



# Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

8th JANUARY 2023  
The Baptism of the Lord

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Today we celebrate the last feast of the Christmas season - the baptism of the Lord in the River Jordan by St John the Baptist. But this doesn't seem very Christmassy! Jesus was thirty years old at this time and his baptism marks the beginning of his three years' of ministry.

But his Baptism is part of the mystery of the coming of the Saviour of the world. At Christmas his birth was heralded by angels. At the Epiphany it was announced to the world by the star. And now, when Jesus is ready to begin his work, his coming is witnessed to by the voice of God the Father himself "this is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him!" The Baptism of Jesus confirms the Gospel Good News - God is with us!



## THIS WEEK

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

**SATURDAY 7th** 5.30-5.50pm Confessions  
6pm Vigil Mass

**SUNDAY 8th** 10am Mass  
4.30pm Confessions  
5pm Mass

**MONDAY 9th** 10am Mass

**No Mass on Wednesday**

**FRIDAY 13th** 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 this area

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

## 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.**

## CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS

In Ireland it is traditional to take down Christmas trees and decorations after the Epiphany on January 6th, although the Christmas season continues until this Sunday, the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. After that, there is still a hint of Christmas until the feast of Candlemas on February 2nd and in many other parts of the world cribs are kept up until then. We'll be taking down the big crib in the church later this week, but Fr Damian will be keeping out his crib at home for a few weeks more. Why not do the same and keep the spirit of Christmas for a wee while longer?

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL

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

## ORDINATION

Archbishop Noel Treanor will be ordaining Dawid Aksenczuk as a deacon this Sunday at 3pm at the Immaculate Heart of Mary church in Carryduff. We keep Dawid in our prayers this weekend and as he continues his formation for priesthood in our diocese in the coming months.

## 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 this Monday (9th January) at 7pm for 6 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

## OUR LADY OF LOURDES OPEN NIGHT

We would like to invite P6 and P7 pupils and their parents / guardians to our annual Open night on Tuesday 10th January 2023. It begins with the principal's address will be at 7pm.

## PARISH OF BALLYMONEY & DERRYKEIGHAN

Diocese of Down & Connor  
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## HYMNS FOR MASS

Holy God, we praise Thy Name;  
Lord of all, we bow before Thee!  
All on earth Thy sceptre claim,  
All in Heaven above adore Thee;  
Infinite Thy vast domain,  
Everlasting is Thy reign.

Hark! the loud celestial hymn  
Angel choirs above are raising,  
Cherubim and seraphim,  
In unceasing chorus praising;  
Fill the heavens with sweet accord:  
Holy, holy, holy, Lord!

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;  
Let Earth receive her King;  
Let every heart  
prepare him room,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Saviour reigns;  
Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods,  
rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

## 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: 7-9 pm Mondays 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

## NI CANCER PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The pilgrimage takes place from Sun 28th May to Fri 2nd June 2023. The price of £799 (with price reduction for Cancer Patients) will include:

Return flights from Belfast International Airport.  
Full board and accommodation at the Hotel Agena for five nights based on twin / double / triple rooms.  
Service of JWT guides in Lourdes.

The party will consist of patients, ex-patients, relatives and friends accompanied by medical, nursing and other staff. To enquire or to obtain a booking form please speak to a member of the committee on Tel. 078746 88388 or email mail@nicancerpilgrimage.org.uk

## OLD & NEW@No.5 JANUARY SALE

Preparations are underway for our **January sale** which starts when we re-open on **Wednesday** (11th January). The entire stock has been reduced by 25 - 50% and this annual sale is one not to be missed!

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for further details over the next few days @Old & New at No.5

## WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

### Anniversaries

Isabelle McLaughlin, Moira  
James Duffy, Donegal

### Anniversaries

Fr Seamus McAfee, Mary Duffy, Angela Fitzpatrick,  
Rosetta McDaid, Pat McKay, Ciaran O'Loan, Bridget Olphert,  
Tracy Turner

## REQUIESCAT IN PACE

