



Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

17th November 2024
Thirty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

THE HOUR OF OUR DEATH

During the week Bishop Alan McGuckian published a pastoral letter on the subject of death and resurrection. He has been deeply concerned by the recent campaigning for assisted suicide (euthanasia) which is being voted on at both Westminster and the Dail in these times. Such laws would go against our Christian faith and we must speak up against them.

The Bishop writes "every human life possesses infinite dignity - a dignity that remains regardless of circumstance". In the face of suffering what is needed is not death but love, care and prayer. As Catholics we have always prayed asking Our Lady to look after us 'now and at the hour of our death'. May Our Lady be with all those who are dying and help us all to care for them and help them prepare to meet their loving Saviour.



THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 16th	5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Mass
SUNDAY 17th	9.30am Mass 4.30-4.50pm Confessions 5pm Mass
MONDAY 18th	10am Mass 7pm November Prayers
WEDNESDAY 20th	10am Mass
FRIDAY 22nd	6-6.40pm Confessions 7pm 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

A.J. Hamilton, Dublin
Fr Myles Kavanagh CP, Belfast
Mary McGlade, Scotland

Anniversaries

Bernadette Doey, Bernie Gillan, May Hanna, Una McAuley, Mary McCann, Margaret McCullagh, Adrian McKay, June O'Kane, Michael O'Reilly, Annie Roche, Eileen Scullion
and all the names on our November Dead Lists.

NEW COLLECTION ENVELOPES

New collection envelopes for 2024/25 will be available in the next few weeks. If you haven't previously had envelopes but would like to request them please take a **purple** form from the back of the church. When you have filled it in please pop it through the door of the parochial house.

If you would prefer to set up a monthly standing order there is a **yellow** form at the back of the church with all the details for your bank (plus a form to let the parish know how you want your contribution to be allocated).

You can also support us 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.**

Thank you to everyone who supports the parish through our collections.

BISHOP'S PASTORAL LETTER

Bishop Alan McGuckian's pastoral letter is available to read online - see www.downandconnor.org or our parish Facebook page. There are also a number of resources for further information on the Catholic teaching on dying with dignity.

OLD & NEW@No.5

Our Parish Shop have a lovely selection of **nativity cribs** available from this week, with prices from as little as £15.95. If you're looking for a new one for your home or to give one as a gift, please give them a call. Lots of Christmas decorations and gifts are also available. We're open **Wednesday to Saturday 10am-4.30pm** at 5 Gate End Ballymoney. you can keep in touch with us by following our Facebook page @oldandnewatno5.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

For this year's SVP appeal we are seeking your financial help to buy Gift vouchers, and you can donate in several ways:



- Via the **Red Box** collection at the church door after weekend masses.
- By telephone on **028 9075 0161**: (please specify that your donation is for Ballymoney, Co. Antrim).
- Online at <http://svp.ie/ballymoneysvpappeal24> via the "Donate Now" link.
- Or scan this QR code to go on to the SVP Ballymoney web site.



In addition to the Christmas gift appeal, we continue to support our local community. Therefore, if you are in need of our help, please call us confidentially on **07860455549**. SVP would like to convey a BIG thank you for your continued ongoing generosity and support.

KNOCK ALL-NIGHT VIGIL

A bus to Knock will leave St Patrick's Church Loughguile at **5pm on Saturday 7th December**. Price approx. £25-30. Contact P Campbell on **07871626940** or **02827641120**.

DO THIS IN MEMORY

Our next *Do This In Memory* Mass for children preparing for First Holy Communion will be next **Sunday (24th)** at the **9.30am Mass**. After Mass we invite all primary school aged children and their families to join us in the parish hall for arts and craft activities.

LEGION OF MARY

Our parish Legion of Mary are looking for new members. They meet on **Monday** evenings at **6.30pm** in the parish hall. For more information speak to Marie Henry.

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HYMNS FOR MASS

O Jesus Christ, remember,
When Thou shalt come again,
Upon the clouds of heaven
With all Thy shining train;
When ev'ry eye shall see Thee,
In Deity revealed,
Who now upon this altar
In silence art concealed.

Accept, divine Redeemer,
The homage of my praise,
Be Thou the light, and honour,
And glory of my days—
Be Thou my consolation
When death is drawing nigh;
Be Thou my only Treasure,
Through all eternity.

Abide with me;
fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens;
Lord, with me abide;
When other helpers
fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless,
oh, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross
before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom
and point me to the skies;
Heav'n's morning breaks,
and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord,
abide with me.

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Next **Sunday (24th)** is the feast of **Christ the King**, the last Sunday of the liturgical year. We will have a holy hour of **eucharistic adoration at 3pm** and then **Vespers & Benediction at 4pm**. The Consecration to the Sacred Heart will be prayed at Benediction and the Church offers a plenary indulgence to all who are present for this devotion.

ST BRIGID'S PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN MORNING

The open morning for Primary 1 registration for September 2025 takes place on **Tuesday 26th November** at **10am**. Please come along for a full tour of the school - a warm welcome will be extended to everyone. If you can't make this event, please contact our office (tel. 028 27662664) and we will arrange a suitable date and time for you to come and visit the school.

November

The Month of the Holy Souls

Prayer & Reflection

On each of the Mondays of November there is a short service of prayer and reflection on the theme of remembering the dead and the resurrection. It continues this Monday at 7pm.

Mass for Deceased Clergy

A Mass for deceased bishops, priests and deacons of Down & Connor diocese will be celebrated at **St Peter's Cathedral in Belfast** on **Tuesday 19th November** at **7pm** by Bishop Alan McGuckian. All welcome to attend or to watch online.