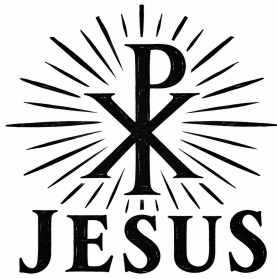


THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

In this Sunday's second reading, St Paul reminds the Philippians that God gave Jesus "the name which is above all other names" — a name before which every knee should bend, in heaven, on earth, and even in the underworld. Far from being an ordinary word, the name of Jesus is itself a powerful gift, carrying grace, healing, and hope whenever it is spoken in love.

And yet how often that same name is taken in vain - used as if it was a swear word? Doing so turns a blessing into sacrilege — small, pointless, and needlessly hurtful. Perhaps you’ve been guilty of this yourself? We often think it’s a minor sin, but it matters so much. This week, try reclaiming the habit: bow your head at the name of Jesus, and if ever you slip, simply say, "Sorry, Jesus, I love you." It would be a small act of penance and love, but a real one.



THIS WEEK

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

SUNDAY 27th 9.30am Mass
2pm Blessing of Animals

MONDAY 28th 10am Mass

WEDNESDAY 30th 10am Mass
7pm Rosary

**FRIDAY 2nd
First Friday** 6pm Holy Hour
with Adoration, Confessions & Benediction
7pm Novena Mass

SATURDAY 3rd 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

Anniversaries

Yvonne Fisher, Mary McCloskey, Ellen McGuigan,
Caroline O'Carroll, Liam O'Mullan, Fionnuala White,
Paul Wildsmith

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 ANIMALS

Our annual blessing service takes place here in Ballymoney in the grounds of the church on **Sunday** at **2pm**. All welcome to attend and bring along your animals to be blessed.

FIRST FRIDAY NOVENA

Once again this year we invite you to make a novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus by going to confession and Mass on nine consecutive First Fridays from October to June. We begin this **Friday** with confessions during the **Holy Hour** from **6pm** and then our **Novena Mass** at **7pm**.

OLD & NEW@No.5

There's lots of new stock in our parish shop this week! Check out a lovely inlaid mahogany Edwardian armchair, an upholstered nursing chair, another vintage Singer sewing machine, nice solid hall table, choice of fire screens, new pictures, tea sets, and so 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**

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**)

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Arrangements are being finalised for the celebration of First Confession, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation next year. Children attending St Brigid's Primary School and Ballymoney Model Integrated Primary School are already enrolled for these sacraments and will undertake their preparation in school.

For children attending other schools who wish to receive their sacraments in **2026**, participation in a sacramental preparation course is required. A joint course for our Family of Parishes will be held at **St Malachy's Parish Centre** in **Coleraine**, beginning in October.

A registration meeting for parents/guardians of children taking part in the sacramental preparation courses will take place in **St Malachy's Parish Centre** on **Wednesday 7th October** at **7pm**.

The following children are eligible for the sacraments:
First Confession & First Communion
- children in **P4** (or older)
Confirmation - Children in **P7** (or older).

For more information please contact Portstewart parish office on **028 7083 2534** during office hours.

BULLETIN NOTICES

There will be one parish bulletin covering both **Sunday 3rd** and **10th October**. Anniversaries and other notices for the week of 10th October should be submitted this week or held over until the week of the 17th.

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

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 **028 2764 1120** or **07871 626940**. Price approx. £30 depending on numbers.

CHOOSE LIFE WITNESS

Join Precious Life on **Monday (28th)** at **6.15pm** at Primark / Bank Buildings, Donegal Place, Belfast, as we walk together to Belfast City Hall for a peaceful Choose Life Witness, opposing the planned illumination for so-called "International Safe Abortion Day." For more information: **07592 280522**.

BELFAST ROSARY FESTIVAL

Our Lady's Rosary Festival will take place from **12th to 18th October**. Join us for a week of events to honour Our Lady, ending with the annual Belfast Rosary Procession. The procession will leave St Malachy's Church, Belfast City Centre, at **2.30pm** on **Sunday 18th October**, and finish at St Peter's Cathedral. A full list of events can be found online at **belfastrosaryfestival.com**

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**.



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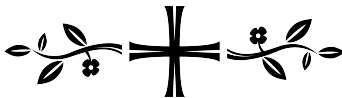
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HYMNS FOR MASS

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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