



Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

19th May 2024
Pentecost



THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE CHURCH

This is a day of joy, a day of birth and new beginnings. We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles who were immediately filled with zeal and courage to begin preaching the Gospel. Thousands were converted to Christ that same day. For that reason Pentecost is considered the birth of our Church and the third holiest day of the year after Easter and Christmas.

We too have received the Holy Spirit at our baptism and at our confirmation. We have received the same gifts as the apostles and we are called to bear the same fruits as well. For that reason we need to play an active part in the Church too. God did not make us to be alone but to be part of a community filled with the Spirit and full of life. May God send his Spirit upon us and our parish once more today!

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
TUESDAY 21st	7pm Dervock Holy Hour
WEDNESDAY 22nd	10am Mass
FRIDAY 24th	Parish Pilgrimage to Moneyglass 7.30pm Rosary & Mass
SATURDAY 25th	2pm Dementia Friendly Mass

Our Lady & St Patrick's is open every day for private prayer - usually from 10am to 6pm.

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

Roger Cassidy, Randalstown
Christopher Booth, Coleraine

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Eoin Henry, Denis Irvine, Berna Kearney,
James John Kelly, Robert Kelly, Danny McKay

CONGRATULATIONS

to **Martina McAfee** and **Luke McWilliams** who were married this weekend.



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 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 cheques payable to: **Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan.**

DERVOCK HOLY HOUR

We have our monthly hour hour at Our Lady & St John the Evangelist's church in Dervock on **Tuesday at 7pm.**

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY MASS

This month's Mass will be next **Saturday (25th) at 2pm.**

OLD & NEW@No.5

You can find our parish shop at 5 Gate End, Ballymoney and it's open **10am-4.30pm** from **Wednesday - Saturday.** Take a look at our Facebook page for more information.

CEMETERY SUNDAY

Our Cemetery Sunday devotions will take place on **Sunday June 9th at 3pm.** As with the last couple of years we will meet outside in the cemetery for prayers, the rosary and the blessing of graves.

PARISH MINI PILGRIMAGE

To mark Our Lady's month of May we will be making a parish pilgrimage to the national shrine of **Our Lady of Lourdes at Moneyglass.** Built in the 1920s, this shrine was founded to allow Irish people to celebrate Lourdes devotions here at home at a time when travel to France would have been impossible for most.



If you want to leave petitions at the shrine you can write them and post them in the box at Our Lady's altar, or leave them at the parochial house during the week.

We will meet in Moneyglass at **7.30pm** on **Friday (24th)** for devotions, rosary procession and Mass at the grotto. The address is Our Lady of Lourdes, 103 Roguery Road, Moneyglass, BT41 3PT.

DIOCESAN NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART

As Bishop Alan McGuckian begins his time as bishop of the diocese he invites everyone in the diocese to join him in nine days of prayer, asking Jesus to give us a new heart. Many people among us are weary or wounded, hurting in one way or another. He wants us to make a novena for each other, aware that we are brothers and sisters in Christ.

The novena runs from **May 30th to June 7th**, the feast of the **Sacred Heart of Jesus.** The prayers will be available in a booklet you can pick up at Mass next weekend; it will also include a piece of scripture and a reflection for each day for those who wish to go a little deeper.

Bishop Alan's hope is that this novena will be prayed either individually or together by parishes, groups, schools or families. We will also pray the prayers together at Mass on each day of the novena.

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HYMNS FOR MASS

Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mould me,
fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God,
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Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on us.
Melt us, mould us,
fill us, use us.
Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on us.

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator, come
From Thy bright heav'nly throne;
Come, take possession of our souls,
And make them all Thine own.

Thou who art called the Paraclete,
Best gift of God above,
The living spring, the living fire,
Sweet unction and true love.

All glory to the Father be,
With His co-equal Son:
The same to Thee, great Paraclete,
While endless ages run.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

If you need our help please call us confidentially on **07860455549.** For more information about the work of our conference you can speak to any of our members. Thank you for your ongoing support.



AN OPEN LETTER FROM BALLYMONEY CHURCHES

We, the undersigned churches representing various Christian denominations in Ballymoney, unequivocally condemn the vicious attack on a 16-year-old youth in our town earlier this week. Violence against any person, especially a child, is an affront to the teachings of Christ and the inherent dignity of every human being. We call on all members of our community to renounce intimidation and aggression, and instead embrace the way of peace, love, and nonviolence exemplified by Jesus.

As Scripture states: "Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing" (1 Peter 3:9). We pray for healing for the victim, repentance for the perpetrators, and a renewed commitment to making our town a safe haven of mutual understanding, respect, and unity for all people.

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*Rev. Stephen McCracken
First Presbyterian Church, Ballymoney*

*Paul Paynter
Connect Christian Fellowship, Ballymoney*

*The Rev. Andrew Sweeney
Rector, United Parish of Ballymoney, Finvoy and Rasharkin*