



# Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

12th November 2023  
Thirty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time



## THREE WARNINGS FROM JESUS

In the Gospel this Sunday, the Lord tells a parable about what sounds like a very strange wedding. In fact, this story is an accurate description of how marriages took place in the Holy Land at that time. But that's not why Jesus tells this tale. He wants us to give us three warnings we need to know if we're serious about going to heaven when we die.

Firstly, we do not know the day or the hour when Jesus will come for us. None of us can know when our lives will end or when will be the Last Day. That's because God doesn't want us to be scared of the future but to focus on being the best people we can be right now. So let's use the time we have well. Secondly, when our time comes we will be held accountable. It will be too late to change then! Thirdly, there are some things that others can't supply for us - like our faith, love, or a good character. We are personally responsible for the way we live our lives, and one day we will be judged for it too.

## THIS WEEK

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

**SATURDAY 11th** 5.30-5.50pm Confessions  
6pm Vigil Mass

**SUNDAY 12th** 9.30am Mass  
4.30-4.50pm Confessions  
5pm Mass

**MONDAY 13th** 10am Mass

**TUESDAY 14th** 7pm Praying for the Dead

**WEDNESDAY 15th** 10am Mass

**FRIDAY 17th** 6-6.40pm Confessions  
7pm Parish Requiem Mass

*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                |

## WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

### Recently Deceased

Nuala McAuley  
Bertie Rodgers  
Eugene McAlonan, Brighton

### Anniversaries

Elizabeth Fleming, Bernadette Gillan, Mary McCann, Paddy McClements, Francis McQuillan, Eileen Scullion and all the names on our November Dead Lists.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

## PARISH FINANCES

Here are the parish collection figures for **January-June 2023**:

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| Weekly Collection | £35,546.13 (average £1367 / week) |
| Monthly Offering  | £8976.60 (average £1496 / month)  |
| Church Renovation | £8403.30 (average £1400 / month)  |

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| Living Youth               | £455.97  |
| Sick & Retired Priests     | £481.36  |
| Needy Parishes             | £553.30  |
| Catholics in the Holy Land | £333.15  |
| Easter Voluntary           | £1562.00 |
| Education of Students      | £541.10  |
| Peter's Pence              | £396.00  |
| Trocaire                   | £4624.02 |

Thank you to everyone who supports the parish through our collections. New envelope boxes for the next year will be available from next week. If you want to request a **box of envelopes** there is a form. 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

Our monthly Mass for the P4 children preparing for First Holy Communion and their families will take place next Sunday (19th) at 9.30am.

## OLD & NEW@No.5

There's been great interest in our Christmas stock and decorations this week - check out our stag figures, our sets of Christmas soldiers and our illuminated gonks! Our parish shop is open Wednesday- Saturday 10.00am-4.30pm and you'll find it at 5 Gate End, Ballymoney. Check us out on Facebook too @oldandnewatno5

## ST BRIGID'S PS TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT REGISTER

If you are 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>

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2023

For this year's SVP Christmas Gift Appeal we are asking for your financial help to buy vouchers and you can donate in several ways:

- Via the **Red Box collection** at the church door after weekend masses.

- By telephone on **028 9075 0161**: (please specify that your donation is for Ballymoney, Co. Antrim).

- Online at <http://svp.ie/ballymoneysvpappeal23> via the "Donate Now" link.

- Or scan this QR code to go on to the SVP Ballymoney web site.



There are also Gift Aid Envelopes available at the back of the Chapel. If you are a UK tax payer, we would ask that you put your donation into one of these completed envelopes and put it in our **Red Box** collection which will boost our funds further.

Aside from the Christmas gift appeal we continue to support our local community. If you need our help please call us confidentially on **07860455549**. We would like to thank you for your very generous ongoing support.

## PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE

A *Pathways to the Future* meeting will be held in **St Malachy's parish hall, Coleraine** on **Thursday 23rd November**. If you are interested in attending please email the parish office as places are limited. This is an opportunity to join the conversation and to be a voice of hope for the future of our Church.

## PARISH OF BALLYMONEY & DERRYKEIGHAN

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## HYMNS FOR MASS

O God, our help in ages past  
Our hope for years to come  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home

Beneath the shadow of thy throne  
Thy saints have dwelt secure  
Sufficient is thine arm alone  
And our defence is sure

Before the hills in order stood,  
Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting thou art God,  
To endless years the same

# November

## The Month of the Holy Souls

### Praying for the Dead

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. Continues this Tuesday at 7pm. You are invited to bring a **photo or memorial card** of those you wish to pray for this week. The same service will also take place on Wednesdays at 7pm in Portstewart.

### Remembrance Sunday

Fr Damian is attending the remembrance service at Dervock War Memorial this Sunday to represent our parish at the invitation of the organisers.

### Parish Requiem Mass

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

### Diocesan Requiem Mass for Teachers

A Mass for deceased teachers of our diocese will be celebrated on **Tuesday 21st November** at 7.30pm at All Saints', Broughshane Road, **Ballymena**. (Refreshments afterwards in the parish centre)

### November Dead Lists

Lists and envelopes are still 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.

