



PARISH of BALLYMONEY & DERRYKEIGHAN

9th February 2020
Fifth Sunday of the Year

BACK TO BASICS: SERVING OTHERS

Fr Damian's series of homilies on the basics of the Christian spiritual life continues this week on the theme of service. Jesus told us that all God's laws can be summed up by saying "Love God and love your neighbour as yourself". So just as we go to Mass, read the Bible and pray to deepen our love for God, we also have to love our neighbours too.

Jesus also said "love one another as I have loved you". The Lord showed his love for us through service— healing the sick, forgiving sinners, feeding the hungry, and taking time to listen to others. He also challenged those in authority who allowed unjust situations to continue. That's the sort of love Christians have to show. We must be willing to serve others and put their needs first. We should also care about the bigger problems facing the world—war, famine, environmental damage, abortion and disrespect for human dignity. These issues are spiritual as well as practical.



Love one another as I have loved you

THIS WEEK

Sunday 9am Mass at Dervock
11am Mass at Ballymoney

All weekday services in Ballymoney unless noted.

Monday 10am Mass

Tuesday 10am Mass
Eucharistic Adoration 11am-3pm, 7-9pm
Confessions 8-8.45pm
Benediction 8.50pm

Wednesday 10am Mass

Friday 6.30-6.55pm Confessions
7pm Novena Mass

Saturday 10am Mass

5.30-5.50pm Confessions
6pm Vigil Mass

YOUR OFFERINGS LAST WEEK

Weekly Offering: £ 1452.00
Golden Mile: £ 20.00

Next week's collections 15/16th February

Weekly Offering (for the parish)
Sick & Retired Priests

Thank you so much for your generosity to all the Church collections.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Current readers at Mass (and anyone who would like to become a reader) are invited to come along to a short meeting on Sunday 9th February after the 11am Mass.

NEW YOUTH CHOIR

We're hoping to set up a parish choir for young people in the next few weeks. The choir would meet for rehearsals and sing occasionally at Mass. Being part of a choir is a great way to learn about music, teamwork and also to do something beautiful for God and for our parish! Any young people interested (from P4 up to 17 yrs old) should get in touch with Aimee Doherty: 07934 147981 / aimeedohertymusic@gmail.com

BETHANY BEREAVEMENT

The parish Bethany Bereavement Support Team would like to thank all our parishioners for their support of the coffee morning in December and especially the Christmas memory tree placed in the church over the Christmas period. We hope it was of comfort to be able to have your loved ones remembered in this way. We plan to make this an annual event. Bethany members can be contacted via our mobile number 07594162499 if you are in need of support through your bereavement.

FIRST COMMUNION DRESSES/SUITS

A free and confidential service is being organised in this area so people can donate and receive communion dresses/suits. If you wish to find out more contact Sara Jane on 07709802193

WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Recently Deceased

Margaret Brennan, Coleraine
Thomas McKeever, Portglenone

Anniversaries

Fr Christopher Dallat PP, Sarah Cairns, Thomas Doherty,
Christopher Hurley, Sean McFeely, Paddy Quigg,
Sarah Worboys.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

LENT 2020

Begins on Ash Wednesday—26th February

PARISH LENTEN COURSE: NO GREATER LOVE

What are you doing for Lent this year? Why not travel with Jesus as he enters into his passion? *No Greater Love* is a Lenten programme based around a series of short films shot on location in the Holy Land. Over five weeks we are given the opportunity to walk step-by-step with Jesus through the scriptures from the garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. The short films are presented by Edward Sri who leads us on a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. At each session there will be the opportunity to pray and talk together as members of our Parish Family. There are 5 weekly sessions which begin on Wednesday 4th March in the parish hall at 7.30pm.

LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION

The Ulster University Catholic Chaplaincy is organising another Day of Reflection prior to the start of Lent. This will take place on Saturday 22 February in Our Lady of Bethlehem Abbey, Portglenone from 10am - 4pm. Our facilitator is Kieran Hill and confessions will be available. Cost: £10 (includes light lunch so please register any specific dietary requirements). Places are limited so booking is essential. You can do so by emailing Frank Reynolds on: frank55reynolds@btinternet.com

DOWN & CONNOR LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2020

Each July Bishop Treanor leads the diocesan pilgrimage to Our Lady's shrine in Lourdes. It includes the celebration of Masses (including at the Grotto where St Bernadette saw Our Lady); celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick and Confession; participation in the Blessed Sacrament and Candlelight processions and the Way of the Cross. There is also plenty of free time for your own personal prayer, to relax, and to explore the town of Lourdes.

Full board in hotel: 7 nights (7-14 July) for £725 or 5 nights (8-13 July) for £650. Full board for sick with medical and nursing care 5 nights (8-13 July) £550. Youth Team (5-14 July) £590. Application forms available from the parish office. For further information contact the Pilgrimage Office on 028 9077 0162, email: Lourdes@downandconnor.org or visit www.downandconnor.org/lourdes

HYMNS

1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice. R.

3 Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come. R.



Holy God, we praise thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before Thee.
All on earth Thy scepter claim,
All in heaven above adore Thee.
Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.

Hark! the glad celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heavens with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord!

Notices for the bulletin should be submitted to the Parish Office by 1pm on Wednesdays. Notices can be emailed or left at the Parochial House. Anniversaries can be left in the box in the porch of Our Lady & St Patrick's.

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LITURGY

Readers
15/16th February
6.00pm Paul McCusker
11.00am John Devlin

Daily Readers
Group A (10th Feb)

Eucharistic Ministers
Group 1 Marie Henry
(15th Feb)

GENERAL

Cleaning Team
February St Brigid's

Coffee Morning in the Parish Hall
Wednesday 12th February after 10am Mass

Parish Hall
Ladies Keep Fit Class Mon 7.00-8.00pm

PARISH GROUPS

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