



Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

CAUSEWAY FAMILY OF PARISHES

10th May 2026
Sixth Sunday of Easter

GOD GIVES US ANOTHER CHANCE

In today's first reading, the deacon Philip brings the Gospel to Samaria with remarkable results — miracles, healings, and the driving out of evil spirits. What makes this especially striking is that Jesus himself had passed through the same region a year or two earlier and been completely rejected.

This story teaches us three things. First, God never gives up on anyone — he always offers another chance. Second, his plans don't always match ours, but he brings everything to good in his own time. Third, he loves to work through ordinary, humble people, just as he chose Philip rather than one of the great apostles. So let's go out today open and willing — and watch what God can do.



THIS WEEK

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

SUNDAY 10th	9.30am Mass
MONDAY 11th	10am Mass
WEDNESDAY 13th	10am Mass 7pm Rosary
FRIDAY 15th	7.30pm Moneyglass Pilgrimage no Mass or Confessions in Ballymoney this evening
SATURDAY 16th	10.30am First Holy Communion 5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass

Our Lady & St Patrick's church is open every day for private prayer - usually from 10am to 7pm.

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

Paul Reid
Geordie McMillan

Anniversaries

William Blaney, John Boyle, Johnny Connor, James Doherty, David Doran, Teresa Elliott, Molly Farrell, Berna Kearney, Arnold McDaid, Henry O'Loan

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

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.

COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to the young people of the parish who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday from Bishop Alan McGuckian. This coming Saturday we will celebrate First Holy Communion and we keep all the candidates and their families in our prayers.

MAY PRAYERS

There will be a time of prayer and reflections on the joyful moments of Mary's life as recounted in the Gospels on **Tuesday evenings at 7pm.**

MONEYGLASS PILGRIMAGE

We will be making our annual pilgrimage to the national shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in Moneyglass on **Friday (15th)** alongside our neighbours from the Causeway Family of Parishes. It begins at **7.30pm** with a rosary procession from Moneyglass church to the Lourdes shrine followed by Mass. A minibus will be travelling from Our Lady & St Patrick's to Moneyglass that evening. There are sign up sheets at the back of the church this weekend if you would like to go on the bus.

UPCOMING DATES

Moneyglass Pilgrimage	Friday 15th May 7.30pm
First Holy Communion	Saturday 16th May 10.30am
Cemetery Sunday	Sunday 21st June after 9.30am Mass

CAUSEWAY COAST PEACE GROUP

Causeway Coast Peace Group invites Christians of various denominations to meet and learn about and appreciate each other's beliefs, traditions, and cultures. They are meeting on **Tuesday 12th May at 10am** in St Patrick's Church Hall, Portrush for their AGM and a talk from Bertie Stirling of A Rocha. All welcome!

LOUGH DERG PILGRIMAGE

Bishop Alan McGuckian and Jim Deeds will lead a three-day diocesan pilgrimage to Lough Derg on **19th – 21st June**. A bus will leave from St Patrick's Church, Donegall Street in Belfast. Cost £100. Places are limited early booking advised. To book contact **Claire** on **028 90690920** or email: **pathwaystothefuture@downandconnor.org**

OLD & NEW@No.5

After our successful sale we've been restocking our parish shop with lots of new items including Doultons, pictures, ornaments, crystal, tea and dinner sets and much more besides. Call with us at 5 Gate End, Ballymoney, open **Wednesday to Saturday, 10am - 4.30pm.**

To keep in touch with our offers and to see pictures of our stock don't forget our Facebook page **@oldandnewatno5**

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If you are in need and would like our help please do not hesitate to get in touch on **07860455549**. Thank you to everyone who supports our collections throughout the year.

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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.	Bring flowers of the fairest Bring blossoms the rarest, From garden and woodland and hillside and dale; Our full hearts are swelling, Our glad voices telling The praise of the loveliest flower of the vale! <i>O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today! Queen of the Angels, and queen of the May. O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today, Queen of the Angels and queen of the May.</i> Their lady they name thee, their mistress proclaim thee, oh, grant that thy children on earth be as true, as long as the bowers are radiant with flowers, as long as the azure shall keep its bright hue.
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KNOCK PILGRIMAGE FOR PEACE

People from all over Ireland are invited to Knock Shrine on **Saturday May 16th** for a special pilgrimage to pray for peace in the Holy Land. The pilgrimage – organised by the papal charity Aid to the Church in Need – will be led by Bishop William Shomali from Bethlehem. Bishop Shomali will offer a message of hope at 11am and celebrate Mass at 3pm. More information at www.acnireland.org

PARISH COLLECTIONS

We received the following donations from **July to December 2025:**

For the running of the parish:

Weekly Offering	£34,486.26 (average £1326/a week)
Building Fund	£7517.51 (av. £1252/a month)

For the clergy of Down & Connor:

Monthly Offering	£9222.50 (av. £1537/a month)
September Voluntary	£836.10
Christmas Voluntary	£2590.20

This exceeds Fr Damian's stipend, so we are once again in the happy position of sharing the surplus with other parishes.

For non-parish collections:

Diocesan Pastoral Services	£519.50
Cathedral Fund	£482
World Missions	£561.20
Irish Bishops' Commissions	£520.20

Thank you to everyone who supports the parish, our clergy and our diocese through these collections.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY

This month Pope Leo invites the Church to pray with him that everyone across the world might have access to quality food and for an end to hunger and famine.