



Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

19th January 2025
Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

THE SIGN OF GOD'S GREAT LOVE

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus performs his first miracle at the wedding feast of Cana, transforming water into wine. This seemingly simple act reveals profound truths about God's love for us. Through Mary's intercession and Jesus's discreet response, we see how God often works quietly in our lives, caring even about our ordinary concerns.

The fact that Jesus saved the best wine for last also carries special meaning – God always has something better in store for us, even when we think we've experienced the best that life or faith can offer. Whether facing everyday challenges or deeper struggles, we can trust that the Lord cares about every detail of our lives and continues to bless us with his abundant love.



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.

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY MASS

The January Mass takes place this Saturday (25th) at 2pm. This short Mass with familiar prayers and hymns is specially for those who normally find it difficult to come to Mass at other times. People with dementia, their family and friends and other parishioners who have issues with health or mobility are very welcome. For more information speak to Fr Damian.

DO THIS IN MEMORY

Our next *Do This In Memory* Mass for children preparing for First Holy Communion and their families takes place **next Sunday (26th)** at the **9.30am** Mass. After Mass we invite all primary school aged children and their parents over to the parish hall for arts and crafts (and some refreshments as well!)

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**.

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** until **8th April 2025**.

Venue: **Bushtown Hotel**, 283 Drumcroon Rd, Coleraine
Further information: **Alphanorthcoast@gmail.com** or telephone: **077 6064 7665**

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 online application process is open until this Friday - **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**.

ONLINE THEOLOGY COURSES

The Priory Institute in Dublin provides online theology courses to degree level. Students can attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Register before February 11th. Find out more on our website prioryinstitute.com

OLD & NEW@No.5

The snow and frost is away and we have lots of nice things to get you started in 2025! From crystal and ruby glass, small furnishings, lots of nice small doultons, hummells and Beswick characters, horses and birds to oil lamps and collectibles - there really is something for everyone!

Our Parish Shop is open **Wednesday to Saturday 10am-4.30pm** at 5 Gate End Ballymoney. You can also keep in touch with us on our Facebook page **@oldandnewatno5**.

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 Gentilly, 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**.

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**

THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 18th 5.30-5.50pm Confessions
6pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 19th 9.30am Mass
4.30-4.50pm Confessions
5pm Mass

MONDAY 20th 10am Mass

WEDNESDAY 22nd 10am Mass
6pm Rosary

FRIDAY 24th 6-6.40pm Confessions
7pm Mass

SATURDAY 25th 2pm Dementia Friendly 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

Sr Auxilia McKenna, Mary Coyles, John Doran, Bernard Greene, Mona McAfee, Daniel McColgan, Samuel McColgan, Jan McCloy, P.G. McQuaid, Una Smyth

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

PARISH OF BALLYMONEY & DERRYKEIGHAN

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HYMNS FOR MASS

Sweet Sacrament divine,
hid in thine earthly home,
lo, round thy lowly shrine,
with suppliant hearts we come;
Jesus, to thee our voice we raise
in songs of love and heartfelt praise:
sweet Sacrament divine.

Sweet Sacrament divine,
earth's light and jubilee,
in thy far depths doth shine
thy Godhead's majesty;
sweet light, so shine on us, we pray,
that earthly joys may fade away:
sweet Sacrament divine.

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder at every gift you send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
We honour and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Saviour, accept the love we bring,
That we who know your favour may serve you as our king;
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise