

GENEROUS TO THE LAST

In this Sunday's Gospel, a landowner hires workers throughout the day — some at dawn, some at five in the evening — yet pays them all the same wage. It's a story that can needle us if we imagine ourselves among the first hired: it doesn't seem fair. But that's exactly the point. God's generosity isn't measured out like ours; he gives each of us everything we need, no matter how late we come to him.



The parable also warns us against resentment, that quiet unfairness we feel when others seem to receive more than us. Rather than compare, we're invited to trust that God has been caring for each of us all along — and to bring our hurt to him in prayer. When we can hand over our resentment to the Lord we allow him to comfort us and assure us of his generous fatherly love.

THIS WEEK

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

SUNDAY 20th	9.30am Mass
MONDAY 21st	10am School Mass
WEDNESDAY 22nd	10am Mass 7pm Rosary
FRIDAY 24th	6pm Adoration & Confessions 7pm Mass
SATURDAY 25th	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

Fionnvarr O'Riordain, Kildare

Anniversaries

Kathleen Darragh, Danny Hendrie, Rosie & Willie McCann,
Jimmy McCusker, Mick McKay, William O'Connor,
Nora Rodgers

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

CONGRATULATIONS

to the family of **Brodie Hoole**
who was baptised this week.



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.

SCHOOL MASS

The children of St Brigid's Primary School will be joining us at **10am** on **Monday morning** for their opening of year Mass. All welcome to attend.

BLESSING OF PETS

Our annual 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 SVP outing takes place on **Sunday**. For those who have booked a place, the bus will leave carpark opposite the church at **1pm sharp** and return after 6.30pm.



OLD & NEW@No.5

There's lots of new stock in our parish shop this week! Check out our upholstered chairs, a nest of tables, a slimline hall table, pairs of vases, an unusual crystal lamp and an extra large figurine lamp base, ideal for a large room!

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**

A huge thank you to the volunteer team at Old & New @No.5 and all their customers for raising another £10,000 for parish funds. We really appreciate your support.

PARISH HALL

Due to retirement we are looking for volunteers to help run our parish hall. We need people who would be interested in supervising the hall, cleaning, and helping to set up for funeral refreshments during the day. For more information please contact Gerard McAfee (**07860474956**) or Aimee Mullan (**07934147981**)

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**. 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**.

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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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