney, Enniskillen

Anniversaries

Terence McKenna, Anne McKillop, Jim McMullan, JP McNamee, Eamonn Muldoon, Catherine Osborne, Patrick Osborne

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 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.**

DO THIS IN MEMORY

This Sunday 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.

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

Sunday November 19th

Sunday December 17th

In future months we would like families to volunteer to bring up the gifts in the **offertory procession**, and a parent and child to volunteer to read the **prayer of the faithful**. Please leave your contact details with Fr Damian after Mass.

OLD & NEW@No.5

This week, our parish shop has an interesting selection of new *Lumina* jewellery on offer with prices as low as £2.95, a very attractive 16 piece porcelain dessert service, a nice lot of porcelain dog figurines and of course, lots more bird figurines, and ornaments! Check out our large gilt framed mirror in the window and the small pair of table lamps too!

We are situated at 5 Gate End, Ballymoney and open **10am-4.30pm** from **Wednesday - Saturday.**

CANDLELIGHT ROSARY

During October the rosary will be prayed in the church on **Wednesday evenings at 7pm** by candlelight. This week we will focus on the Sorrowful Mysteries:

- 1 The Agony in the Garden (Matthew 3: 13-17)
- 2 The Scourging at the Pillar (John 2: 1-12)
- 3 The Crowning with Thorns (Mark 1:15)
- 4 The Carrying of the Cross (Luke 9: 28-35)
- 5 The Crucifixion (Mark 14: 22-25)



COURSE FOR MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Living Church Office is offering an enrichment programme for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in this area during November. The programme is called *Eucharist - Food for the Journey*, and will be facilitated by Aishling Steen and Fr Paul Byrne. The program is made up of an online session, followed by an in-person enrichment day.

The first part of the program will take place online via zoom on Tuesday 7th November from 7-8.30pm.

The in-person enrichment day will take place on Saturday 11th November 10am-3.45pm at St Joseph's Parish Centre, Dunloy.

To book your place on the program, please contact the parish office or **Aishling Steen**: e-mail: a.steen@downandconnor.org or telephone **028 9069 0920**. We look forward to seeing you!

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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.



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Fr Damian is on leave this week (**Monday-Friday**). There are no Masses on these days and the parish office will be closed.

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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.

TIPS TO GET MORE OUT OF MASS

1. Commit to coming each Sunday and Holy Day.

Say it out loud to God and to your family: "as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord!" (Joshua 24:15). Make Mass the first thing on your schedule by having a plan before the weekend starts. If you will be away from home, look up where the church is and what time is Mass.

2. Do some preparation

Read the Scripture readings ahead of time. If you don't have a Sunday Missal there are many apps and websites you can use. Getting familiar with and studying the readings ahead of time prepares our hearts to be rich soil for the Word of God to grow within us.

3. Plan on arriving 5 to 10 minutes early.

Something always comes up that can set you back a few minutes! So plan on being in the pew to slow down, settle, and open your heart to the work Jesus wants to do in you during Mass. If you always arrive late or leave early, you are saying something else is more important.

4. Take part!

Enter fully into the celebration of Mass. Respond confidently, sing enthusiastically, listen attentively, and lead your family by example. If you're not sure of the words use the Missalette (or, even better, buy your own Sunday Missal).

5. Don't be in a hurry to leave.

Take time after Mass to offer a prayer of thanksgiving. Make an effort to meet people on the way out. Many life long friendships begin by saying hello in Church.

6. Go forth with purpose!

Do you leave Mass with a mission? Before you exit that pew before your genuflection is complete have a goal, a purpose, and a plan. Just by being here God has given you his blessing, now you have to share that blessing with others.

Look around the world. There is racism, hatred, violence. People seem to be moving farther apart from one another and digging in their heels. We need Jesus. We need the Mass. We need to come together as one body in Christ and we need to invite others to know the love of God too!