



Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

29th October 2023
Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

PRACTICE WHAT WE PREACH

In the Gospel today Jesus tells us that the whole of God's law can be summed up with the commandments to love God and love our neighbour as ourselves. And we can also sum these up by saying that Christians should practice what we preach. If we have a real living faith and a true love of God then it should show in the way we live our lives and how we treat other people.

Jesus wants Christians to be well known for their kindness, generosity and charity. And there are many examples of Christian charity in our own congregation - from people looking after children, the elderly or the sick, to our St Vincent de Paul members responding to families in crisis situations. Let's be open our hearts this week to the different ways we can show God's love to others. Perhaps there's something special God wants us to do for someone, or an idea he's put on our hearts that could help our community?



THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 28th	5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
SUNDAY 29th	9.30am Mass 4.30-4.50pm Confessions 5pm Mass
MONDAY 30th	no Mass today
WEDNESDAY 1st All Saints' Day	10am Mass 7pm Mass
THURSDAY 2nd All Souls' Day	10am Mass 7pm Mass in Dervock
FRIDAY 3rd First Friday Day of Prayer	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 4.30pm.

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

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

Tuesday 7pm	-	Portstewart
Tuesday 7pm	-	St Malachy's, Coleraine
Wednesday 9.30am	-	Portstewart
Wednesday 10am	-	St Malachy's, Coleraine
Wednesday 10.30am	-	Portrush
Wednesday 1pm	-	Prayer Room, UUC

WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Anniversaries

Patrick Darragh, Bernie Douglas, Christopher Hendrie, Rosemary & Paddy McArdle, Edith McColgan, Vera McGonigle, James McSheffrey, Jeannie McSheffrey, Gerald McSheffrey, Denis McWilliams, Patrick Osborne

REQUIESCAT IN PACE



CONGRATULATIONS

to the family of **Carter Craig** who was baptised this week.

PARISH FINANCES

Thank you to everyone who supports the parish through our collections. If you wish to pay through standing order or online banking 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.**

ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS

Wednesday 1st is All Saints' Day. It is a **Holy Day of Obligation** and Mass will be celebrated at **10am** and **7pm** in Our Lady & St Patrick's.

Thursday 2nd is All Souls' Day. It is **not** a day of obligation. Mass will be celebrated in **Ballymoney at 10am** and at Our Lady & St John the Evangelist's in **Dervock at 7pm.**

DAY OF PRAYER FOR OUR DIOCESE

Friday 3rd November is the feast of St Malachy, the patron saint of our diocese of Down & Connor. This year each parish will mark it as a special day of prayer for the future of our diocese and the appointment of a new bishop. Because it falls on the first Friday of the month we will mark it with our usual **First Friday devotions.**

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 first part of the course will take place online via zoom on **Tuesday 7th November** from 7-8.30pm. The in-person day will take place on **Saturday 11th November** from **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!

CHURCH & CEMETERY NOTICES

Now that the evenings are darker the **church** will close earlier on days when there is no evening Mass (usually around **4.30pm**). The **cemetery** is closed to the public at **sunset** for safety reasons. Thank you for your cooperation.

NORTHERN IRISH-POLISH HISTORY COURSE

Are you interested in local history? *For Your Freedom and Ours* is a project celebrating the historical links between Northern Irish and Polish communities, focusing on shared history related to the Polish Air Force and the Battle of Britain; Irish /Polish relations and the wider links between Poland and the British Isles.

The course includes study visits, lectures, and workshops. Begins **Thursday 2 November** at **2pm** at **BCRC**, Units 22-23 Acorn Business Centre, 2 Riada Avenue, Ballymoney, BT53 7LH. The programme is free to participants. To book a place please email fergal@theresourcecentre.org

ST BRIGID'S PS TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT REGISTER

If you, or someone you know, may be interested in short term/ occasional/ temporary/ or relief cover for positions within the school, please complete the form below to register your interest. Filling in the form is not a guarantee of any employment. <https://forms.office.com/r/MRefcEx8wc>

If interested you may follow the form up with a CV that can be emailed to the school (info@stbrigidsp.s.ballymoney.ni.sch.uk) or left in to the office in person.

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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.

November

The Month of the Holy Souls

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.

From **1st to 8th November** we can also gain an 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 Tuesdays of November there will be a short service of prayer and reflection on the theme of remembering the dead and the resurrection. Begins **Tuesday 7th November** at **7pm**. The same service will also take place on the Wednesdays of November in Portstewart.

Parish Requiem Mass

A requiem Mass for all deceased parishioners and priests will take place on **Friday 17th November** at **7pm**.

November Pledge

Why not go off alcohol (or another treat) as a penance for the Holy Souls during this month?

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 want to be prayed for.

Envelopes can be left in the church at Mass time 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 every Mass and devotions. You may wish to include an offering in your envelope and these are very gratefully received.

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.