



Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

22nd June 2025
Corpus Christi

COME AND TAKE THE FLESH OF CHRIST

Today we celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi, marvelling at the incredible gift Jesus has given us in the Eucharist. Here in Ireland, faith in the real presence has burned brightly for fifteen centuries. At the ancient monastery of Bangor in our own diocese the earliest known Eucharistic hymn, *Venite Sancte Sumite (Come and take the flesh of Christ)* was sung by saints and scholars. In times of persecution our own ancestors risked everything to attend Mass, understanding it as the source and summit of faith.

When we receive Holy Communion, we become walking tabernacles, carrying Christ into our homes, workplaces, and communities. The Eucharist transforms us - if we let it. We're called to become the real presence of Christ in our world.



THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 21st	5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
SUNDAY 22nd	9.30am Mass 4.30-4.50pm Confessions 5pm Mass
MONDAY 23rd	10am Mass
WEDNESDAY 25th	no Mass
FRIDAY 27th	6pm Adoration & Confessions 7pm Mass
SATURDAY 28th	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

John McGothigan, Monica & Patrick O'Sullivan,
Annie Quinn, Susan Wallace

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

CONGRATULATIONS

to the family of **Oscar Norwood** who was baptised this week,

and **Rev. Thomas Hampton** of Saul parish who was ordained a deacon for the Diocese of Down & Connor this week.

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.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

At the end of Mass on Sunday morning we will have a Corpus Christi procession. Weather permitting, the Blessed Sacrament will be brought in procession from the church to the Garden of the Good Shepherd for Benediction.



OLD & NEW@No.5

There's always something new to look at in our parish shop! Our large pair of sitting dogs are back and so are our floral displays, mini tin men, planter sets and there is a new range of two handled outdoor and indoor planters.

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.

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY MASS

Our monthly Mass for people with dementia and their families and carers takes place **next Saturday (28th)** at **2pm**. We also invite those who are sick, the elderly or who have accessibility issues to come and join us for a shorter Mass with familiar prayers and hymns.

TOMMY FLEMING CONCERT

Tickets for the Tommy Fleming concert taking place in our Church on **Friday 7th November** will be on sale after all Masses this weekend and thereafter will be available to purchase from **Old & New @ No. 5** from Wednesday onwards. Tickets are **£30** each and if you could help sell a few tickets to family and friends, please speak to Gerard McAfee after Mass or contact him on **07860474956**.

CEMETERY SUNDAY

The blessing of graves in our parish cemetery will take place **next Sunday (29th)** at **3pm**. We will remember in a special way those parishioners who have died in the last year.

Like the last few years this ceremony will take place entirely outside and there will not be Mass. Anyone unable to stand outside is welcome to sit in the church and listen to the prayers.

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.

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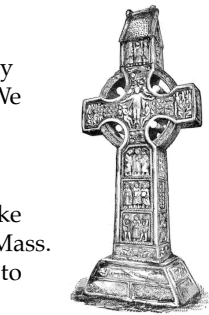
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HYMNS FOR MASS

Come and take the flesh of Christ
Which he gave to be our bread.
Drink the chalice of his blood
Which upon the cross he shed.

We who are redeemed and saved,
By his body and his blood,
Hail the saving sacred Host
Which he gave to be our food.

Giver of salvation, Lord
Christ, the Son of God most high,
Sacrificed to save the world,
Raised with him, we will not die.

Sweet Sacrament divine,
hid in thine earthly home;
lo! round thy lowly shrine,
with suppliant hearts we come;
Jesus, to thee our voice we raise
in songs of love and heartfelt praise,
sweet Sacrament divine,
sweet Sacrament divine.

Sweet Sacrament divine,
earth's light and jubilee,
in thy far depths doth shine
thy Godhead's majesty;
sweet light, so shine on us, we pray,
that earthly joys may fade away:
sweet Sacrament divine,

LIFEBOAT SERVICE

Ballymoney RNLI is celebrating their 70th Anniversary this year. The annual Service of Thanksgiving will be held next **Sunday (22nd)** at **6.30pm** in First Presbyterian Church, Ballymoney. Musical items by *Coastal Vocals*, conducted by Dr Stephen Collins. All our parishioners are invited to attend.

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**.

RALLY FOR LIFE

The annual All-Ireland Rally for Life takes place in Dublin on **Saturday 5th July**. Make a stand to protect Ireland's unborn babies. A coach will travelling from Fullans Shop Rasharkin. To book your seat contact **07592280522**.

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.

There are novena booklets to the Sacred Heart of Jesus available at the doors for those who wish to pray along in the run up to the feast of the Sacred Heart next Friday evening.