



THE LIFE OF A DISCIPLE

In today's Gospel we hear how Jesus encouraged his closest disciples. He brings Peter, James and John up a mountain where it was quiet and peaceful to pray. And there they got a glimpse of Jesus in his heavenly glory and the reassurance that he was truly the Son of God. That reassurance would be needed in the months and years ahead when they would have to share the Gospel with others.

This weekend Bishop Alan has published a pastoral letter about what it means for us to be disciples of Jesus. Because of our baptism we are followers of Christ who wants to share his life with us. He calls us to come close to him in prayer so that he can reveal himself to us as the Son of God and the Saviour of our souls. And like Peter, James and John, we also have work to do - to share the Gospel with others and to help them be disciples too.

THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 28th	5-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
SUNDAY 1st	9.30am Mass
MONDAY 2nd	10am Mass
TUESDAY 3rd	7pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction
WEDNESDAY 4th	10am Mass 7pm Rosary
FRIDAY 6th	6pm Adoration & Confessions 7pm 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
Sunday 5pm	-	St Malachy's, Coleraine

WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Recently Deceased
Margaret Mary McGinty

Anniversaries
Ann Doherty, James Kearney, Nellie Kelly, Winifred Lagan, Amanda Lennox, Arthur McConville

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

CONGRATULATIONS

to **Sean & Nuala McAleese** who received a blessing for their fiftieth wedding anniversary this week.



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.

BISHOP ALAN'S PASTORAL LETTER

Bishop Alan McGuckian has this week published a pastoral letter to our diocese called *Baptised and Sent*. It speaks about how our baptism means we are disciples of Jesus who share in the work of spreading the Gospel. It can be read online at www.downandconnor.org

OLD & NEW@No.5

This week, our parish shop has a lovely 8 place setting dinner set on offer, plus a baluster based table lamp and shade and another Jones sewing machine with its original cover. As always there are lots of ceramics, crystal, pictures, tea sets, ornamental hares, dogs and other animals, Doultons, etc, etc.

Call with us at 5 Gate End, Ballymoney, open **Wednesday to Saturday, 10am - 4.30pm**. You can also see photos of our current stock on our Facebook page @oldandnewatno5

THE SEASON OF LENT

LENT VESPERS & BENEDICTION

Each Sunday evening of Lent there will be Evening Prayer of the Church (Vespers) and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 6pm in **St Malachy's, Coleraine**.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross and Benediction will be offered here in Our Lady & St Patrick's on **Tuesday at 7pm**

WOMEN'S VOCATIONS

Could God be calling you to a life of adoration, prayer and intercession for the world? Come and find out more about the vocation of the Dominican sisters in Drogheda. Two discernment weekends for single women (aged 18-35) are taking place 20th-22nd March and 17th-19th April. For more information see www.dominicannuns.ie or email Sr Mairead at sienavoc@gmail.com

PARISH CELLS SEMINAR

Parish Cells Ireland will be holding its National Seminar on the 28th and 29th of March this year at Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne. Our theme will be From Encounter to Mission. Come and join us as we explore our call to be witnesses for Christ. For enquiries please contact: Margaret Webb. Tel. 07779 729505. Email: magswebb1@gmail.com

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We would like to remind you that SVP continue to support our local community, and we do this in the strictest confidence. Therefore, if you are in need and would like our help please do not hesitate to get in touch on **07860455549**.

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HYMNS FOR MASS

Jesus, remember me,
when you come into your kingdom.

God of mercy and compassion,
Look with pity upon me,
Father let me call Thee Father,
'Tis thy child returns to Thee. R.

*R. Jesus Lord, I ask for mercy;
Let me not implore in vain;
All my sins, I now detest them,
Never will I sin again.*

See our Saviour, bleeding, dying
On the cross of Calvary.
To that cross my sins have nailed him,
Yet he bleeds and dies for me. R.

SHORT DAILY PRAYERS FOR LENT

I believe in God, I hope in God,
I love God.

I am sorry for having offended God.

Sacred Heart of Jesus
I believe in your love for me.

Sacred Heart of Jesus
I believe you love me now.

Sacred Heart of Jesus,
I place all my trust in thee.



VACANCY: PARISH SUPPORT OFFICER

We are seeking to recruit a **Parish Support Officer** to be based within Ballymoney & Derrykeighan Parish.

- The Parish Support Officer provides confidential, efficient, and professional administrative support to the Parish Priest.
- Ensuring the effective day-to-day running of the Parish Office by supporting parish life, communications, and the parish leadership structure. This role is parish-facing, office-based, and operational.

If you are an individual with excellent communication skills and the ability to deal with sensitive and confidential matters in a professional manner, then we see this as a unique opportunity for you to join the Down and Connor Diocesan Trust Team. The terms are based on a **permanent** appointment for **10 hours per week**. Work pattern to be agreed with the Parish Priest. Rate of pay: **£13.50 gross per hour**.

Full details relating to the vacancy can be found on the Diocesan website at www.downandconnor.org clicking on the tab: **job vacancies** and on the **Community NI** website, where terms and conditions relating to the role can also be accessed by way of a Role Profile and Employment Application form. Application Packs are also available from Ballymoney Parish Office.

We welcome applications from anyone who feels they meet the criteria as presented and are interested in playing an active role within the Diocese of Down and Connor. Closing date for applications will be **12noon on Tuesday 3rd March 2026**.

BEGINNING WEEKEND EXPERIENCE

The loss of a partner through death, separation or divorce is devastating. Beginning Experience is offering "a weekend away for a lifetime of change" at Drumalis Retreat and Conference Centre, Larne on Friday 20th-Sunday 22nd March. To find out more contact Marie **07896119669** or Pauline **07519289185** or email belfastbe@yahoo.com