



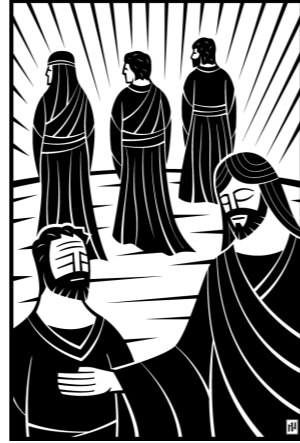
Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

25th August 2024
Twenty First Sunday of Ordinary Time

WHERE ELSE WOULD WE GO, LORD?

In today's Gospel we come to the end of the great teaching Jesus gives on the Eucharist from John, Chapter Six. And for Jesus this moment must come as a great disappointment. He has told his disciples about the great gift God wants to give them - the Bread of Life, the Body and Blood of Jesus in Holy Communion. But they don't like the sound of it. Most of them just walk away.

We know that in our time many Catholics have walked away from their faith. Others still come to Mass but it doesn't seem to make much difference to their lives. If we want to follow Christ then we know we have to do more than just turn up. God loves us and asks us to love him back, so we need to grow in our love for the Lord, his Word, his Church and his Sacraments. That is the way to eternal life.



THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 24th	5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
SUNDAY 25th	9.30am Mass 4.30-4.50pm Confessions 5pm Mass
MONDAY 26th	no Mass
WEDNESDAY 28th	10am Mass
FRIDAY 30th	6-6.40pm Confessions 7pm Mass
SATURDAY 31st	2pm Dementia Friendly Mass

Our Lady & St Patrick's is open every day for private prayer - usually from 10am to 6pm.

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
Gerard McKenna

Anniversaries
Eileen Devlin, Elizabeth Graham, Bridie McAleese,
Seamus McCloskey, Theresa McConville, Johnny Maxwell,
Jessie Neill, Mai & Paddy Porteous

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 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 cheques payable to: **Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan.**

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY MASS

Our next accessible Mass for people with dementia and their carers is on **Saturday (31st) at 2pm.**

OLD & NEW @No.5

Our summer sale is over and it's back to normal business! We have rearranged the front of the shop to include all the nice small furnishings that have come in together with a nice and unusual collection of Doulton figurines, nice tea sets etc.

Please note that our large hares, lambs, pipe clocks and lying dogs are back so if you get a chance give us a call

You can find us at 5 Gate End, Ballymoney and it's open **10am-4.30pm** from **Wednesday - Saturday**. Take a look at our Facebook page for more information.

LECTIO DIVINA

Lectio Divina (Divine Reading) is the name the Church gives to praying and meditating with the scriptures. A group in our parish meet to learn and practice this type of prayer. They will be meeting this **Tuesday (27th)** at **7pm** in the Canon's House. If you would like to join them for the first time you would be very welcome indeed.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

If you need our help please call us confidentially on **07860455549**. For more information about the work of our conference you can speak to any of our members.

SVP ANNUAL OUTING 2024

The Society of St Vincent de Paul, Ballymoney, are hosting their annual outing for senior citizens and those living alone on **Sunday 22nd September**.

This year's event offers a chance for participants to enjoy a trip to **Derry/Londonderry** for several hours before an evening meal at **The Bushtown Hotel, Coleraine** on the return journey.

Transport is being organised for those wishing to attend. Senior Citizens or anyone living alone in attending should register your attendance by calling **07860 455 549** and leaving your name and contact number, or speaking to an SVP representative.

The bus will be leaving the Car Park in Castle St opposite the Chapel at 12.15pm sharp. The cost is a minimum donation of **£5**, payable on the bus, and the closing date for attendance figures is **Sunday 15th September**.

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HYMNS FOR MASS

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,
Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me, shield in the strife.
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising, light of my life.

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me,
Christ be on all tongues telling of me.
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me,
In ears that hear me Christ ever be.

Holy God, we praise Thy Name;
Lord of all, we bow before Thee!
All on earth Thy sceptre claim,
All in Heaven above adore Thee;
Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.

Hark! the loud celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising,
Cherubim and seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising;
Fill the heavens with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord.

BACK TO SCHOOL

St Brigid's Primary School reopens for most pupils this week on **Friday (30th)** with a 12noon finish. Primary 1 and Class A pupils have separate arrangements. More details for parents on the school website.

At **Our Lady of Lourdes, Year 8s only** are in this **Friday (30th)**. Years 8 and 12 only come in on Monday 2nd, Yrs 9, 10, 11 only on Tuesday 3rd and the whole school is present from Wednesday 4th on.

We wish all our pupils, teachers, staff and volunteers all God's blessings for the new academic year.

ST LOUIS GRAMMAR BOOK

Explore the history of St Louis Grammar Ballymena through the pages of a new hardback, commemorative book specially commissioned to mark the school's centenary. Written by Derval Fitzsimons, a former pupil and renowned writer and broadcaster, with contributions from past pupils and members of staff through the decades, the book tells the school's story. It also examines the history of Kintullagh House and the challenges of establishing the first all girls Catholic school in the area. Full of photographs and illustrations from the last 100 years, this is a must-have for everyone associated with St Louis.

Published at the beginning of November the book will be a perfect Christmas gift for those families and friends who have experienced the very special St Louis values system and the school's family centred approach to education. To order your copy please visit www.friendsofstlouisballymena.com