



# Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

1st June 2025  
The Ascension of the Lord



### A SPECIAL MONTH FOR US ALL

On this first Sunday of June we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus, remembering how the Lord has gone ahead of us to heaven, showing us the way to follow so that we can live with God in paradise one day.

The Ascension is only the first of several great feasts this month. Next Sunday we will celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Then comes our own parish bicentenary on June 13th when Bishop Alan will come to give thanks to God for two hundred years of faith in Ballymoney and Derrykeighan. On Sunday June 22nd we celebrate Corpus Christi with a traditional outdoor procession. On June 29th we mark the feast of Ss Peter and Paul and have our annual blessing of graves. The whole of June, meanwhile, is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Let’s take every opportunity this month to be part of the celebrations and to grow in holiness and in the love of God.

### THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 31st	5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
SUNDAY 1st	9.30am Mass 4.30-4.50pm Confessions 5pm Mass
MONDAY 2nd	10am Mass
WEDNESDAY 4th	10am Mass 7pm Rosary
FRIDAY 6th	6pm Adoration & Confessions 7pm Novena Mass
SATURDAY 7th	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

#### Anniversaries

John Cushnahan, Meta Doherty, Tillie Douglas,  
Patrick McCullagh, Sadie McKeever, Patrick McVeigh,  
Patrick McVicker, Kathleen O’Brien, Rita Neill

### 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.**

### 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!

### PARISH HALL

We would like to thank **Peter McCullagh** for his good work as parish hall manager over the last year. Peter is stepping down from this role now and we are looking for a volunteer to manage the hall bookings and administration. If you are interested in helping or would like information please contact Fr Damian, Gerard McAfee or Gerry Doran.

### OLD & NEW@No.5

Our parish shop is set for another week of trading! Check out our collection of paper weights, selection of Beswick and other figurines, our vintage ironing board, ‘Hunter’ booted ducks, our Lloyd Loom bedroom furniture, Waterford Tyrone and other crystal etc etc!

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.

### MASS IN DERVOCK

There will be Mass in Our Lady & St John the Evangelist church in Dervock on **Saturday** morning (**7th**) at **9.30am**.

### BICENTENARY MASS

Bishop Alan McGuckian will be visiting the parish at **7pm** on **Friday 13th June** to celebrate a special Mass to mark our bicentenary. We also look forward to welcoming back former clergy Fr Francis O’Brien and Canon Dan Whyte among the concelebrants.

After Mass refreshments will be served in the parish hall. All parishioners and friends of the parish are invited to come and be part of this special occasion.

### CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

**Sunday 22nd June** is the feast of Corpus Christi when we give thanks for the Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist. Weather permitting, the **9.30am Mass** will end with a procession of the Blessed Sacrament through the grounds of the church and finishing with Benediction in the Garden of the Good Shepherd. We are inviting the children who made their First Holy Communion this year to lead the procession in their Communion suits and dresses.

### CEMETERY SUNDAY

The blessing of graves in our parish cemetery will take place on **Sunday 29th June** at **3pm**. Once again we will meet outside for prayers and the rosary while Fr Damian blesses the graves in each part of the cemetery.

### 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**.

### 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.

### PARISH FÊTE

As part of our bicentenary celebrations, it has been suggested that we would hold a parish fête and already there are lots of exciting ideas for what could be included to make it a great day for everyone of all ages. To make these ideas a reality, we need a band of willing volunteers to help us with planning and assisting on the day.

Can you help? If so, please text Gerard McAfee on **07860474956** or Gerry Doran on **07768896776**. If we can generate enough interest, a short meeting will be held to get things moving.

### 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.

### JUNE PRAYERS TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

- I believe in God, I hope in God, I love God.
- I am sorry for having offended God.
- Sacred Heart of Jesus I believe in your love for me.
- Sacred Heart of Jesus I believe you love me now.
- Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in thee.

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### HYMNS FOR MASS

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,  
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.  
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,  
Christ be above me, never to part.

Hail the day that sees him rise Alleluia!  
To his throne beyond the skies; Alleluia!  
Christ, the Lamb for sinners giv’n, Alleluia!  
Enters now the highest heav’n! Alleluia!

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,  
Christ all around me, shield in the strife.  
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,  
Christ in my rising, Light of my life.

Highest heav’n its Lord receives; Alleluia!  
Yet he loves the earth he leaves; Alleluia!  
Though returning to his throne, Alleluia!  
Still he calls the world his own. Alleluia!

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me,  
Christ be on all tongues telling of me.  
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me,  
In ears that hear me, Christ ever be.