



HOW TO DEAL WITH COMPLAINTS

This Sunday's readings tackle a subject we all find awkward: how to give and receive criticism. In the first reading, Ezekiel is called by God to speak out against sin, even though he cannot guarantee people will listen. In the Gospel, Jesus gives practical advice for confronting someone who has wronged us — first privately, then with a friend, always seeking reconciliation rather than revenge.

The lesson is one of patient love. We shouldn't gossip or hold grudges, but speak honestly and calmly, wanting the relationship restored rather than "winning." Sometimes the wisest course is to wait until we can speak without anger. And when we ourselves feel let down, even by God, we're free to bring him our complaints too — he can bear them.

THIS WEEK

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

SUNDAY 6th	9.30am Mass
MONDAY 7th	10am Mass
WEDNESDAY 9th	10am Mass 7pm Rosary
FRIDAY 11th	6pm Adoration & Confessions 7pm Mass
SATURDAY 12th	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

Month's Mind
Frankie McEldowney

Anniversaries
Danny Coyles, Michael Coyles, James Douglas,
John & Florence Kirgan, Florena Moore

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.

SEASON OF CREATION

The Church's Season of Creation runs throughout September and on until the feast of St Francis of Assisi on October 4th.

Bishop Alan McGuckian writes "I warmly encourage our parishes, schools, families and communities throughout the diocese to participate in the Season of Creation. May we be inspired to take practical steps, however small, to care for God's creation and to work for environmental justice.

"May this Season of Creation deepen our gratitude for the gift of creation, strengthen our commitment to environmental justice, and inspire us to become faithful stewards of the earth entrusted to our care."

BLESSING OF PETS

Once again we will be marking the Season of Creation with a blessing of animals inspired by the ministry of St Francis of Assisi. Our pets and animals remind us of the beauty and diversity God has given us in the natural world. This year the blessing service takes place here in Ballymoney in the grounds of the church on **Sunday 27th September at 2pm**. All welcome to attend and bring along your animals to be blessed.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

A new committee to promote Eucharistic Adoration in our diocese is being set up. They are looking for people who would be interested in supporting their work through promotion, speaking in parishes, organisation or prayer. If you're interested in getting involved please speak to Fr Damian for more information.

CAUSEWAY COAST PEACE GROUP

The group invite you to the first in their 25th Anniversary series of meetings for 2026-27 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.

PARISH OF BALLYMONEY
& DERRYKEIGHAN

Diocese of Down & Connor
Causeway Family of Parishes

Contact Details

Very Rev. Damian McCaughan PP VF

81 Castle Street
BALLYMONEY
Co. Antrim
BT53 6JT

Tel: 028 2766 2003
Email: ballymoney@downandconnor.org

Website: www.ballymoneyparish.com
Facebook: @ballymoneycatholic

HYMNS FOR MASS

Soul of my Saviour sanctify my breast,
Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest,
Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,
wash me with water flowing from thy side.

Strength and protection may thy passion be,
O blessed Jesus, hear and answer me;
deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,
so shall I never, never part from thee.

O Lord, my God,
when I, in awesome wonder
Consider all
the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars,
I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout
the universe displayed

Then sings my soul,
my Saviour God to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.
Then sings my soul,
my Saviour God to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.

OLD & NEW@No.5

There's lots of new stock again this week from an old vintage sewing machine to a large pair of two handled vases, nice pairs of candlesticks, jug and basin sets, and much more.

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**

MEN'S RETREAT

A Catholic men's retreat will take place at Portglenone Monastery on **Saturday 19th September**, from **9am to 1pm**. The theme of the retreat is "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me" (Galatians 2:20). The morning will include prayer, teaching, fellowship and men's testimonies, with Fr Eddie McGee as keynote speaker. All men are very welcome. For further information, contact Thomas Carey on **07967 620435** or email **sean@catholicminute.co.uk**

CAUSEWAY PARISHES PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

There will be a pilgrimage to Knock Shrine for our Causeway Family of Parishes on **Saturday 3rd October** led by **Fr Kevin McGuckien**. The bus will make pickups from Portrush, Portstewart, Coleraine and Ballymoney leaving at approximately 7am and returning around 10.30pm. The cost is **£35 for adults** and **£10 for children**. You can book a place by phoning **07724 092063**.

OTHER TRIPS TO KNOCK

The Legion of Mary Annual Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine will take place on **Sunday 27th September**. A coach will leave Dunloy Parish Centre at 7am, returning by 9.30pm. Information/booking: **07471537051**

There will be another trip to Knock on **Saturday 3rd October**. A bus will be leaving St Patrick's Church Loughguile at 6am. Contact Patricia Campbell on **02827641120** or **07871626940**.