

EACH OF US MATTERS TO GOD

It can often feel that we are just a face in the crowd, someone who doesn't matter very much. But today's Gospel tells us something extraordinary: God knows each of us by name, has counted every hair on our heads, and notices even the fall of a sparrow. We matter to God — every single one of us, living and dead.

As we bless our parish cemetery this weekend, we are reminded that those buried there are not forgotten — by us, or by God. Saint Paul assures us that through Jesus Christ, sin is forgiven and death gives way to resurrection. Our loved ones are in God's hands. And that conviction calls each of us to something: to take seriously the faith that holds us together, to follow Jesus as our Saviour, and to live in hope of that final reunion.



THIS WEEK

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

SUNDAY 21st	9.30am Mass & the annual blessing of Graves
MONDAY 22nd	10am Mass
WEDNESDAY 24th	1pm St Brigid’s PS Leavers’ Mass 7pm Rosary
FRIDAY 26th	6pm Adoration & Confessions 7pm Mass
SATURDAY 27th	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

Anniversaries

Thomas Beckett, Kathleen Hegarty, Paddy Hegarty,
Joy Kearney, John McGothigan, Monica & Paddy O’Sullivan
and all buried in our parish cemetery.

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.

CEMETERY SUNDAY

This Sunday is our parish Cemetery Sunday. After **9.30am Mass** we will make our way outside for prayers for the dead. Fr Damian will bless all the graves and the rosary will be prayed. A retiring collection will be taken for the upkeep of our cemetery. Thank you for your support.



OLD & NEW@No.5

What’s the latest at our parish shop? Our popular vintage tractor and Landrover boxes are always in demand as are our cast metal John Deere signs, stag heads, tin men and ornamental animals, etc. For gardeners we have lots of nice planters and garden accessories available.

There’s also lots of paintings, crystal, small pieces of furniture and lamps this week so if you are in the area give us a call! Visit 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**

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Our parish SVP conference is here to support our local community, and we do this in the strictest confidence. If you are in need and would like our help please do not hesitate to get in touch on **07860 455 549.**

DAY OF REFLECTION

June 21st is a day which is set aside each year to acknowledge the deep hurt and pain caused by the conflict in Northern Ireland. On this day we remember every single death arising directly from the terrible conflict.

Causeway Churches Forum will mark the Day of Reflection with a special service in **Coleraine Methodist Church** on **Sunday** between **3pm** and **6pm**. The names of all who lost their lives will be reverently read aloud from the *Lost Lives* book and all are invited to participate in the reading of the names. Feel free to drop into the church anytime between 3pm and 6pm for private reflection.

CAUSEWAY PEACE GROUP

The 24th Annual Thanksgiving Service of the Causeway Coast Peace Group will be held in the Church of Ireland in Ballintoy on **Sunday** at **6.30pm**, and a cuppa will be served afterwards in the Church. The speaker will be Bishop Donal McKeown from the Derry Diocese.

SUMMER MADNESS YOUTH EVENT

Koinonia Youth and Antrim, Randalstown & Duneane Youth Ministry invite 11–17 year olds to Summer Madness, a special day of fun, faith and friendship in Our Lady of Bethlehem Abbey, Portglenone. Enjoy all the festival action for just £15 (lunch and dinner included). Bishop Alan will be hosting a special Bishop’s BBQ and will celebrate Vigil Mass on Saturday evening. For more information or to register check: Br Darren O’Reilly – **07752154369 / darren@koinonia.ie** or **www.summermadness.co.uk**

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HYMNS FOR MASS

Sweet heart of Jesus,
fount of love and mercy,
today we come,
Thy blessing to implore;
O touch our hearts,
so cold and so ungrateful,
and make them, Lord,
Thine own for evermore.
*Sweet heart of Jesus, we implore,
O make us love Thee more and more.*

Sweet heart of Jesus,
bless all hearts that love Thee,
and may Thine own
heart ever blessed be,
bless us, dear Lord,
and bless the friends we cherish,
and keep us true
to Mary and to Thee.

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder at every gift you send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
We honour and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Saviour, accept the love we bring,
That we who know your favour may serve you as our king;
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise

SEMINARIAN

Our thanks to **Damien Kirkpatrick** who has been assisting in our parish as a seminarian this month. Damien will be finishing his placement later this week. We wish him well as he continues his studies and prepares for ordination as a deacon next year. Keep him in your prayers!

PRO-LIFE RALLY

The Rally for Life, Liberty & Faith will take place in Belfast on **Saturday 4th July** at **Belfast City Hall** at **2pm**, where we hope to see many people come together in joyful and peaceful witness to the dignity and protection of every human life, especially unborn children. Before the rally, there will be a special Mass in **St Malachy’s Church**, Alfred St, Belfast at 12 noon.

CLOARD NOVENA

The annual novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help run by the Redemptorists at **Clonard Monastery** in **Belfast** is underway and continues until Thursday. There are at least six sessions each day. For more information, or to watch online, go to **clonard.com**

CONGRATULATIONS

to the **Year 12s** of **Our Lady of Lourdes** who have finished their time at school. God bless the class of 2026!

JUNE PRAYERS TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

- 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.