



Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

6th October 2024
Twenty Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time



THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

In this Sunday's readings we hear once again God's laws on marriage and family life. The first reading from Genesis explains how God gives us marriage as a sacrament to unite a man and a woman for a lifetime of love and companionship so that they become a new family. In the Gospel Jesus explains how the sacrament is so sacred that it should not be broken or treated casually.

For some people, of course, these readings can be hard to hear. Not everyone has been blessed by a happy marriage or family life and sometimes we can feel we don't fit in to God's plan. But Jesus reassures us that all of us are loved and embraced by the Father.

THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 4th	5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
SUNDAY 5th	9.30am Mass 5pm Mass
MONDAY 6th	10am Mass 6pm Rosary
WEDNESDAY 8th	10am Mass 7pm Rosary by Candlelight
FRIDAY 11th	6-6.40pm Confessions 7pm 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

Anne McMeekin, Ballymena

Anniversaries

Patsy Douglas, John Elliott, Margaret (Peggy) McGuckian, William & Sarah Josephine McLaughlin, William McSheffrey, John O'Reilly, Cecil Truesdale, 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 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.**

DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR PEACE

Pope Francis has called for a day of prayer and fasting for peace in the Middle East on **Monday (7th)** which is the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. We have Mass at **10am** on Monday and it will be offered for this intention.

The rosary will be prayed publicly in the church **before Mass** in the morning and again at **6pm**. Please join us if you can or pray the rosary at home for peace.

There will also be Mass on Monday at 10am in St Malachy's, Coleraine and at 10.30am in Portrush. The rosary will be prayed in public in the churches Portrush, Portstewart and Coleraine on the hour between 9am and 7pm.

If your health and circumstances permit, you may wish to **fast** on Monday or go off something for the day for this special intention.

CANDLELIGHT ROSARY

During October the rosary will be prayed in the church on **Wednesday evenings** at **7pm** by candlelight. This week we pray the Luminous Mysteries.



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 2025, participation in a sacramental preparation course is required. This course will be held at **St Malachy's Parish Centre** in Coleraine, beginning in **October 2024**.

An enrolment meeting for parents and guardians of children taking part in the sacramental preparation courses will take place in **St Malachy's Parish Centre** on **Wednesday, 9th 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 Fr Damian.

DO THIS IN MEMORY

Once again we will be having a monthly Mass for young children and their families this year with a special invitation to those who will be making their First Communion next spring. The first *Do This In Memory* Mass will be at **9.30am** on **Sunday October 20th**. After Mass we invite all primary school aged children and their parents to join us in the parish hall for craft activities (and a cup of coffee for the parents!)

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.

The parish would like to offer a special thank you to all the SVP members who helped organise the recent day trip to Derry for senior citizens.

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HYMNS FOR MASS

O praise ye the Lord!
Praise him in the height
Rejoice in his word,
ye angels of light
Ye heavens, adore him,
by whom ye were made
And worship before him,
in brightness arrayed

O praise ye the Lord!
Praise him upon earth,
In tuneful accord,
all you of new birth,
Praise him who hath brought
you his grace from above
Praise him who hath taught you
to sing of his love

OLD & NEW@No.5

As always there's plenty to see in our parish shop! Check out our selection of coffee and other small tables and furnishings, our new teddy bear door stops, a lovely child's toy box and chair, egg wreaths, and pieces of crystal. We've been delighted to receive a few more Jack Russell dogs and standing sheep figures along with some new friends too.

We're open **Wednesday to Saturday 10am-4.30pm** at 5 Gate End Ballymoney, and we would love to see you. And you can keep in touch with us by following our Facebook page @oldandnewatno5.

RELIC OF ST BERNADETTE IN BELFAST

In September and October this year, the relic of St Bernadette of Lourdes journey on pilgrimage to Ireland for the very first time, visiting every diocese in the country.

This very special will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes in their diocese.

The relic will be venerated at **St Eugene's Cathedral in Derry** on **13th** and **14th October** before being arriving in Down & Connor diocese for veneration at **St Mary's, Chapel Lane, Belfast** at **12noon** on **Tuesday 15th**.

St Mary's, Chapel Lane, Belfast. Tuesday 15th

Welcome ceremony at 12noon
Mass at 1pm and 7pm.
Devotions at 3pm, 4pm and 5pm.
Church open until 11pm for private prayer and veneration.

Wednesday 16th

Mass at 7am, 1pm and 7pm.
Devotions at 9am, 10am, 11am, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm.
Church open until 11pm for private prayer and veneration.

See www.downandconnor.org/stbernadette/ for more details.

