



# Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

19th November 2023  
Thirty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time



## TIME, TALENTS AND TREASURE

In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus uses the parable of the talents to explain one of the ways that we will be judged by God at the end of our lives - how did we use the gifts God has given us? In the parable he tells of a great king who gives his servants sums of money to see what they will do with them. Two of them use them well, investing and speculating so that they double their fortune. But the other buried his gifts and did nothing, and while his colleagues were rewarded, he was punished.

God gives us all gifts of time, talents and treasure to bless us at different times of our lives. But he wants us to use them well, not only so that we can profit from them but so that we can share them with others. We can afford to be generous with the good things God gave us, because his love and his blessings never run out. Let's ask the Lord to help us use our talents, time and treasure well.

## THIS WEEK

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

<b>SATURDAY 18th</b>	5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
<b>SUNDAY 19th</b>	9.30am Mass 4.30-4.50pm Confessions 5pm Mass
<b>MONDAY 20th</b>	10am Mass
<b>TUESDAY 21st</b>	7pm Praying for the Dead
<b>WEDNESDAY 22nd</b>	10am Mass
<b>FRIDAY 24th</b>	6-6.40pm Confessions 7pm 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

Vina Young  
Most Rev. Anthony Farquhar, Belfast

### Anniversaries

Fr Sean McFerran, May Hanna, Margaret McCullagh,  
Neil McGothigan, Adrian McKay, George McKay,  
June O'Kane, Georgie Robb, Annie Roche

and all the names on our November Dead Lists.

## DEATH OF BISHOP FARQUHAR

It is with great sorrow that the Diocese has announced the death of the **Most Rev. Anthony Farquhar** on Friday. Bishop Farquhar served as auxiliary bishop of Down & Connor from 1983. He had previously been a teacher at Garron Tower and chaplain to both QUB and the University of Ulster in Coleraine along with Dominican College in Portstewart. May he rest in peace.

## NEW COLLECTION ENVELOPES

Boxes of collection envelopes for the new year are now available at the back of the church. If you haven't used collection envelopes before and you want a box there is a yellow form to register. Please fill it in, leave it through the door of the parochial house and we'll have a box of envelopes ready for you very soon.

You can also support the parish through a regular standing order. If you want to set up a standing order you can use the pink form. You can also make 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**. Thank you to everyone who supports the parish through our collections.

## DO THIS IN MEMORY

We welcome the P4 children and their families to 9.30am Mass this Sunday. At the end of Mass the children will receive a special gift and important instructions about what to do with it - listen carefully to Fr Damian!

The next *Do This In Memory* Mass will be at **9.30am** on **December 17th** followed by a **craft morning** for children and refreshments in the parish hall. Everyone is asked to bring their Baby Jesus from home to be blessed at that Mass.

## 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.

## FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Next Sunday (24th) is the feast of Christ the King, the last feast of the Church's year. There will be a quiet time of **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** from **2pm** finishing with **Vespers & Benediction** at **4pm**.



An indulgence is granted to us when we the prayer of Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is prayed publicly on this feast. We will pray the Consecration prayer during Benediction. The indulgence is granted under the usual conditions (that we receive Holy Communion, Confession and pray for the Pope's intentions.)

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## HYMNS FOR MASS

O Jesus Christ, remember,  
When Thou shalt come again,  
Upon the clouds of heaven  
With all Thy shining train;  
When ev'ry eye shall see Thee,  
In Deity revealed,  
Who now upon this altar  
In silence art concealed.

Accept, divine Redeemer,  
The homage of my praise,  
Be Thou the light, and honour,  
And glory of my days—  
Be Thou my consolation  
When death is drawing nigh;  
Be Thou my only Treasure,  
Through all eternity.

## November The Month of the Holy Souls

### 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. Continues this Tuesday at **7pm**. The same service will also take place on Wednesdays at 7pm in Portstewart.

### Diocesan Requiem Mass for Teachers

A Mass for deceased teachers of our diocese will be celebrated on Tuesday 21st November 2023 at 7.30pm at All Saints' church, Broughshane Road, Ballymena. (Refreshments afterwards in the Parish Centre.)

### November Dead Lists

Thank you to everyone who has sent in a November Dead List and especially to those who included an offering. The names on our lists are remembered at all Masses and prayers this month.

### PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE

A *Pathways to the Future* meeting will be held in **St Malachy's parish hall, Coleraine** on **Thursday 23rd November** to discuss the future of our diocese and the local families of parishes.

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.

### OLD & NEW@No.5

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](https://www.facebook.com/oldandnewatno5)