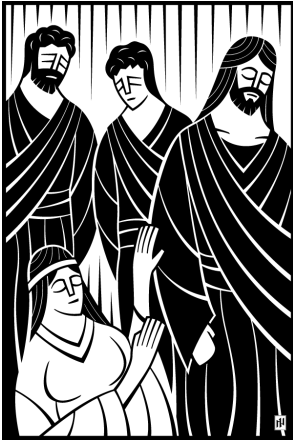


GREAT FAITH, NO BOUNDARIES

Today's Gospel finds Jesus seemingly reluctant to help a Canaanite woman pleading for her daughter, telling her it wouldn't be right to give "the children's bread" to "the dogs." It's very strange - until we see what the Lord is really doing. He's teaching his apostles, who had brushed the woman aside as a foreign outsider. Through their back-and-forth, Jesus reveals her deep faith and heals her daughter, showing the Twelve that God's love has no borders of race or nation.

It's a lesson for us too. As Isaiah foretold, God's house is "a house of prayer for all peoples." We're called to carry that welcome beyond our church doors — meeting everyone with respect, and speaking up against the prejudice and division still so present in our world.



THIS WEEK

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

|                |                                         |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------|
| SUNDAY 16th    | 9.30am Mass                             |
| MONDAY 17th    | 10am Mass                               |
| WEDNESDAY 19th | 10am Mass<br>7pm Rosary                 |
| FRIDAY 21st    | 6pm Adoration & Confessions<br>7pm Mass |
| SATURDAY 22nd  | 5.30-5.50pm Confessions<br>6pm 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

Month's Mind

Francis McKeever

Anniversaries

Breed Doey, Elizabeth Graham, Sean McColgan,  
Eimèar McCloskey

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.**

PRAYING THROUGH ART

Our summer art group will be meeting on **Wednesday** this week at **7.30pm** in the Canon's house. Materials are provided. All welcome.

OLD & NEW@No.5

This week there's a good mix of reordered stock and more pre-loved items in our parish shop. These include circular planters, tall standing dogs, mosaic topped plant stands, our tractor seat stools and our new rise and fall rustic stools.

Check out too a Singer sewing machine on stand, a nice set of stools, occasional tables and our lovely vintage standard lamp.

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**

YOUNG ADULT CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

*Embrace the Grace* is a conference on faith and culture for young adults (**18-40**) with talks, prayer, Mass, confession, workshops, food and social in the historic Legion of Mary headquarters at De Montfort House, North Brunswick Street, Dublin 7. It will be a chance to build faith in friendship with young adults from across the country.

This event takes place on **Saturday 29th August** from **9.30am to 6pm** with a social afterward. Tickets cost **€20** and can be booked on the Eventbrite website by searching *Embrace the Grace*. Any queries can be directed towards **deusetpatria@gmail.com**

FAMILY DAY

Catholic Mothers Ireland will hold its Annual National Mass on **Sunday 6th September** at Termonbacca Retreat Centre, Derry city. The day will begin with Mass at **2pm**, celebrated by Bishop Donal McKeown, followed by refreshments, children's activities, and a talk for parents. All are welcome.

This promises to be a lovely day for the whole family. For more information and booking details, please email **info@catholicmothers.ie**

CLERGY MOVES

We keep in our prayers this week Fr Patsy Mulholland who is moving from our neighbouring parish of Loughguile to Antrim as part of the annual clergy appointments. We also welcome Canon Colm McBride who comes to Loughguile. May God bless them and all the priests taking up new appointments in our diocese this week.

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HYMNS FOR MASS

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,  
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.  
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,  
Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,  
Christ all around me, shield in the strife.  
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,  
Christ in my rising, Light of my life.

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me,  
Christ be on all tongues telling of me.  
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me,  
In ears that hear me, Christ ever be.

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
To His feet thy tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Who like me His praise should sing?  
Praise Him, praise Him,  
praise Him, praise Him,  
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favour  
To our fathers in distress.  
Praise Him still the same forever,  
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Praise Him, praise Him,  
praise Him, praise Him,  
Glorious in His faithfulness.

LOUGH DERG

The traditional three day retreat season has finished for the year, but Lough Derg offers a number of other opportunities to come on pilgrimage during the next few months:

**One Day Retreats** – Guided Days of Prayer and Reflection - places available on August 18th, 22nd, 23rd, 29th and 31st September 5th, 6th, 9th, 12th, 15th, 19th and 20th Admission €50. Group discounts available. Advance Booking Essential .

**Heritage Day Tours** – Explore one of Ireland's most enduring and authentic spiritual destinations. Thursday 20th August. 11am & 2:30pm As part of National Heritage Week celebrations visitors will enjoy a guided boat trip on the lake, guided tour of Station Island and refreshments. Admission €15. Student & Child discounts available. Advance Booking Essential.

**Lakeshore Pilgrim Path Pilgrimage** – A chance to walk in the footsteps of pilgrims through the centuries. Sunday 30th August. 8km & 12km routes, fully guided. Outdoor Mass weather permitting. Admission €25. Advance Booking Essential.

Lough Derg is situated near Pettigo, Co. Donegal. For more information check **www.loughderg.org** or email **info@loughderg.org**

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**.