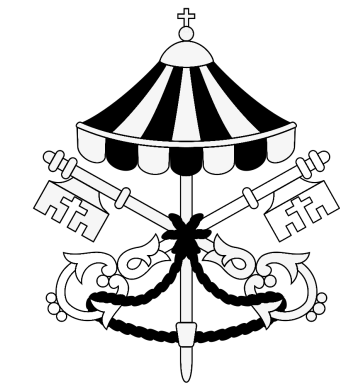




Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

4th May 2025
Third Sunday of Easter



THE MINISTRY OF PETER

In God’s providence the Gospel reading for this third Sunday of Easter is the encounter between Jesus and St Peter after the resurrection. The Lord gives Peter a chance to say three times that he loves him, making up for his threefold denial on Good Friday. He then prophecies to Peter how his future ministry of leading the Church will require sacrifice, self-denial and great faith.

There could hardly be a more appropriate reading for this week as we prepare for the election of a new pope to follow in St Peter’s footsteps. The man elected to this unique vocation will have to sacrifice much, but he will be supported by the Lord and given many graces. We pray throughout this week for our next Holy Father, whoever he will be, and we ask God to bless him and the whole Church.

THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 3rd 5.30-5.50pm Confessions
6pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 4th 9.30am Mass
4.30-4.50pm Confessions
5pm Mass

MONDAY 5th 10am Mass

WEDNESDAY 7th 10am Mass

FRIDAY 9th 6-6.40pm Confessions
7pm Mass

*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

Anniversaries

Leanbh Cherub Cassidy, John McKenna, Monica McNicholl

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.

PAPAL CONCLAVE

The conclave to elect our new pope begins at the Vatican on Wednesday. Here in Ballymoney our 10am Mass on Wednesday morning will be a special Mass asking God’s blessing on the cardinals who are voting. If the new pope is elected by Friday evening, the 7pm Mass will be offered in thanksgiving.

OLD & NEW@No.5

Watch out for our lovely hand painted watering cans, our lovely pair of tall standing dogs, lots of crystal drinking glasses, our slimline/ hall pine table and our extended selection of nice lanterns!

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.

Can you help?

Have you some free time in the afternoons? Would you like a chance to meet people and help our parish? We are looking for more volunteers to cover 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.

May is the month of Mary

This is a month of special devotion to the Mother of Christ. We are invited to set up a May altar at home and pray the rosary with our family. The parish will also be marking the month in different ways:

CROWNING OUR LADY WITH GOOD DEEDS

During May we are inviting everyone in the parish to do a special extra good deed to help others in honour of Mary. 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.

Good deeds might include practical ideas such as visiting someone who is sick or in difficulty, helping someone in need, giving to charity. We can also do spiritual good deeds by praying or fasting for someone, talking about our faith, giving a religious gift to someone.

If everyone who attends Mass in our parish did one extra good deed this month that would be almost five hundred acts of kindness and generosity. Let’s do it as a way of marking the month of Mary and celebrating this year of jubilee and bicentenary!

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.

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**.

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HYMNS FOR MASS

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

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

Bring flowers of the fairest
Bring blossoms the rarest,
From garden and woodland and hillside and dale;
Our full hearts are swelling,
Our glad voices telling
The praise of the loveliest flower of the vale!

*O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today!
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.
O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.*

Their lady they name thee,
their mistress proclaim thee,
oh grant that thy children on earth be as true
as long as the bowers
are radiant with flowers,
as long as the azure shall keep its bright hue.

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.

TOMMY FLEMING CONCERT

Exciting news - and a date for your diary.! As part of our bicentenary celebrations, we are hosting ‘Tommy Fleming In Concert’ in our parish on the evening of **Friday 7th November**. We are delighted that Tommy and his band of musicians have agreed to stage this concert and we highly recommend it to everyone. Details of how to book tickets will be available shortly.

SUMMER SINGING COURSE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

The Diocese are running a singing course for young people in Belfast from 7th-11th July. The five day course is for young people who want to improve their singing voice and musical skills. It’s open to young people aged 8-18 running at St Paul’s Parish Centre, Belfast. The week finishes with a concert performed by the young people at St Peter’s Cathedral.

Optional extra sessions for singers studying GSCE and A Level Music. The cost is £75 for 5-day course. Book by 30th April for discount.Scholarships available on request.

For more information or to apply, please contact
cathedralmusic@downandconnor.org

A PRAYER FOR THE ELECTION OF THE POPE

O God, eternal shepherd,
who govern your flock with unfailing care,
grant in your boundless fatherly love
a pastor for your Church
who will please you by his holiness
and to us show watchful care.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.