



Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

26th January 2025
Third Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sunday of the Word of God

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Pope Francis has established a special Sunday to celebrate God's Word, inviting us to see the Bible not as a distant text, but as a living conversation with God. Many Catholics feel intimidated by scripture, but through our weekly Mass readings we actually know more than we realise!

But we can go deeper still. *Lectio Divina* offers a simple way to pray with with the Word of God. Read a passage slowly, reflect on words that touch your heart, respond in prayer, and then quietly listen to God. It's a way of making space to hear God speaking directly to you. Take this week's missalette home. Spend ten quiet minutes reading, reflecting, and listening. God is always speaking - we just need to learn to hear Him.



THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 25th	5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
SUNDAY 26th	9.30am Mass 4.30-4.50pm Confessions 5pm Mass
MONDAY 27th	10am Mass
WEDNESDAY 29th	10am Mass 6pm Rosary
FRIDAY 31st	10am St Brigid's PS School Mass 6-6.30pm Confessions
SATURDAY 1st	9.30am Mass in Dervock

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

Fr James O'Kane, Cushendun

Anniversaries

Ellen Davis, Roseanne Doran, Susan Graham, Brendan Kearney, Maureen McAleese, Mary McCloskey, Evelyn McVicker, Oliver Muldoon, Sarah O'Connor

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:

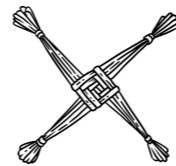
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DO THIS IN MEMORY

We welcome children preparing for First Holy Communion and their families to our *Do This In Memory* Mass on **Sunday** at the **9.30am**. 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!). Our next *Do This In Memory* Mass will be on February 23rd.

ST BRIGID'S DAY

On **Friday (31st)** some of the classes from St Brigid's Primary School will be joining us for Mass and to get their St Brigid's crosses blessed. Please note that Mass will be at **10am** this week instead of in the evening. **Saturday 1st February** is St Brigid's day and Mass will be celebrated at **9.30am** in Our Lady & St John the Evangelist's church in Dervock.



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**.

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. His second talk is on **Wednesday 29th January at 7pm** in the **Parish Hall**. All welcome!

CANDLEMAS

Next **Sunday (February 2nd)** is the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. It is also known as Candlemas and all the candles to be used in the church over the coming months are blessed. Candles will be blessed at the **9.30am** and **5pm** Masses next week. If you have candles you wish to be blessed please bring them along to one of those Masses next Sunday.

DIOCESAN DIRECTORY

The 2025 Diocesan Directory for Down & Connor is now available. Copies can be bought from the back of the Church for £3. The directory contains details of all the clergy, parishes, Catholic schools, chaplaincies and ministries operating in our diocese including all the regular Mass times. Please note that a liturgical calendar is not included in this year's edition.

OLD & NEW@No.5

A nice selection of small Doulton figurines boost our display this week and there is also a large 'Ascot' figurine which is always a popular one. A selection of original paintings and prints, nice armchairs, table lamps, tea sets, crystal and other nice collectibles are in the shop this week so if you are about ... be sure and give us a call!

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**.

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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

CEMETERY CLOSURE

Please note that the cemetery at Our Lady & St Patrick's will be closed to the public for the next few days while we deal with damage caused by the storm. Some trees have come down and are blocking paths. **For safety reasons please do not enter the cemetery at this time.** Thank you for your cooperation.

MONEYGLASS NOVENA TO OUR LADY

The parish of Duneane is organising a novena to Our Lady of Lourdes which will take place at the national shrine at Moneyglass. The novena begins on **Monday 3rd February** at runs at 7pm each evening until **Tuesday 11th February**. Mass and novena prayers will be celebrated each evening and there will be a number of guest speakers and preachers. The shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes is one of our diocesan jubilee pilgrimage locations for the Holy Year.

HOW TO PRAY WITH THE BIBLE

Lectio Divina consists of four simple steps that anyone can learn. You only need to take a couple of minutes for each step. Begin by taking a short bible passage (like today's Gospel).

1. Lectio (Reading): Slowly read the scripture passage (perhaps two or three times), paying attention to the words that seem to catch your attention.

2. Meditatio (Meditation): Reflect deeply on the text. What is God saying to you specifically through these words? Don't worry about understanding everything perfectly - just be present and attentive.

3. Oratio (Prayer): Respond to God's word. Share your heart with him. What feelings, desires, or struggles arise as you hear his message? Tell him how you feel.

4. Contemplatio (Contemplation): Rest in God's presence. Sometimes prayer is less about speaking and more about listening, about being still and knowing that he is God.