



Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

CAUSEWAY FAMILY OF PARISHES

5th & 12th October 2026
27th & 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

In this Sunday's second reading, St Paul urges us not to be anxious about anything, but to bring every need to God in prayer and leave it in his hands. Like a loving parent, the Lord knows best how and when to answer, and whatever his reply, he promises us a peace beyond understanding.

And one of the best ways to pray is with the rosary. October is the month of the rosary, a tradition dating back to Pope Pius V's call for prayer before the Battle of Lepanto in 1571. Why not pray at least a decade each day, ideally with our families, and join our candlelight rosary, which returns on Thursday. Prayer intentions may be left in the boxes at the back of the church and will be prayed for throughout this month.



WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Recently Deceased

Fr Aidan O'Kane, CP

Anniversaries

Annie Devine, Patsy Douglas, Jane Graham, Lawrence Greene, Sean Johnston, Grace Laverty, Charlie McAleese, Mary McCaughan, Dan McClements, Dominic McColgan, John McGinty, William and Sarah Josephine McLaughlin, Margaret Shiels, Jack Young

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.

PARISH ARRANGEMENTS

Fr Damian will be on leave from **Tuesday 6th to Friday 16th**. During this time the parish office will be open as usual on **Mondays and Wednesdays 10am-2pm** with Joanne Scally our Parish Support Officer. If you need a priest in an emergency please contact Portstewart parish office on **028 7083 2534** or one of the other local parishes.

HOLY FACE NOVENA

The monthly novena to the Holy Face of Jesus takes place on **Tuesday (5th) at 7pm**.

OCTOBER - THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

The month of October is dedicated to the Rosary, one of the Church's favourite prayers when we meditate on the lives of Jesus and Mary. Families are encouraged to pray the rosary at home during the month, especially with young children.

Candlelight Rosary

We will pray the rosary together in the church by candlelight on **Thursdays at 7pm** over the next four weeks. This is a lovely chance to come together in a peaceful and meditative environment.



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**

PRAYER REQUESTS

During this month there is a chance to have your intentions prayed for. From this weekend there is a box at the back of the church to leave your prayer intentions. Write them down, leave them in the box (but if the prayers are for someone else don't include their name for reasons of privacy). They will be prayed for throughout the month.

OLD & NEW@No.5

Our parish shop is a treasure trove of gifts. 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**

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.

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**.



WOMEN'S VOCATIONS

Are you a young woman discerning God's call? Come along to an evening of prayer and reflection with the Nashville Dominican sisters on **Thursday 22nd October at 7pm** in **St Colmcille's church**, Newtownards Rd, Belfast. Open to women aged 18-40. For more information or to RSVP contact David Goodwin at **d.goodwin@downandconnor.org**

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HYMNS FOR MASS

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

O, Master grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
In giving to all men that we receive
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
to keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
of this world in the next.

