



THE SOWER'S GENEROUS WORD

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the sower who scatters seed generously, even wastefully, across all kinds of ground. The seed is the Word of God, offered freely to everyone. Where the soil is good, it takes root and produces a rich harvest; where the ground is stony, weed-choked, or shallow, it withers. Small as a seed may look, it holds everything needed for life to grow.

For us, this means taking responsibility for the soil of our own hearts. We're asked to clear away sin through repentance and confession, dig deep through daily prayer, and pull up the weeds of anxiety and distraction that crowd out God. Whether growth comes quickly or slowly, our task is simply to stay receptive, so God's Word can flourish within us.



THIS WEEK

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

SUNDAY 12th	9.30am Mass
MONDAY 13th	10am Mass
WEDNESDAY 15th	10am Mass 7pm Rosary
FRIDAY 17th	6pm Adoration & Confessions 7pm Mass
SATURDAY 18th	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

Blain Fleming, Edward Gillan, Kevin McAleese, James McClements, Kieran McGovern, John & Eileen Nash, Stephen Robb

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.

SUMMER ART COURSE

Join us for a short course exploring scripture through art which will run on **Thursday evenings, 7-9pm** starting this week (16th).. No artistic experience needed — just an open heart and a willingness to create! Spaces are limited, so please book early to avoid disappointment. Interested? Contact **Danny** on **07749 042878**.

INDOOR CAR BOOT SALE

We're hosting an Indoor Car Boot Sale in our parish hall on **Saturday 18th July from 10am-2pm**. Come along for bargains including books, toys, clothes, bric-a-brac and much more. Refreshments will also be available.

If you're interested in selling the price is £10 per table - contact **Michael** on **07547073239**. All table fees will go to Apostolic Work to support missionaries in the Third World.

OLD & NEW@No.5

There's a real mix of preloved items this week including oil lamps, ceramics, pictures, clocks, musical instruments, small furnishings and crystal. Check out our nice mirror topped dressing table unit, an inlaid barometer, jug and basin sets, table lamps, etc. A few yellow and black metal garden benches are still available and our large standing dogs, stag heads, and rustic rabbits are back in stock.

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**

PIONEER PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

The annual Pioneer pilgrimage Mass at **Knock Shrine** will be celebrated in the Basilica at **3pm next Sunday (19th)**.

Pioneers extend a welcome to families and relatives of people who are undergoing treatment for addiction at this time. Pioneer emblems and certificates will be available in St John's Rest and Care Centre from 1pm. People who are in recovery / aftercare and who live by the 12 Step Programme are particularly welcome to Knock during this Golden Jubilee Year of the Basilica of Our Lady Queen of Ireland. Further information from Fr Robert: **prayer@pioneers.ie**

MEN'S RETREAT

Standing in the Breach: Freedom in Christ, will take place in **Portglenone Monastery on Saturday 25th July from 9am-1pm**. The keynote speaker will be Dr Robert McNamara, and the morning will be an opportunity for men to come together for prayer, encouragement, fellowship and renewal in the Catholic faith. All men are warmly invited to attend. For further information or to book a place, please contact **Thomas Carey** on **07967 620435** or email **Sean** at **sean@catholicminute.co.uk**

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DOWNPATRICK PILGRIM WALK

Walk in Downpatrick with Martina Purdy and Elaine Kelly on **Saturday 8th August**. The walk begins at the Saint Patrick's Centre. The price includes entrance fees, internal bus transfers, pilgrimage lunch at Saul Barn, and a 6 mile pilgrimage walk finishing at St Patrick's grave. (Duration 9am-approx 3pm, all for just £55) To book ring **028 44619000** or www.saintpatrickcentre.com

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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**.



OLD SCHOOL BUILDING

As you will have noticed we have begun a project to renovate the old school building which stands across from the main doors of Our Lady & St Patrick's church.

The first parish school on the site was built in the 1870s at the same time as the church and the original parochial house. That school house was destroyed by fire in 1924 and the current building opened in 1926. Many of our parishioners will have gone to school there over the years.

We are now renovating the school building for use as parish function rooms and we hope it will be ready in the next 12-18 months. Your support for this project (particularly through the monthly Building Fund collection) would be much appreciated.

HYMNS FOR MASS

Come and take the flesh of Christ
Which he gave to be our bread.
Drink the chalice of his blood
Which upon the cross he shed.

We who are redeemed and saved,
By his body and his blood,
Hail the saving sacred Host
Which he gave to be our food.

Giver of salvation, Lord
Christ, the Son of God most high,
Sacrificed to save the world,
Raised with him, we will not die.

O praise ye the Lord!
Praise him in the height;
rejoice in his word,
ye angels of light;
ye heavens adore him
by whom ye were made,
and worship before him,
in brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord!
Thanksgiving and song
to him be outpoured
all ages along:
for love in creation,
for heaven restored,
for grace of salvation,
O praise ye the Lord!