



# Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

2nd February 2025  
The Presentation of the Lord

## CHRIST IS OUR LIGHT

In today's feast we celebrate how on the fortieth day after his birth, Mary and Joseph brought the infant Jesus to the temple. There Simeon proclaimed that Jesus is the "light to enlighten the nations". What he meant is that in a world that is often darkened by sin and suffering Jesus is the one in whom we can place our trust. The Lord shines like a light to show us the way to heaven.

That idea that Jesus is the light of the world, the light who chases away the darkness, is also why the church blesses candles on February 2nd (the traditional name for this day is Candlemas). Whenever we light a candle in the church or at home, we remember that God is with us, that he listens to our prayers and that he brings light, hope and peace even into the most difficult situations.



## CONGRATULATIONS

to the family of **Oistín O'Hagan** who was baptised this week.



## 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.**

## CANDLEMAS

This **Sunday** 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 on Sunday.

## BLESSING OF THROATS

Monday is the feast of **St Blaise** who is patron saint of those with throat ailments. The traditional **blessing of throats** will be offered at the end of the Mass on **Monday** morning.



## NOVENA TO THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS

The monthly novena to the Holy Face of Jesus takes place on **Tuesday (4th)** at **7pm**. It includes novena prayers and a time of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

## RELICS OF VENERABLE MATT TALBOT

On **Monday 3rd February**, the relics of the Venerable Matt Talbot will be received at **St Peter's Cathedral** in Belfast at **5pm**. Mass will be celebrated at **7.30pm** and the visit will conclude with **Night Prayer** at **10pm**.

All are welcome to join us at the cathedral for this time of prayer and intercession, particularly for those struggling with addictions, as well as their families and all those who are affected by addiction.

## OLD & NEW@No.5

We're all set for a busy week after all the storms and power cuts! Check out our nice tea sets, armchairs, crystal including a lovely claret jug, royal crown derby duck, table lamps, pictures etc.

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**.

## 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.

## 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**.



## OUR LADY OF LOURDES SCHOOL

Ulster University is running a *Bring Your Grown-Up* maths programme for pupils at Our Lady of Lourdes School. The desired outcome of the programme is for parents to feel that little bit more comfortable talking about maths at home with their child / children and to feel more positive about the subject themselves.

The programme involves committing to four sessions, each 1.5 hours in duration, held in our school hall. The sessions will be run in a relaxing and informal fashion, making maths fun for parents and pupils alike. Also, if you have younger children, please feel free to bring them along.

All parents are welcome to participate, so if you want to register, please complete the Google Form by scanning the QR Code. We very much hope to see you at these events.

Mon 3rd February 4pm - 5.30pm  
Wed 19th February 4pm - 5.30pm  
Monday 24th February 4pm - 5.30pm



## ACTION FOR CHILDREN

There is a desperate shortage of foster carers across the UK. Our faith teaches us that children need love and nurture. Unfortunately, this is not the experience of over 30,000 children each year who enter the care system. Having faith in fostering situations can be hugely beneficial for these vulnerable young people who may have experienced trauma, abuse and neglect. It can provide them with structure, stability and a whole community to support the fostering family.

If you think you could change a child's life for the better and welcome them into your heart and your home, contact your local fostering service today. There are many organisations out there who welcome faith in fostering and who do not profit from the services they provide for young people. It's easier than you think, you just need an open heart and a spare room. For more information see: [www.actionforchildren.org.uk](http://www.actionforchildren.org.uk)

## THIS WEEK

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

<b>SATURDAY 1st</b>	5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
<b>SUNDAY 2nd</b>	9.30am Mass 4.30-4.50pm Confessions 5pm Mass
<b>MONDAY 3rd</b>	10am Mass & Blessing of Throats
<b>TUESDAY 4th</b>	7pm Holy Face Novena
<b>WEDNESDAY 5th</b>	10am Mass 6pm Rosary
<b>FRIDAY 7th</b> <b>First Friday</b>	6pm Holy Hour 7pm Novena 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

**Recently Deceased**  
May Hanna

**Anniversaries**  
Sr. Mark McAfee, Beatrice Baird, William Doherty, Janet Downey, Brendan Douglas, Martin Elliott, Tony O'Kane, James O'Reilly, Jim Wallace

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

## PARISH OF BALLYMONEY & DERRYKEIGHAN

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## HYMNS FOR MASS

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Come unto Me, and rest;  
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down  
Thy head upon My breast."

I came to Jesus as I was,  
Weary, and worn, and sad;  
I found in Him a resting-place,  
And He has made me glad

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Behold, I freely give  
The living water: thirsty one,  
Stoop down, and drink, and live."  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
Of that life-giving stream;  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
And now I live in Him.

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see. R.

R. *Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church  
gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.  
Make us your living voice. R.