

CELEBRATING GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

This Sunday the Church holds a *Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly*, on the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, Jesus' own grandparents. Grandparents hold a special place in our families — sharing memories, minding children, and often being the ones who first introduce little ones to Jesus, through Mass, prayer, or a bedtime blessing.

Pope Leo has also asked us to remember all elderly people, not only grandparents. No matter our age, we remain God's beloved children, invited to trust in his fatherly and motherly love. Let's care for our older parishioners, neighbours, and friends — every generation, young and old, has something precious to offer our parish family.



THIS WEEK

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

SUNDAY 26th	9.30am Mass
MONDAY 27th	10am Mass
WEDNESDAY 29th	10am Mass 7pm Rosary
FRIDAY 31st	6pm Adoration & Confessions 7pm Mass
SATURDAY 1st	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

Christine Tosh, Coleraine
Shaun McDaid, Leicester

Anniversaries

Margaret Diver, Hugh Hegarty, Billy Kerr, Mary McKay,
Patrick McKenna, Gretta McMillan, Ursula Wright

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.

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**.



OLD & NEW@No.5

Following a very busy week, we are all set up with lots of new stock in our parish shop. Check out our nice octagonal musical table, some nice single chairs, additional pieces of art, Tyrone and other crystal, tall floor lantern, lots of ceramics, Belleek, etc. We still have a few garden benches, bench planters, sun dials and circular planters left so if you get a chance give us a call this week.

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**

TOURS OF ST PETER'S CATHEDRAL

Join us for the inaugural Féile tours of **St Peter's Cathedral** in **Belfast** as we celebrate its 160th anniversary!

Officially opened with great ceremony on 14th October 1866, St Peter's, with its famous twin spires, has stood at the heart of West Belfast ever since. It is the cathedral for our Diocese of Down & Connor.

This special guided tour offers a unique opportunity to explore areas of the cathedral that are rich in history and significance, including:

- The Chapel of the Resurrection, where three Bishops of Down and Connor are laid to rest.
- The Sanctuary, home to the Bishop's Cathedra (throne).
- The Aumbry, which houses the Holy Oils donated in memory of Fr Hugh Mullan and Fr Noel Fitzpatrick, who lost their lives while anointing the wounded during the Ballymurphy shootings.

Tour dates:

- Monday 3 August at 3pm
- Tuesday 4 August at 3pm
- Wednesday 5 August at 3pm
- Thursday 6 August at 3pm

Tickets: **£5 per person**, payable at the entrance (please bring the exact amount). Come and discover the history, heritage, and stories of one of Belfast's most treasured landmarks.

LOUGH DERG

The **Three Day Pilgrimage** season is underway right now and ends on **15th August** (13th August is the final day for pilgrims to begin the Three Day Pilgrimage). Pre-booking is advised - you can book online or find out more information on **loughderg.org**

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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**

PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS

Lord Jesus, you were born of the Virgin Mary, the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne. Look with love on grandparents the world over. Protect them! They are a source of enrichment for families, for the Church and for all of society. Support them! As they grow older, may they continue to be for their families strong pillars of Gospel faith, guardians of noble domestic ideals, living treasures of sound religious traditions. Make them teachers of wisdom and courage, that they may pass on to future generations the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience.

Lord Jesus, help families and society to value the presence and role of grandparents. May they never be ignored or excluded, but always encounter respect and love. Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed in all the years of life which you give them.

Mary, Mother of all the living, keep grandparents constantly in your care, accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage, and by your prayers, grant that all families may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland, where you await all humanity for the great embrace of life without end. Amen!

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!