



Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

29th December 2024
Feast of the Holy Family

FROM GOD'S FAMILY TO YOURS

The Sunday after Christmas is kept as the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. It reminds us that when Jesus came into the world he became part of a normal family. It was God's plan that he would have Mary as his mother and Joseph as his foster-father to look after him.

Families are important to God and each of our families is holy in his eyes. Of course our families aren't perfect and they can be a source of difficulty for us as well as joy. But the Lord wants us to know that he blesses our families and is always with us. We know too that some of us no longer have close family around us. God wants us to know that the Church is our family too, and that we all have a place in his fatherly heart.



WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Recently Deceased

John Larkin

Anniversaries

Most Rev. Patrick Walsh, Ellen Blaney, Moira & James Boyle, Matt Coyles, Victor Durkan, James Havlin, John McErlain, Sarah McGreevy, Mary McKillop, Margaret McLaughlin, Rose McLaughlin, Kathleen McVicker, Sadie McVicker, Molly Young

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Thank you for your ongoing support and we wish you a very peaceful New Year.

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**.

ROSARY

The rosary will be prayed together in Our Lady & St Patrick's on **Wednesdays** at **6pm**, beginning on New Year's Day.

MASS IN DERVOCK

Our monthly First Saturday Mass in honour of Our Lady takes place on **Saturday (4th)** at **9.30am** in Our Lady & St John the Evangelist church in Dervock.

ST BRIGID'S PRIMARY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

If you have a child starting school in **September 2025** or know someone who is, please contact St Brigid's Primary School to register your interest. The application process is online this year and opens on **10th January 2025** at **12 noon** and closes on **24th January 2025** at **12 noon**. All the information and guidance will be on the Education Authority website www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions.

If you require any assistance in completing the online application or have any questions about our school, contact us on **028 27662664**.

HOLY YEAR 2025

On Christmas Eve Pope Francis opened the Holy Door in St Peter's in Rome to begin the Jubilee Holy Year of 2025. A jubilee is traditionally celebrated by the Church every twenty five years. It is a year set aside for us to repent of our sins and forgive the sins of others, and to renew a focus on our spiritual life.

In the Diocese the celebration of the Holy Year will begin this Sunday, the Feast of the Holy Family. All parishioners are warmly invited to join Bishop Alan McGuckian at the Solemn Opening Mass on **Sunday 29th December** at **3pm** in St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast. The Mass can also be followed on the Cathedral's webcam: www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral

In Ballymoney we will mark the beginning of the Holy Year and our own Parish Bicentenary year with **Mass and Benediction** at **10am** on **New Year's Day**.

THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Please note that **Monday January 6th** is a Holy Day of Obligation - Masses here will be at **10am** and **7pm**.

NEW YEAR ALPHA COURSE

Alpha is a course on the basics of Christianity for adults who are new to faith or those who want to learn more. This January an Alpha course will be running in this area. You are invited to presentations & group conversations exploring the meaning of life & faith in a friendly setting.

When: **Tuesdays 7-9pm** from **14th Jan** to **8th April 2025**.
Venue: **Bushtown Hotel**, 283 Drumcroom Rd, Coleraine
Further information: Alphanorthcoast@gmail.com or telephone: **077 6064 7665**

THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

NEW YEAR WISHES

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the beautiful celebration of Christmas in our parish this year. On a personal note, Fr Damian would like to thank all those who sent him a Christmas card or gift. He will offer Mass for all your intentions.

A very happy new year to all our parishioners!



New Year Week

SATURDAY 28th	2pm Dementia Friendly Mass 5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
SUNDAY 29th Feast of the Holy Family	9.30am Mass 4.30-4.50pm Confessions 5pm Mass
MONDAY 30th	10am Funeral
WEDNESDAY 1st New Year's Day	10am Mass & Benediction <i>for the opening of the Jubilee Holy Year 2025</i> 6pm Rosary
FRIDAY 3rd	6pm Holy Hour <i>with confessions & adoration.</i> 7pm Novena Mass
SATURDAY 4th	9.30am Mass in Dervock 5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
SUNDAY 5th	9.30am Mass 4.30-4.50pm Confessions 5pm Mass
MONDAY 6th Epiphany	10am Mass 7pm Mass



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HYMNS FOR MASS

Silent night! Holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace!
Sleep in heavenly peace!

Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight!
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Saviour is born!
Christ the Saviour is born!

O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in;
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels,
the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel!