



Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

1st JANUARY AD 2023
Mary, Mother of God

POPE BENEDICT XVI

As we reach the new year, we have been greatly saddened to hear of the death in Rome of Pope Benedict XVI. As a priest and bishop Joseph Ratzinger was one of the Church's greatest teachers of the twentieth century and he worked closely with St John Paul II. In April 2005 he was elected Pope and took the name Benedict XVI. He served until 2013 when he resigned for health reasons.



Fr Damian was fortunate enough to be in St Peter's Square for the white smoke when Pope Benedict was elected and later had the opportunity to meet him and serve Mass for him on a couple of occasions while studying for the priesthood at the Irish College in Rome. "What impressed me on meeting him," says Fr Damian, "was his kindness, gentleness and the little twinkle in his eye! Catholics call the Pope our Holy Father but Benedict really did have a grandfatherly way about him. God rest his soul."

THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 31st	5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Mass
SUNDAY 1st	10am Mass 4.30pm Confessions 5pm Mass
MONDAY 2nd	no Mass today
TUESDAY 3rd	7pm Mass in Dervock
WEDNESDAY 4th	10am Mass
FRIDAY 6th The Epiphany First Friday	10am Mass 6pm Holy Hour with Adoration, Confessions and Benediction at 6.45pm 7pm Mass & Sacred Heart Novena

Our Lady & St Patrick's is open every day for private prayer - usually from 10am to 4.30pm.

Other Sunday Masses in this area

Saturday 5pm - Portstewart
Saturday 6pm - St Malachy's, Coleraine
Sunday 10am - Portstewart
Sunday 11am - St Malachy's, Coleraine
Sunday 12noon - Portrush

WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Recently Deceased

Sheila (Sadie) McVicker
Christopher Quigg
His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI

Anniversaries

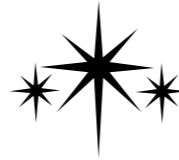
Moira & James Boyle, Mary Jane Connolly, Matt Coyles, Victor Durkan, Elizabeth Gillan, Sammy Graham, James Havlin, Andy & Sarah-Jane Hegarty, Eva McClintock, Rosetta McDaid, John McErlain, Kathleen McVicker, Josie Mooney, Jeannie Mulholland, James Norton, Lilian Norton, Pauline Purdon, Molly Young

JANUARY 1st

The first day of the New Year is dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God. It is also the Church's day of prayer for peace in the world. Please keep this intention in your prayers at this time.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Friday is **January 6th**, the feast of the Epiphany. It is a holy day of obligation and Masses are at **10am** and **7pm**.



FIRST FRIDAY NOVENA

Our novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus continues this month. As usual we will have a **Holy Hour** of Adoration from **6-7pm** with confessions available. The novena prayers will be prayed at the end of our **Epiphany Mass at 7pm**.

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**.

READERS AT MASS

We're looking for new readers to read at the Saturday evening, Sunday morning and Sunday evening Masses. If you think you might be interested in joining the rota please speak to Fr Damian or Edel Devlin who coordinates readers for weekend Masses.

NEW YEAR'S DAY INDULGENCE

The Church offers an indulgence on New Year's Day when the *Veni Creator Spiritus* is chanted to ask the Holy Spirit to guide us in the year ahead. We will have the *Veni Creator Spiritus* at Masses on Sunday.

ONLINE BIBLE COURSE

Reading the Bible should bring us closer to Christ, but many people find it hard to even begin. Why not begin with the Living Church office to learn how to read the Bible, understand it and so experience its life changing power?

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible includes 8 sessions (6 weekly online sessions and concluding with a retreat day in Belfast which will incorporate the final 2 sessions.) Course participants will receive a resource pack and gather together online each week for a time of teaching, discussion and prayerful reflection.

It begins Monday 9th January at 7pm for six weeks online via zoom. The retreat day will take place on Saturday 18th February. The cost of the program is £30. For further information or to book your place please contact livingchurch@downandconnor.org or Tele: 02890690920

ST BRIGID'S PS REGISTRATION SEPTEMBER 2023

If you have a child starting school in September or know someone who is, please contact the school to register your interest. There is a special section on the school website, Starting our School, with a virtual tour of the school. It's well worth a watch for everyone. The application process is online this year and open from the 9th to the 27th of January 2023. All of the information and guidance will be on the Education Authority website: www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions

Please contact the school if you require any assistance in completing the online application, have any questions about the school or would like a tour. Tel: 028 27662664

LORETO COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Loreto College Coleraine invites parents and transferring pupils to attend its Open Day on **Saturday 7th January**. Those who live West of the River Bann are asked to attend at **9.30am** for the Principal's address and those who live East of the River Bann should arrive at **11am** for the second Principal's address. Both talks will be followed by organised tours of the school.

All P6 & P7 Pupils and Parents are welcome. Please visit our website: www.loretocollege.org.uk for more details We very much look forward to meeting you.

NEW ALPHA COURSE

This New Year, all are welcome to join us as we start a new Alpha course, designed to explore the basics of the Christian faith & its meaning in our lives today. It will be run in the Anchorage Complex, Portstewart from 7-9pm on Mondays from 16th January to 3rd April. Feel free to come along to the first taster evening (16th January) to see what you think. Each evening will begin with a light meal followed by a short film on life, faith & meaning, and end with an opportunity for discussion. There is no charge. Contact a team member to sign up or if you have any questions: Ernestine 077 6064 7665; Bernadette 079 4173 3502 or portstewartalpha@gmail.com

ABANDONED CAR

A silver Ford Focus with the registration **TKZ 4827** has been abandoned in our car park for several weeks. The police have now been informed. If the car is not removed in the next seven days further action will be taken.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

If you need our help please call us confidentially on **07860455549**. We would like to thank you for your very generous ongoing support.

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HYMNS FOR MASS

Veni, creator Spiritus,
mentes tuorum visita,
imple superna gratia,
quae tu creasti, pectora.

Qui diceris Paraclitus,
donum Dei altissimi,
fons vivus, ignis, caritas,
et spiritalis unctio.

Tu septiformis munere,
dextrae Dei tu digitus,
tu rite promissum Patris,
sermone ditans guttura.

Per te sciamus da Patrem
noscamus atque Filium,
te utriusque Spiritum
credamus omni tempore.

Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies,
With th'angelic host proclaim:
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ by highest heav'n adored,
Christ the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of a Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail the incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"