



Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

27th April 2025
Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday

POPE FRANCIS 1936-2025

It is with great sadness that we learned of the death of our Holy Father Pope Francis on Monday. Just the day before we were delighted to see the Holy Father deliver his *Urbi et Orbi* blessing for Easter Sunday. Although we all knew he had been very ill, his sudden death on Monday morning was still a great shock.

At Mass that morning Fr Damian read from the Pope's Easter message: "The Lord now lives forever. He fills us with the certainty that we too are called to share in the life that knows no end." This is the hope that we take from Easter into the rest of our lives. May Pope Francis, the preacher of hope, now enter into that eternal life and the kingdom of heaven.



THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 26th 6pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 27th 9.30am Mass
5pm Mass

No Masses on Monday or Wednesday this week

FRIDAY 2nd 6pm Holy Hour
7pm Novena Mass

SATURDAY 3rd 9.30am Mass in Dervock

Our Lady & St Patrick's is open every day for private prayer - usually from 10am to 7pm.

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

His Holiness Pope Francis

Anniversaries

Jack McCloskey, Dan McErlain, Edward McGothigan, Gerard Mulholland, Sarah Quigg, Brendan Smyth

REQUIESCAT IN PACE



CONGRATULATIONS

to **Caitlin Ferris** and **Jordan Millar** who were married at Our Lady & St Patrick's this 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.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

This Sunday (27th April) is the feast of Divine Mercy. The Church grants a plenary indulgence to those who venerate the Divine Mercy image on this day and who have both gone to confession recently and received Holy Communion.

Dunloy parish will be celebrating Divine Mercy devotions next Sunday afternoon beginning at 1.30pm in **St Joseph's church** with Mass at 3pm.

FIRST FRIDAY NOVENA

We have now reached the eighth month of this year's novena of First Fridays in honour of the Sacred Heart. As usual there will be a **Holy Hour** at 6pm this Friday followed by the **Novena Mass** at 7pm.

MASS IN DERVOCK

Our monthly Mass in Our Lady & St John the Evangelist church in Dervock will be on **Saturday 3rd May** at 9.30am.

OLD & NEW@No.5

We **urgently** require more volunteers to cover **Thursday afternoons** (1pm-4.30pm) in our parish shop. Please contact Gerard (07860474956) or Carmel (07907652408) or call in to the shop between Wednesday and Saturday and chat to one of our team.

You can find the shop at **5 Gate End**, Ballymoney and it's open **10am-4.30pm** from **Wednesday-Saturday**. Take a look at our **Facebook** page for more information.

PARISH BICENTENARY EVENTS

2025 marks the two hundredth anniversary of the founding of Ballymoney parish. During the year we will be marking this milestone in a number of ways. These include:

Crowning Our Lady with Good Deeds

From Easter weekend on we are inviting everyone in the parish to do a special extra good deed to help others in honour of Our Lady. You can choose something that seems appropriate to you. When you've done it we'll ask you to write it down on a special tag which will be added to the crown which we will use for our May crowning of Our Lady's statue. More details soon!

May Pilgrimage to Moneyglass

By popular request we're organising another pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Moneyglass on the evening of **Friday 30th May**. This time parishioners from Coleraine, Portrush and Portstewart will be joining us for an evening of prayer in that beautiful shrine.

Bicentenary Mass

Bishop Alan McGuckian will be visiting the parish on the evening of **Friday 13th June** to celebrate a special Mass to mark our bicentenary.

A number of other events and projects are being planned for later in the year as well. Thank you to the members of the Parish Pastoral Council and other volunteers who are coordinating these special events.

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HYMNS FOR MASS

Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia;
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia,
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia;
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

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Jesus Christ, Bread of Life
Those who come to you will not hunger
Jesus Christ, risen Lord
Those who trust in you will not thirst

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Our parish SVP conference continues to support our local community, and we do this in the strictest confidence. If you are in need and would like our help please do not hesitate to get in touch on **07860 455 549**.



BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

The loss of a partner through death, separation or divorce is devastating. Beginning Experience is offering a programme of bereavement support in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Ave., Belfast on three Saturdays (26th April, 24th May and 21st June). Booking essential. To find out more, contact Pauline 07519289185 or Marie 07896119669 or email: belfastbe@yahoo.com

REQUIEM MASS FOR POPE FRANCIS

Bishop Alan McGuckian will celebrate a solemn Requiem Mass for the happy repose of the soul of Pope Francis on **Wednesday 30th April** at 7pm in **St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast**. All are welcome to attend or to watch online through the Cathedral website.

A PRAYER FOR POPE FRANCIS

Lord Jesus, you have called Pope Francis to yourself. Thank you for the gift of his papacy. When he was with us, he tirelessly showed the Church your constant mercy toward sinners. Grant him now your mercy and let him rest eternally with you in your Kingdom. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.