



Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan
CAUSEWAY FAMILY OF PARISHES

30th August 2026
Twenty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

GET BEHIND ME!

Last week Peter declared Jesus the Son of God and was named the rock of the Church. This week, hearing Jesus speak of his coming suffering and death, Peter takes him aside to object — and is met with those startling words: "Get behind me, Satan."

Peter isn't evil; he simply prefers an easier path - popularity over sacrifice. That's exactly what the Devil wants — not dramatic wickedness, but a quiet nudging away from God's way toward what's comfortable and acceptable. We hear the same voice today, telling us God's standards are old-fashioned, that sacrifice isn't really necessary.

True love, though, is always tested by sacrifice. As we take up our crosses this week, may we choose Christ's way over our own.



THIS WEEK

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

SUNDAY 30th	9.30am Mass
MONDAY 31st	10am Mass
TUESDAY 1st	7pm Novena to the Holy Face
WEDNESDAY 2nd	10am Mass 7pm Rosary
FRIDAY 4th	6pm Adoration & Confessions 7pm Mass
SATURDAY 5th	5.30-5.50pm Confessions 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

Recently Deceased

Fr Michael McConville, Belfast

Month's Mind

Margaret McErlean

Anniversaries

Eileen Devlin, Archie Elliott, Pat Fleming, John Gillan,
Patsy Lynch, Rose Lynch, Patsy McAleese, Therese McConville,
Mary McLaughlin, Terry McQuaid, Mai & Paddy Porteous,
Brian & Audrey Savage

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.

NOVENA TO THE HOLY FACE

Our monthly novena dedicated to the Holy Face of Jesus takes place on **Tuesday evening at 7pm.**



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

We have lots of nice pictures in our parish shop this week including two Rooney prints and some still lifes. Check out our selection of lamps including a superb period standard lamp, two old vintage cameras, nice large dinner set and wicker chair.

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.**

SVP ANNUAL OUTING

The Society of St Vincent de Paul, Ballymoney, are hosting their annual outing for senior citizens and those living alone on **Sunday 20th September.**



This year's event will offer a shopping trip followed by an evening meal. Transport is being organised for those wishing to attend with number limited to 48. Anyone with mobility issues please speak to a member of SVP prior to the event. A donation of £5 per person would be greatly appreciated.

Anyone interested in attending should call the SVP number **(07860 455 549)** and leave their name and contact number, or speak to an SVP representative.

BLESSING OF PETS

This year it takes place here in Ballymoney on **Sunday 27th September at 2pm.** All welcome to attend and bring along your animals to be blessed.

ROSARY VIGIL FOR LIFE

The rosary will be prayed outside Belfast City Hall on Sunday 30th August at 2pm. Join Precious Life in prayer to uphold the sacredness and dignity of unborn life, and pray that Belfast Council will reject plans to illuminate the City Hall in celebration of abortion. For more information, contact **028 9027 8484 / 07592 280522** or email **info@preciouslife.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.

For more information and booking details, please email **info@catholicmothers.ie**

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 September 5th, 6th, 9th, 12th, 15th, 19th and 20th Admission €50. Group discounts available. Advance Booking Essential.

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

CAUSEWAY COAST PEACE GROUP

The group invite you to the first in their 25th Anniversary series of meetings on **Tuesday 8th September at 10am** in **Ballintoy Parish Church Hall.** The speaker will be Shona McCarthy who is speaking on *Peace Through a Creative Lens.* A warm welcome will be extended to all who come along.

CONGRATULATIONS

to **Clare Finnerty & William Morton-Hooper** and **Karen Dinsmore & Ross Boyce** who celebrated their marriages this week

and to the family of **Luke Douglas** who was baptised.



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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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