



Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

25th May 2025
Sixth Sunday of Easter

JESUS GIVES US HIS PEACE

In the second reading today we hear a vision of heaven given by the apostle John in the book of the Apocalypse. It appears as a great city which is illuminated not by the sun in the sky but by the Lamb of God himself.

Jesus, of course, is the Lamb of God who grants us peace. In the Gospel today the Lord speaks about his gift of peace which he offers to all his people. That reminds us that we should be people of peace too - not grumpy, bad tempered, or thinking the worst of other people! A Christian should be someone who brings God’s gift of peace to others. We should also have peace of heart ourselves. Let’s ask the Lord today to grant us his peace, especially if we’re worried or anxious, and to make us channels of his peace for others.



THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 24th	5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
SUNDAY 25th	9.30am Mass 4.30-4.50pm Confessions 5pm Mass
MONDAY 26th	no Mass today
WEDNESDAY 28th	10am Mass
FRIDAY 30th	no services in Ballymoney today 7.30pm Pilgrimage to Moneyglass
SATURDAY 31st	2pm Dementia Friendly 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

Tom, Eileen and Rose McEldowney, Teresa McErlain,
Elizabeth & Alex McQuillan, Ann O’Reilly, Patrick O’Reilly,
Patsy Olphert, John Quigg, Bertie Smyth

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

SMA MISSION APPEAL

This weekend we welcome 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.

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.

MAY PILGRIMAGE TO MONEYGLASS

Our pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Moneyglass takes place this **Friday (30th)**. This year parishioners from Coleraine, Portrush and Portstewart will be joining us for an evening of prayer in that beautiful shrine to mark the end of Mary’s month of May..

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.

LOURDES ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

The annual collection to support the ill pilgrims going on the Down & Connor Pilgrimage to Lourdes will be held at all Masses on the weekend of **7th & 8th June**. Your generosity is much appreciated!

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY MASS

We will have a dementia friendly Mass on **Saturday afternoon at 2pm**. People with dementia and their families and carers are especially welcome to attend a slightly shorter Mass with familiar prayers and hymns. Other sick or elderly parishioners may find this Mass more accessible too. All welcome.

OLD & NEW@No.5

Garden benches and table and chair sets have arrived in our parish shop this week. Have a look - they are already proving very popular! You can also check out our lovely 10 setting tea set, a large pair of sitting dogs, lots of new ornaments, china and crystal and plenty of other things!

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.

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**

UPCOMING DATES

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

Tickets for the Tommy Fleming concert taking place in our church on **Friday 7th November** will shortly be available, priced at **£30** each. We are looking for some parishioners to help sell tickets. If you think you can help, please contact Gerard McAfee on **07860474956** - your support would be greatly appreciated.

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.

MY FAIR LADY

Portrush Music Society present *My Fair Lady* at Coleraine Leisure Centre **27th - 31st May**. Evenings performances at **7.30pm** plus a Saturday matinee at **2pm**. Tickets start from **£19**, available from: **ticketsource.co.uk/portrush-music-society**

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HYMNS FOR MASS

Make me a channel of Your peace
Where there is hatred let me bring Your love
Where there is injury, Your pardon, Lord
And where there's doubt, true faith in You

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul

Make me a channel of Your peace
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light
And where there's sadness, ever joy

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 and queen of the May.
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Queen of the Angels and queen of the May.*