

10th November 2024

Thirty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

#### THE WIDOW'S MITE

Visiting the temple, Jesus noticed a poor widow making a small offering. While others gave large sums, Jesus praised the widow, saying she had given more than all of them. Though her two small coins were insignificant, she gave everything she had out of gratitude and trust in God. This story teaches us to be grateful, generous, and trusting Christians. We should be grateful for God's abundant blessings, and not take them for granted. We are also called to be generous - not just with our money, but with our time and talents as well. There are many ways to serve in our parish and community.



Finally, we must trust in God's goodness. Like the widow, we can be bold in our generosity, knowing that God will provide for us. As St. Ignatius of Loyola prayed, we are to "give and not count the cost," for in serving God faithfully, we will find true reward.

#### THIS WEEK

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

**SATURDAY 9th** 5.30-5.50pm Confessions

6pm Mass

SUNDAY 10th 9.30am Mass

4.30-4.50pm Confessions

5pm Mass

MONDAY 11th 10am Mass

7pm November Prayers

WEDNESDAY 13th 10am Mass

**FRIDAY 15th** 6-6.40pm Confessions

7pm Parish Requiem 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

## Anniversaries

Elizabeth Fleming, James Patrick Gillan, Bertie Rodgers, John Scullin, Vina Young

and all the names on our November Dead Lists.

**REQUIESCAT IN PACE** 

## **NEW COLLECTION ENVELOPES**

New collection envelopes for 2024/25 will be available in the next few weeks. If you haven't previously had envelopes but would like to request them please take a **purple** form from the back of the church. When you have filled it in please pop it through the door of the parochial house.

If you would prefer to set up a monthly standing order there is a **yellow** form at the back of the church with all the details for your bank (plus a form to let the parish know how you want your contribution to be allocated).

You can also support us 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**.

Thank you to everyone who supports the parish through our collections.

# REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Fr Damian has been invited to represent our parish at the act of remembrance at Dervock war memorial on Sunday morning and to take part in the prayers. He will also attend the 3pm remembrance service at St Patrick's Church of Ireland in Ballymoney.

## ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED PARISHIONERS

The annual requiem Mass for all deceased parishioners and priests of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan parish will take place this week on **Friday 15th November** at **7pm**. The names of those who have died in the parish in the last year will be read out at this Mass. Please pass these details on to others who may wish to join us at this special Mass.

#### 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

After a successful sale last week our parish shop is ready to reveal its Christmas stock. Why not call in to find that perfect present or an unusual gift for someone special?

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.

#### ST BRIGID'S PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN MORNING

The open morning for Primary 1 registration for September 2025 takes place on **Tuesday 26th November** at **10am**. Please come along for a full tour of the school - a warm welcome will be extended to everyone. If you can't make this event, please contact our office (tel. 028 27662664) and we will arrange a suitable date and time for you to come and visit the school.

## FRANCISCAN FRIARS IN RASHARKIN

Rasharkin Parish invites you to join them for a special evening with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. They will be speaking on *Marian Devotion and the Renewal of Church Life*. The evening takes place *at* **St Mary's Church, Rasharkin** on **Tuesday 12th November** at **7pm**. Following the talk, there will be music and refreshments in St Olcan's Hall.

# November

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### **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 at 7pm. This week you are invited to bring along a **photo** or **memorial card** of a loved one you wish to pray for.

#### **November Dead Lists**

Lists and envelopes are still available. Envelopes can be left in the church at Mass times or posted through the door of the parochial house. The names are 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.

### **Mass for Deceased Teachers**

The annual Mass for the deceased teachers of Down & Connor will be celebrated on **Monday 11th November** at **7.30pm** in All Saints' Church, Broughshane Road, Ballymena (followed by refreshments in the parish hall).

#### Mass for Deceased Clergy

A Mass for deceased bishops, priests and deacons of Down & Connor diocese will be celebrated at St Peter's Cathedral in Belfast on Tuesday 19th November at 7pm by Bishop Alan McGuckian. All welcome to attend or to watch online.

#### **November Pledge**

Have you considered going off alcohol for the month of November? A short-term pledge is a powerful way to pray for people and their families who are living under the shadow of addiction. For more information check out www.pioneers.ie/pray

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## **HYMNS FOR MASS**

O Jesus Christ, remember, When Thou shalt come again, Upon the clouds of heaven With all Thy shining train; When ev'ry eye shall see Thee, In Deity revealed, Who now upon this altar In silence art concealed.

Accept, divine Redeemer, The homage of my praise, Be Thou the light, and honour, And glory of my days— Be Thou my consolation When death is drawing nigh; Be Thou my only Treasure, Through all eternity. Abide with me; fast falls the eventide; The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide; When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes; Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies; Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.