

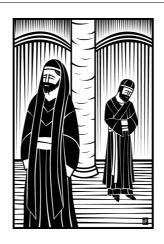
26th October 2025

Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

THE DANGER OF PRIDE

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us about two men praying in the temple. The tax collector humbly confessed his sins and asked God for mercy. The Pharisee, though outwardly a much more respectable man, praised himself rather than God and looked down on others. Jesus tells us that it was the humble tax collector, not the proud Pharisee, who went home justified before God.

Pride is the most dangerous sin because it blinds us to our need for God's mercy. We are all sinners who need Jesus as our Saviour. That's why coming to confession regularly is so important - it's the sacrament of God's great mercy and compassion. Don't allow pride to keep you from confession, where we can honestly admit our faults and hear God's forgiveness.



THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 25th

5.30pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 26th 9.30am Mass

MONDAY 27th 10am Mass

WEDNESDAY 29th 10am Mass

7pm Rosary

FRIDAY 31st No Mass or confessions

SATURDAY Ist

10am Mass

5.30pm Confessions All Saints' Day

6pm Mass

Our Lady & St Patrick's church is open every day for private prayer - usually from 10am to 4.30pm.

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

St Malachy's, Coleraine Sunday 5pm

Other Holy Day Masses for All Saints' Day in this area:

Friday 7pm Portstewart

Saturday 10am St Malachy's, Coleraine

Portrush Saturday 10.30am -

WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Recently Deceased

Esse Doherty

Anniversaries

Christopher Hendrie, Eileen McAlister, Paddy McArdle, Rosemary McArdle, Edith McColgan, Margaret McKendry, Sarah O'Connor

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.

TOMMY FLEMING CONCERT POSTPONED

Due to illness the Tommy Fleming concert at Our Lady & St Patrick's has to be postponed until Friday 12th December. All tickets remain valid and there is no need to exchange them.

All Saints & All Souls

Saturday 1st November is All Saints' Day. It is a Holy Day of Obligation and Mass will be celebrated at 10am and 6pm in Ballymoney. See the panel left for times in other parishes.

Sunday 2nd is All Souls' Day. Masses will be at the normal Sunday times across our four parishes.

November

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Indulgences for the Holy Souls

The Church invites us to gain indulgences for the Holy Souls during the first week of November. On 1st November we can gain the indulgence by visiting a church and praying for the dead.

Each day from 1st to 8th November we can also gain this indulgence by visiting a cemetery to pray. Indulgences are granted under the usual conditions (receiving Communion, Confession and praying for the Pope's intentions.)

Prayer & Reflection

On each of the Mondays of November there will be a short service of prayer and reflection on the theme of remembering the dead and the resurrection. Begins Monday 3rd November at 7pm.

Parish Annual Requiem Mass

A requiem Mass for all deceased parishioners and priests will take place on Friday 14th November at 7pm.

November Pledge

Why not go off alcohol (or another treat) this month as a penance for the Holy Souls? Think of it as a little Lent in November!

November Dead Lists

Lists and envelopes are now available. Please take them home and write down the names of your deceased family and friends who you wish to pray for.

Envelopes can be left back in the church at Mass times or posted through the door of the parochial house. The names will be placed before the altar throughout the month of November and prayed for at all Masses and devotions. You may wish to include an offering in your envelope and these are very gratefully received.

OLD & NEW@NO.5

The volunteers from our Parish Shop were delighted to be able to give the parish another £10,000 this week. That now brings the total raised for parish funds to £110,000!

As we approach the busy period of Christmas, we are keen to recruit one or two more volunteers to help with the shop rota. If you're able to help, please contact any of our volunteers. 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.

MEN'S ROSARY IRELAND TO VISIT BALLYMONEY

Mens' Rosary Ireland are a group that organise public praying of the rosary in towns and cities across Ireland. On Saturday 1st November they will be praying the rosary here in Ballymoney at 1pm on High Street by the taxi rank (all permissions have been granted by the authorities). Men young and old are invited to come along at 12.45pm and pray five decades of the rosary together as a public act of prayer for our town, our families and our parishes.

November 1st has a special significance as it is All Saints' Day and the First Saturday of the month, traditionally a day of devotion to Our Lady. Search mensrosaryireland.com for further details.

WELLBEING WORKSHOPS

Harmony Arts and Wellbeing are offering two workshops this week at 77 Castle Street.

Magic Mindset - Children's themed wellbeing workshop Ages 7-11, Thursday 30th October 4-5pm

Build a wellbeing toolkit to help manage busy mum life Wednesday 29th October 8-8.30pm

Contact Aimee 07934147981 for more info

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If you are in need and would like our help please do not hesitate to get in touch on 07860 455 549.

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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.