



# Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

1st December 2024  
First Sunday of Advent, Year C



## COME LORD JESUS!

The first Sunday of Advent herald the beginning of a new Church year. It's also the beginning of a season dedicated to waiting with hope for the coming of Jesus. During these next few weeks we await the great feast of the birth of Jesus at Christmas. We also know that the Lord comes to us today spiritually whenever we make him welcome. And we understand that one day he will come again at the end of time.

This new Church year is a particularly important one as 2025 will be both a Jubilee Holy Year and the bicentenary of our own parish. This will be a time to celebrate our faith and to grow in our love for God and our neighbours too. May God bless us in the coming year and may the Lord Jesus come to us and remain with us.

### THIS WEEK

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

<b>SATURDAY 30th</b>	5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
<b>SUNDAY 1st</b> Christ the King	9.30am Mass 4.30-4.50pm Confessions 5pm Mass
<b>MONDAY 2nd</b>	no Mass 7pm Community Carol Service
<b>TUESDAY 3rd</b>	7pm Holy Face Novena
<b>WEDNESDAY 4th</b>	10am Mass
<b>FRIDAY 6th</b>	6pm Holy Hour 7pm Mass with Novena Prayers
<b>SATURDAY 7th</b>	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 Brendan McMullan, Belfast

#### Anniversaries

Annie Coyles, Lester Durkan, Mary Ellen Elliott, William & Matilda Gilmore, Jeannie Mary Horner, Catherine Kelly, John Francis McAfee, Peter McAlister, Eileen McDaid, John McIlwaine, Alastair Stockman, Mary Taggart, Bertie Wallace

### CONGRATULATIONS

to the family of **Dáire McFettridge** who was baptised last 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.**

### COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE

The annual Ballymoney community carol service takes place on **Monday 2nd December** starting at **Our Lady & St Patrick's** at **7pm**. As is traditional we will then walk on to sing carols at Ballymoney Methodist, First Presbyterian before finishing at St Patrick's Church of Ireland. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

### NOVENA TO THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS

The monthly novena to the Holy Face of Jesus takes place on **Tuesday (5th)** at **7pm**. It includes novena prayers and a time of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.



### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you would like to contribute to decorating the church for Christmas, why not buy a **poinsettia** (red or white) and leave it in the church over the next couple of weeks?

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

You can still donate to our appeal in several ways:



- Via the **Red Box** collection 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.



If you are in need of our help, please call us confidentially on **07860455549**.

SVP are hosting their annual **Festive Tea & Coffee Morning** next Sunday (**8th**). Come and join us after 9.30am Mass in the hall for a chance to share some Christmas spirit with fellow parishioners over a hot drink and festive treat. We look forward to seeing you!

### 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 BRIGID'S PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS DRAW

The Annual PTA Christmas Draw tickets will go on sale from Monday 2nd December. As usual there are some great prizes on offer. Tickets are priced at £1 each or a book of 6 for £5. If you want any tickets please contact the school on **028 27662664** or call in to the office. The draw will take place in the school on Wednesday 18th December.

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### HYMNS FOR MASS

O come, O come, Emmanuel  
and ransom captive Israel  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.

*R. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

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O come thou Wisdom from on high,  
who orderest all things mightily;  
to us the path of knowledge show  
and teach us in her ways to go. R.

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free  
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
From depths of hell Thy people save,  
And give them victory over the grave. R.

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.



## Our Advent Calendar 2024

<b>MONDAY 2nd</b>	<b>7pm Community Carol Service</b>
<b>SUNDAY 8th</b>	<b>St Vincent de Paul Coffee Morning</b> <i>after 9.30am Mass</i>
<b>MONDAY 9th</b> Immaculate Conception	<b>10am &amp; 7pm Mass</b> <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>
<b>TUESDAY 10th</b> & 17th	<b>7-8pm Adoration for Advent</b> <i>A quiet time of prayer and reflection</i>
<b>SATURDAY 14th</b>	<b>7.30am Rorate Mass</b> <i>candlelight Dawn Mass in honour of Our Lady's maternity.</i>
<b>SUNDAY 15th</b>	<b>9.30am Do This In Memory Mass</b> <i>with the blessing of crib figures followed by children's crafts in the parish hall</i>
<b>SUNDAY 22nd</b>	<b>7pm Parish Carol Service</b>
<b>TUESDAY 24th</b> Christmas Eve	<b>11am-12noon Confessions</b>  <b>6pm VIGIL MASS of CHRISTMAS</b> <b>12 MIDNIGHT MASS</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 25th</b> Christmas Day	<b>9.30am DAWN MASS of CHRISTMAS</b>
<b>FRIDAY 27th</b> St John's Day	<b>9.30am Mass in Dervock</b> <i>for the feast of St John the Evangelist</i>
<b>SATURDAY 28th</b>	<b>2pm Dementia Friendly Mass</b>