



Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

11th MAY 2025
Fourth Sunday of Easter



HABEMUS PAPAM!

It is with great joy that we welcome our new pope - Cardinal Robert Prevost, now His Holiness Pope Leo XIV. In his first remarks at the Vatican on Thursday he said “God loves us, God loves you all, and evil will not prevail! We are all in the hands of God. Therefore, without fear, united hand in hand with God and among ourselves, we move forward. We are disciples of Christ. Christ precedes us. The world needs his light.”

As we pray for Pope Leo let us also ask the Lord to bless us all so that we can play our part in bringing the light of Christ to all we meet.



THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 10th	5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
SUNDAY 11th	9.30am Mass 4.30-4.50pm Confessions 5pm Mass
MONDAY 12th	10am Mass
WEDNESDAY 14th	10am Mass
FRIDAY 16th	6pm Adoration & Confessions 7pm Mass
SATURDAY 17th	10.30am First Holy Communion 5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil 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:

Sunday 10am - Portstewart
Sunday 11am - St Malachy's, Coleraine
Sunday 12noon - Portrush

WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Recently Deceased

Jim Doherty
Anna Hamill, Ballygawley

Anniversaries

John Boyle, Johnny Connor, Josephine Doherty, David Doran,
Berna Kearney, Marie McConville, Arnold McDaid,
Alex Magowan, Pearl Magowan, Alan Millar

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

CONGRATULATIONS

to the families of **Ardie Beckett**
and **Daniel Barker**
who were baptised this week..



PARISH FINANCES

Thank you to everyone who supports the parish through our collections. We received the following donations from **July to December 2024:**

Weekly Offering £34836 (average £1339.85/a week)
Building Fund £8438.44 (av. £1406/a month)

In addition we received the following donations for clergy:

Monthly £8556.50 (av. £1426/a month)
September Voluntary £644.14
Christmas Voluntary £1885.03

This exceeds Fr Damian's stipend, so we are in the happy position of sharing the surplus with other parishes.

We also received the following donations for non-parish collections:

Diocesan Pastoral Services £500.50
Cathedral Fund £474.21
World Missions £501.62
Irish Bishops' Commissions £482.70

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 payable to:
Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan.

We greatly appreciate your ongoing support for our parish.

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**. If you would like to go Moneyglass on a minibus with other parishioners please leave your name and number of the page at the back door.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

If you need our help please call us confidentially on **07860455549**. For more information about the work of our conference you can speak to any of our members. Thank you for your ongoing support.



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OLD & NEW@No.5

We have lots of exciting items to choose from and more good news... our summer benches and patio table and chair sets are on their way and should be with us after next week!

Check out our nice selection of crystal, our few remaining watering cans, tea sets, selection of plant pots, pictures and lots of interesting books that have just come in.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We keep the children who will be making their First Holy Communion in our prayers during this week. The Mass will be at **10.30am** next **Saturday (17th)**. May God bless all the children and their families at this special time.

UPCOMING DATES

May Crowning	Friday 23rd May, 7pm
Pilgrimage to Moneyglass	Friday 30th May, 7.30pm
Dementia Friendly Mass	Saturday 31st May, 2pm
Parish Bicentenary Mass	Friday 13th June, 7pm
Corpus Christi Procession	Sunday 22nd June, 9.30am
Cemetery Sunday	Sunday 29th June, 3pm

TOMMY FLEMING CONCERT

Another date for your diary later in the year! 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.

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

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!

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

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