



Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

9th February 2025
Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time



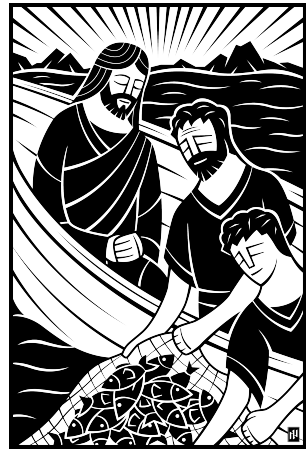
ST VINCENT DE PAUL

We would like to remind you that SVP continue to support our local community, and we do this in the strictest confidence. Therefore, if you are in need and would like our help please do not hesitate to get in touch on 07860 455 549.

DOWN & CONNOR LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Celebrating the Jubilee Year and our 40th Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage: 9/10 – 15th/16th July. 5 & 7 Night options available.

Please visit www.downandconnor.org/lourdes for more information or call the Pilgrimage Office on 028 9077 0162 or email lourdes@downandconnor.org **Youth Team** (9-16th July): applications now open too (see website for details).



GOD CALLS US TO SERVE

In today's readings, we see how God calls ordinary people to do extraordinary things. Isaiah, feeling unworthy, is blessed by God to become a prophet. Peter, overwhelmed by Jesus's power, asks Him to leave because he feels unworthy as a sinful man. Yet Jesus calls this simple fisherman to become a fisher of men.

Like Peter, we might feel unworthy or unsuitable to do God's work. But God gives each of us unique gifts and talents to serve His purpose. Whether it's in the parish, or in our day to day lives, we all have a role to play in building God's kingdom.

As Blessed John Henry Newman said, "God has created me to do Him some definite service." Let's trust in God's call and allow Him to work through us.

THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 8th 5.30-5.50pm Confessions
6pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 9th 9.30am Mass
4.30-4.50pm Confessions
5pm Mass

MONDAY 10th 10am Mass

WEDNESDAY 12th 10am Mass
6pm Rosary

FRIDAY 14th 6-6.40pm Confessions
7pm Mass

Our Lady & St Patrick's is open every day for private prayer - usually from 10am to 4.30pm.

Other Sunday Masses in the Causeway Family of Parishes:

Saturday 5pm - Portstewart
Saturday 6.30pm - St Malachy's, Coleraine
Sunday 10am - Portstewart
Sunday 11am - St Malachy's, Coleraine
Sunday 12noon - Portrush

WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Recently Deceased

Amanda Lennox, Coleraine
Canon Noel Conway, Downpatrick
Fr Brendan Smyth, PP Crossgar & Killyleagh

Month's Mind

Bernadette Campbell

Anniversaries

Fr Christopher Dallat PP, James Dixon, Marie Dunlop, Frank Havlin, Christopher Hurley, Samuel O'Connor

CONGRATULATIONS

to the family of **Saoirse Blaney** 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.

OLD & NEW@No.5

We're all set for a busy week after all the storms and power cuts! Check out our nice tea sets, armchairs, crystal including a lovely claret jug, royal crown derby duck, table lamps, pictures etc.

Our Parish Shop is open **Wednesday to Saturday 10am-4.30pm** at 5 Gate End Ballymoney. You can also keep in touch with us on our Facebook page [@oldandnewatno5](https://www.facebook.com/oldandnewatno5).

MONEYGLASS NOVENA TO OUR LADY

The parish of Duneane is celebrating a novena to Our Lady of Lourdes which is taking place at the national shrine at Moneyglass. The novena continues at 7pm each evening until **Tuesday 11th February**. Mass and novena prayers will be celebrated each evening and there will be a number of guest speakers and preachers. The shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes is one of our diocesan jubilee pilgrimage locations for the Holy Year.

JOB VACANCY - GROUNDS-PERSON

An opportunity has arisen for a grounds-person in Ballymoney Parish, to work across the Church of Our Lady & St Patrick, Castle Street, Ballymoney, BT53 6JT and the Church of Our Lady and St John the Evangelist, Dervock, BT53 8AB.

The responsibilities will include ensuring the churches and parish grounds and other parish properties are maintained to the highest standard, and that all who use them can do so safely and securely.

The terms are based on a permanent appointment requiring 28 hours attendance over 4 days from 9.00am to 4.00pm – working days to be agreed with the Parish Priest. Availability to work flexible hours is required from the post holder, from time to time.

Rate of Pay - £11.44 gross per hour.

- Full details relating to the vacancy can be found: on the Diocesan website at: <http://www.downandconnor.org> clicking on the tab: JOB VACANCIES
- 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 the 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 - Tuesday 18th February at 12noon.

PARISH OF BALLYMONEY & DERRYKEIGHAN

Diocese of Down & Connor
Causeway Family of Parishes

Contact Details

Very Rev. Damian McCaughan PP

81 Castle Street
BALLYMONEY
Co. Antrim
BT53 6JT

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

Website: www.ballymoneyparish.com
Facebook: [@ballymoneycatholic](https://www.facebook.com/ballymoneycatholic)
Youtube: Ballymoney Parish

HYMNS FOR MASS

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto Me, and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
Thy head upon My breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
Weary, and worn, and sad;
I found in Him a resting-place,
And He has made me glad

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
The living water: thirsty one,
Stoop down, and drink, and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in Him.

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see. R.

R. *Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church
gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice. R.

ONLINE BIBLE COURSE

The Book of Genesis is a fascinating book, with some of the most memorable characters and stories in the Bible. This Lent **Kieran Hill** invites you to join him in looking at these stories and characters to help us understand God and His relationship to Humanity. We will be using the new book *Reading Genesis* by Marilynne Robinson as our guide.

The course runs on **Thursdays** during Lent beginning **6th March**. It will take place **online** from **7-8.30pm**. To register for the course and order the book please contact Kieran Hill kc.hill@btinternet.com or **07964 287 839**.

REFLECTION OF ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it if I do but keep His commandments.

Therefore, I will trust Him, whatever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him, in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about.