

**24th November 2024** Christ the King





#### LO, HE COMES WITH CLOUDS DESCENDING

This Sunday is the feast of Christ the King, the last feast of the Church's liturgical year. It encourages us to look to the future, to the last day when Jesus Christ will come again. The scriptures tell us that he will appear in the sky "coming among the clouds" as king of kings to judge the living and the dead. As Christians we look forward with hope to that glorious day.

But even now Christ "comes among the clouds" to us. Daily life brings us times when the clouds seem dark and our problems overwhelm us. But it is precisely then that the Lord Jesus comes close to us. God loves us and is always with us, and his great power is stronger than all the troubles of the world. When clouds come keep watch for Christ the King!

#### THIS WEEK

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

**SATURDAY 23rd** 5.30-5.50pm Confessions

6pm Mass

SUNDAY 24th 9.30am Mass Christ the King 3pm Holy Hour

4pm Vespers & Benediction 4.30-4.50pm Confessions

5pm Mass

MONDAY 25th 10am Mass

7pm November Prayers

WEDNESDAY 27th 10am Mass

**FRIDAY 29th** 6-6.40pm Confessions

7pm Mass

SATURDAY 30th 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

## Recently Deceased

Maura Gillan Susan McCarthy

### Anniversaries

Annie Blaney, Gerry McAfee, George McKay and all the names on our November Dead Lists.

#### **NEW COLLECTION ENVELOPES**

New collection envelopes for 2024/25 are now available. 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.

## DO THIS IN MEMORY

We welcome children and their families our *Do This In Memory* Mass at **9.30am** on **Sunday**. After Mass we invite all primary school aged children and their parents to join us in the parish hall for craft activities (and a cup of coffee for the parents!). The next *Do This In Memory* Mass will be on **Sunday 15th December** at **9.30am**.

#### **FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING**

To mark the feast on Sunday 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.



#### **NOVEMBER PRAYER FOR THE DEAD**

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. The last service takes place this **Monday** at **7pm**.

#### **DEMENTIA FRIENDLY MASS**

This month's Dementia Friendly Mass takes place on **Saturday** (30th) at 2pm. We welcome people with dementia, their families and carers and other elderly or sick parishioners who can join us for this regular Mass on the last Saturday of each month.

#### **BIBLE PRAYER GROUP**

Our bible prayer group will meet on **Wednesday** evening at **7pm** in the Canon's house. It's a chance to practice meditating with a bible reading (what the Church calls *Lectio Divina*) and to learn how to listen for God speaking to our hearts. All welcome.

#### 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.

#### **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.

#### 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**.

#### 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.

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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. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; To His feet thy tribute bring. Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Who like me His praise should sing? Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favour To our fathers in distress. Praise Him still the same forever, Slow to chide, and swift to bless. Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, Glorious in His faithfulness.