



Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

16th February 2025
Sixth 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

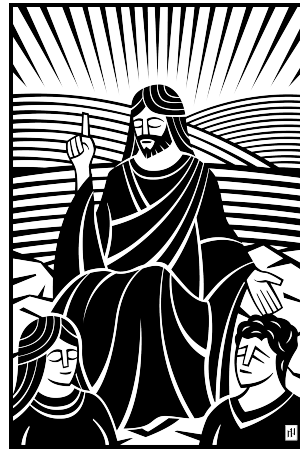
Celebrating the Jubilee Year and our 40th Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage: 9/10 – 15th/16th July. 5 & 7 Night options available.

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).

WHAT MAKES US TRULY HAPPY?

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that the poor, the hungry, and those who weep are happy. This isn't because suffering is good in itself, but because God promises to console them. Their blessing lies in having something wonderful ahead of them. This contrasts with those who put all their hope in wealth, success, or popularity. These things can never make us happy in the long run.

As we approach Lent, we have a perfect opportunity to live out these beatitudes through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These practices help us focus on what truly matters - our relationship with God and our journey toward His kingdom. True blessing comes not from having everything now, but from trusting in God's promises for our future.



THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 15th	5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
SUNDAY 16th	9.30am Mass 4.30-4.50pm Confessions 5pm Mass
MONDAY 17th	10am Mass
WEDNESDAY 19th	10am Mass 6pm Rosary
FRIDAY 21st	6-6.40pm Confessions 7pm Mass
SATURDAY 22nd	2pm Dementia Friendly 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

Doreen Smith
Seamus Boorman, Dublin

Anniversaries

Sarah (Cissie) Cairns, May Kelly, Eileen McAfee,
Maureen Magee, Paddy Quigg, Lizzie Scullin, James Shiels

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.

OLD & NEW@No.5

There are lots of new and popular items in this week and lots of nice pre-loved items too!

Check out our large piece of wall dog art, our large collection of ornamental dogs and horses including some beswick pieces, lovely small drop leaf oak table and lots of new ceramics and crystal.

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.

MASS ATTENDANCE COUNT

Throughout February a count is being taken of numbers attending weekend Masses in our parish. This is the third year we have carried out this count. Last weekend we had the highest Mass attendance recorded in the three years so far - **468**.

The breakdown for each Mass was:

Saturday 6pm	-	146
Sunday 9.30am	-	169
Sunday 5pm	-	153

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.

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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.

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To His feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like me His praise should sing?
Praise Him, praise Him,
praise Him, praise Him,
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favour
To our fathers in distress.
Praise Him still the same forever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise Him, praise Him,
praise Him, praise Him,
Glorious in His faithfulness.

'SING FOR JOY!' - A DAY OF MUSIC AND MINISTRY

Are you a young person involved, or keen to become involved in church music? We invite you to join us for a day of music and ministry. **Saturday 26th April** at Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co. Donegal. Boat departs at **9.30am**.

In the prayerful setting of Lough Derg, this day will provide space for the power of music to nourish our spirit and allow us to give praise to God through the beauty of sound, song and silence. There will be various inputs as well as time to pray, connect with others and explore this Sacred place. The day will conclude with Mass at **5pm** (open to the public). This day is open to young people aged **18-35** and is free to attend (supported by the Knights of St Columbanus). Registration is essential via <https://bit.ly/SingforJoy>. For further information please contact info@knightsofstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk or 07759496677.