

FORGIVENESS WITHOUT LIMIT

In today’s Gospel, Jesus continues last week’s teaching on conflict with the parable of the unforgiving servant. A king forgives a servant an unpayable debt (worth billions in today’s money) only for that servant to refuse mercy to a colleague who owes him a much smaller sum. The king’s anger reveals the lesson: having received such extraordinary mercy, the servant should have shown it in turn.

We too are debtors before God, and Christ has already paid what we could never repay. But receiving that gift means extending it to others — even when forgiveness feels impossible. If we’re Christians we have to be serious about seeking forgiveness *and* forgiving others. Confession deepens our experience of God’s mercy; practising forgiveness in small daily moments builds the habit for harder ones.



THIS WEEK <i>Parish webcam can be viewed on our YouTube channel (search for Ballymoney Parish)</i>		
SUNDAY 13th		9.30am Mass
MONDAY 14th		10am Mass
WEDNESDAY 16th		10am Mass 7pm Rosary
FRIDAY 18th		6pm Adoration & Confessions 7pm Mass
SATURDAY 19th		5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Mass
<i>Our Lady & St Patrick's church is open every day for private prayer - usually from 10am to 7pm.</i>		
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

Thomas Graham, Cahal Kelly, Kevin Laverty,
John & Mary McCann, Kevin McCann,
Annie & Roger McConnell, Catherine McCollam,
Joseph McCollam, Anthony McGreevy, George McMillan,
Michael Mullaghan

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.

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.

OLD & NEW@No.5

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. Final numbers for the trip required by 13th September. Bus will leave carpark opposite the church at 1pm sharp and return after 6-30pm.

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**.

PARISH OF BALLYMONEY & DERRYKEIGHAN

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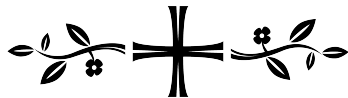
HYMNS FOR MASS

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.
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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**. Price approx. £30 depending on numbers.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Dunloy & Cloughmills Parish are seeking to recruit into the **part-time** role of **Caretaker**. This role will include:

- Ensure the Parish buildings, including the Parish Hall, are opened and closed at the appropriate times and maintained to the highest standard.
- Providing a reliable and efficient cleaning service to ensure that all public areas of the Parish are maintained to a high standard of cleanliness and are welcoming to users and visitors at all times.
- Ensure the parish grounds are maintained, safe and secure for all who use them.

The terms are based on a permanent part-time appointment requiring 20 hours per week, over Monday to Sunday – work pattern to be agreed with the Parish Priest. Availability to work flexible hours is required from the post holder, including evenings, weekends and occasional anti-social hours. Rate of Pay - £12.71 gross per hour. Full details relating to the vacancy can be found on the Diocesan website at: www.downandconnor.org and on the Community NI website, where terms and conditions relating to the role can also be accessed by way of a Role Profile and Employment Application form. Application packs can also be obtained from Dunloy & Cloughmills Parish Office.

We welcome applications from anyone who feels they meet the criteria and are interested in playing an active part in the Parish. Closing date for applications will be **12noon on Monday 28th September 2026**.