



Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

12th January 2025
The Baptism of the Lord



GOD SPEAKS TO US TODAY

This Sunday we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus - the moment when God the Father proclaimed Jesus as his beloved Son and the Holy Spirit descended like a dove. This feast marks the end of the Christmas season by revealing who Jesus truly is: the long-awaited Saviour promised by the prophets.

As baptised Christians, we too are beloved children of God. While we may not hear God's voice as dramatically as it was heard at the Jordan River, He continues to speak to us today. Through daily prayer, we create space to listen in silence. At Sunday Mass, God's word comes alive in the scriptures. In confession, we hear His message of mercy, forgiveness and peace. Let's open our hearts to hear His voice in our lives.

THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 11th 5.30-5.50pm Confessions
6pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 12th 9.30am Mass
4.30-4.50pm Confessions
5pm Mass

No weekday Masses or Confessions Monday - Friday.
Schedule as normal from Saturday 18th.

WEDNESDAY 15th 6pm Rosary

*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

Recently Deceased

Bernadette Campbell

Anniversaries

Mary Duffy, Jim Duffy, Vincent Havlin, Richard McAfee,
Pat McKay, Ciarán O'Loan, 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.

HOW FAITH HELPS YOUR MENTAL HEALTH

January is a month when we often try to make improvements in our lives through our physical health, mental well being, relationships and spirituality. Michael Graham is a Registered Mental Health Nurse, Counsellor and Psychotherapist and invites you to learn more about how practicing the Catholic faith can directly improve your mental health. There will be two talks on **Wednesday 15th** and **29th January** at **7pm** in the **Parish Hall**. All welcome!

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** or

telephone: **077 6064 7665**

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 is open until **24th January 2025** at **12 noon**. All the information and guidance will be on the Education Authority website 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**.

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

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

The loss of a partner through death, separation or divorce is devastating. Beginning Experience is offering a programme of bereavement support in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Ave., Belfast on three Saturdays (**25th January**; **22nd February** and **29th March**) Booking essential. To find out more, contact Pauline **07519289185** or Marie **07896119669** or email belfastbe@yahoo.com

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HYMNS FOR MASS

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be ev'ry soul from sin;
Make straight the way of God within,
Prepare we in our hearts a home,
Where such a mighty guest may come.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee
Whose advent set thy people free,
Whom with the Father we adore
And Holy Spirit evermore.

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.

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.

SHRINES OF FRANCE PILGRIMAGE

Dunloy & Cloughmills Parish are organising a pilgrimage to France **25th May – 1st June 2025**. The cost is **£1075** per person sharing.

- Return flights Dublin to Biarritz / Paris to Dublin with 10kg checked in bag
- Transfer on arrival to your hotel with guided assistance
- 2 nights in the 4* Hotel Roissy in Lourdes with breakfast, lunch and evening meal
- 1 night in Rocamadour with breakfast and evening meal
- 1 night in Hotel Kyriad, Nevers with breakfast and evening meal
- 2 nights in Hotel Ibis Gently, Paris with breakfast and evening meal
- 1 night hotel accommodation in Lisieux with breakfast and evening meal
- Daily Masses and & Spiritual activities
- Full religious programme organised by Marian Pilgrimages with a complete programme of sightseeing and visits to sites of interest.

Price per person sharing twin/double/triple rooms with private facilities. Single Room Supplement **€380**.

If you would like to declare an interest in travelling with our pilgrimage contact Dunloy parish office **028 276 57223**.

DRUMALIS RETREAT

Down & Connor Charismatic Renewal Committee are hosting a retreat at Drumalis in Larne from the evening of Friday 17th January to Sunday 19th. The retreat will be led by Fr Darren Brennan. It's an opportunity to start this jubilee year with a time of prayer and praise. You can attend for the whole weekend or call in for part of the time. For more details contact contact Margaret on 07716 288811.

SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting of the Safeguarding Committee for the Causeway Family of Parishes in the Marian Hall, Portstewart on Wednesday 15th January at 7pm. All members are asked to