



# Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

5th January 2025  
Second Sunday of Christmas

## A NEW YEAR MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP

Earlier this week Bishop Alan McGuckian published a new year message to all of us in the Diocese of Down & Connor. The Bishop writes about the Church's jubilee year which is being celebrated throughout 2025. Fr Damian will read the message at our Masses this weekend.

In his message the Bishop explains why we're celebrating a jubilee year. Since biblical times a jubilee has been celebrated as a "year of the Lord's favour" to renew our faith and give us hope for the future. The Bishop also recommends some practical steps we can take to grow in our faith this year - daily prayer, Sunday Mass, monthly confession, a pilgrimage and something to help the poor. As we celebrate both the jubilee and the bicentenary of our parish this year these ideas are a good place to start!



## WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

### Recently Deceased

David Lawrence

### Month's Mind

Danny McConville

### Anniversaries

Fr Seamus McAfee, Mary Jane Connolly, Mary & Jim Duffy, Angela Fitzpatrick, Elizabeth Gillan, Sammy Graham, Sarah-Jane & Andy Hegarty, Eva McClintock, Rosetta McDaid, John McErlain, Sarah McSheffrey, Josie Mooney, Jeannie Mulholland, Lilian & Jim Norton, Bridget (Bridie) Olphert, Pauline Purdon, Tracy Turner

## 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.**

### FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Monday is the feast of the Epiphany and the twelfth day of Christmas. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses in Ballymoney are at **10am** and **7pm** on **Monday**.



### 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 **07860455549**.

### ST BRIGID'S PRIMARY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

If you have a child starting school in **September 2025** or know someone who is, please contact St Brigid's Primary School to register your interest. The application process is online this year and opens on **10th January 2025 at 12 noon** and closes on **24th January 2025 at 12 noon**. All the information and guidance will be on the Education Authority website [www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions](http://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions).

If you require any assistance in completing the online application or have any questions about our school, contact us on **028 27662664**.

### OUR LADY OF LOURDES OPEN NIGHT

Our Lady of Lourdes School looks forward to welcoming prospective pupils and their parents to our Open Night on **Wednesday 15th January at 7pm**.

### LORETO OPEN DAY

Loreto College Coleraine invites parents and transferring pupils to attend its Open Day on **Saturday 11th January**. Those who live west of the River Bann are asked to attend at 9.30am for the Principal's address and those who live **east of the Bann** should arrive at **11.00am**. Both talks will be followed by organised tours of the school. All P6 & P7 Pupils and Parents are welcome. Please visit our website: [www.loretocollege.org.uk](http://www.loretocollege.org.uk) for more details. We very much look forward to meeting you.

### DOMINICAN OPEN DAY

Prospective students and their parents are warmly invited to Dominican College, Portstewart's Open Day on **Saturday 18th January** between 9.15 am and 1.15 pm. The day will be split into two sessions. There will be an introductory talk from the Principal at **9.15am** and **11.30am**, followed by a tour of the school. To ensure that pupils and parents receive the best experience possible, we will be operating a booking system. Tickets can be reserved using the following link: [www.ticketsource.co.uk/dominican-college-portstewart](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/dominican-college-portstewart)

### PIONEER ASSOCIATION MASS

Bishop Alan McGuckian will celebrate Mass in St Mary's, Chapel Lane, Belfast at 5.30pm on Saturday 11th January to mark the 125th anniversary of the Pioneer Association. Pioneers and friends of the association are all welcome to attend.

### THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

### DAILY PRAYERS TO THE SACRED HEART

In his message Bishop Alan encourages us to pray each day the short prayers to the Sacred Heart written by the Irish priest Blessed John O'Sullivan:

- **I believe in God, I hope in God, I love God.**
- **I am sorry for having offended God.**
- **Sacred Heart of Jesus I believe in your love for me.**
- **Sacred Heart of Jesus I believe you love me now.**
- **Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in thee.**

### 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  
4.30-4.50pm Confessions  
5pm Mass

**MONDAY 6th** 10am Mass  
Épiphany 7pm Mass



**TUESDAY 7th** 7pm Holy Face Novena

**WEDNESDAY 8th** 10am Mass  
6pm Rosary

**FRIDAY 10th** 6-6.40pm Confessions  
7pm Vigil 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

### NEW YEAR ALPHA COURSE

You are invited to presentations & group conversations exploring the meaning of life & faith in a friendly setting.

When: **Tuesdays 7-9pm** from **14th Jan** to **8th April 2025**.  
Venue: **Bushtown Hotel**, 283 Drumcroon Rd, Coleraine  
Further information: [Alphanorthcoast@gmail.com](mailto:Alphanorthcoast@gmail.com) or telephone: **077 6064 7665**

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### HYMNS FOR MASS

Silent night, holy night  
All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child!  
Holy infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace!  
Sleep in heavenly peace!

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare him room,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven,  
and nature sing.

Silent night, holy night  
Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth

Joy to the world! the Saviour reigns;  
Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods,  
rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.