



Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

18th May 2025
Fifth Sunday of Easter



MARY SHOWS US HOW TO LOVE LIKE JESUS
This Sunday's Gospel reminds us of Jesus's call to "love one another as I have loved you." But Jesus isn't talking about sentimental feelings but tough, active love—the kind that rolls up sleeves and helps others in need.

Mary, his mother, perfectly exemplified this love. She didn't just pray—she journeyed to help her pregnant cousin Elizabeth, supported Jesus's disciples, and comforted them after his death. That's why this May, our parish is honouring Mary differently. While we still crown her statue and offer flowers, we're also inviting everyone to perform acts of kindness in her honour. These will be offered during Friday's May crowning Mass—living bouquets showing that, like Mary, we love through action.

THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 17th	5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
SUNDAY 18th	9.30am Mass 4.30-4.50pm Confessions 5pm Mass
MONDAY 19th	10am Mass
WEDNESDAY 21st	10am Mass
FRIDAY 23rd	6pm Adoration & Confessions 7pm Mass & May Crowning

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

Albina Krepa

Month's Mind

Bernie McFerran
His Holiness Pope Francis

Anniversaries

Stuart Coyles, Berna Kearney, James John Kelly, Robert Kelly,
Danny McKay, Henry O'Loan, Patrick O'Sullivan,
Vincent Reid

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

CONGRATULATIONS

to all the parish children who made their
First Holy Communion on Saturday morning.



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.

OLD & NEW@No.5

In our parish shop this week you can check out our lovely planter sets, our child's rocking chair, our booted and other hares, copperised lanterns, tractor seats, choice of tea sets, and so much more!

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.

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**.

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.

CROWNING OUR LADY WITH GOOD DEEDS

This **Friday** evening at **7pm** we will crown our statue of Our Lady as part of our celebrations for the month of May. But we want to present more than just a crown and flowers - this year we want to give Jesus and Mary the gift of our good deeds carried out for others.

If you've done a special good deed for others (practical or spiritual) please write it on a tag at the back of the church and place it in the box provided. These acts of generosity will be formally presented at our Mass on Friday night.

MAY PILGRIMAGE TO MONEYGLASS

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.

We'll be gathering at Our Lady of Lourdes church in Moneyglass at **7.30pm** that evening for a rosary procession round the grounds of the church and then Mass at the outdoor grotto. If you would like transport to Moneyglass that evening please write your name and number on the list at the back of the church.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Join us for the Down and Connor Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock on **Sunday 8th June**. Bus departs at **7.30am** from the Living Church Office, 120 Cliftonville Road, Belfast, BT14 6LA. Cost: **£45pp**. For more information or to book a seat, please contact Claire on **028 9069 0920** or email **pathwaystothefuture@downandconnor.org**

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOUGH DERG

Led by Bishop Alan McGuckian and Jim Deeds **Friday 4th - Sunday 6th July**. For further information please contact Claire on **028 9069 0920** or email: **pathwaystothefuture@downandconnor.org**

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HYMNS FOR MASS

Jesus Christ, Bread of Life	Bring flowers of the fairest
Those who come to you will not hunger	Bring blossoms the rarest,
Jesus Christ, risen Lord	From garden and woodland and hillside and dale;
Those who trust in you will not thirst	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;	O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today!
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia,	Queen of the Angels and queen of the May.
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia;	O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today,
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.	Queen of the Angels and queen of the May.

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.

SMA MISSION APPEAL

Next weekend we will be joined by Fr Tommy Faherty of the **Society of African Missions** (SMA Fathers) at our Masses. Fr Tommy will be speaking about the work of the SMA Fathers and asking for your support.

PENTECOST IRELAND

On **7th/8th June**, Duneane parish is hosting a weekend of renewal and prayer in **St Oliver Plunkett Church, Toome**. We're asking God to equip us and sent us out in the power of the Holy Spirit. There will be worship, adoration, confession, talks, a time for fellowship and much more.

TALK ON ST THERESE

This year marks the centenary of the canonisation of St Therese. Fr Paul Murray OP will offer a reflection on how to live and pray like the saint. The event will take place on **Thursday 22nd May at 7pm** at Holy Family Church (226 Limestone Road, Belfast, BT15 3AP). All are welcome.