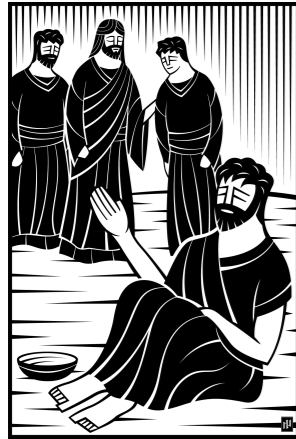




Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

27th October 2024
Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time



THE HEALING OF BARTIMAEUS

This Sunday's Gospel tells us about Bartimaeus, a blind beggar who encountered Jesus on the road to Jerusalem. When Bartimaeus heard the Lord was passing by, he called out for help. Jesus stopped, asked what he wanted, and restored his sight. But the story doesn't end there – instead of going his own way, Bartimaeus chose to follow Jesus on the road to Jerusalem.

This meeting fulfills a prophecy made by Jeremiah, when he foresaw the Lord leading his people to Jerusalem. But it also speaks to us today about how we respond to God's blessings in our lives. Do we treat answered prayers as mere coincidences and then go on as before? Or do we, like Bartimaeus, recognize these moments as invitations to follow Jesus more closely?

THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 26th	5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
SUNDAY 27th	9.30am Mass 5pm Mass
MONDAY 28th	10am Mass
WEDNESDAY 30th	10am Mass 7pm Rosary by Candlelight
FRIDAY 1st All Saints First Friday	10am Mass 6pm Holy Hour 7pm Mass (& Novena Prayers)
SATURDAY 2nd All Souls	9.30am Mass in Dervock 6pm 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

Other Holy Day Masses for All Saints' Day in this area:

Thursday 7pm	-	Portstewart
Thursday 7pm	-	St Malachy's, Coleraine
Friday 9.30am	-	Portstewart
Friday 10am	-	St Malachy's, Coleraine
Friday 10.30am	-	Portrush

WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Anniversaries

Francis Cassidy, Christopher Hendrie, Rosemary & Paddy McArdle, Eileen McAlister, Vera McGonigle, Eileen O'Kane

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.**

ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS

Friday 1st is All Saints' Day. It is a **Holy Day of Obligation** and Mass will be celebrated at **10am** and **7pm** in Our Lady & St Patrick's. See the panel left for times in other local parishes.

Saturday 2nd is All Souls' Day. It is **not** a day of obligation. Mass will be celebrated in **Dervock at 9.30am** and in Ballymoney at the usual Saturday time of **6pm**. There will be also be Mass on Saturday morning at 9.30am in Portstewart, 10am in St Malachy's, Coleraine and 10.30am in Portrush.

LECTIO DIVINA

Our scripture prayer group will meet on **Tuesday** evening at **7pm** in the Canon's house. It's a chance to practice meditating with a bible reading and to learn how to listen for God speaking to our hearts. All welcome.

CANDLELIGHT ROSARY

Join us on **Wednesday** at **7pm** for our last evening of prayer this October in honour of Our Lady's rosary. This week we will pray three of the mysteries by candlelight with hymns before we make our way out (weather permitting) to our Lourdes grotto. 2024 marks the centenary of our grotto and Fr Damian will bless it at the end of the rosary. Afterwards you're invited to join us in the parish hall for light refreshments.



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.

Our conference is also looking for volunteers to join them in their good work of helping people in need in our local area. If you would like more information please speak to one of the members after Mass or Fr Damian.

OLD & NEW@No.5

There's lots on offer in our parish shop this week. Check out our stag bust, log baskets, a collection of Avon perfume bottles, a selection of tea sets, our two styles of sheep, lots of crystal and ceramics, table lamps, and much more.

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.

CHURCH & CEMETERY NOTICES

Now that the evenings are darker the **church** will close earlier on days when there is no evening Mass (usually around **4.30pm**). The **cemetery** is closed to the public at **sunset** (approximately 5pm) for safety reasons. Thank you for your cooperation.

PARISH OF BALLYMONEY & DERRYKEIGHAN

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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.

November The Month of the Holy Souls

Indulgences for the Holy Souls

The Church invites us to gain indulgences for the Holy Souls during the first week of November. On **1st November** we can gain the indulgence by **visiting a church** and praying for the dead.

From **1st to 8th November** we can also gain an indulgence by **visiting a cemetery** to pray. Indulgences are granted under the usual conditions (receiving Communion, Confession and praying for the Pope's intentions.)

Prayer & Reflection

On each of the Mondays of November there will be a short service of prayer and reflection on the theme of remembering the dead and the resurrection. Begins **Monday 4th November at 7pm.**

Parish Requiem Mass

A requiem Mass for all deceased parishioners and priests will take place on **Friday 15th November at 7pm.**

November Pledge

Why not go off alcohol (or another treat) as a penance for the Holy Souls during this month?

November Dead Lists

Lists and envelopes are now available. Please take them home and write down the names of your deceased family and friends who you want to be prayed for.

Envelopes can be left in the church at Mass times or posted through the door of the parochial house. The names will be placed before the altar throughout the month of November and prayed for at all Masses and devotions. You may wish to include an offering in your envelope and these are very gratefully received.

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,
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
of this world in the next.