

16th November 2025

Thirty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time



JESUS SAYS 'DO NOT BE FRIGHTENED'

In today's Gospel Jesus predicts the destruction of the Jerusalem temple, which came to pass forty years after his death. While warning his disciples of future hardships—wars, natural disasters, and persecution—he didn't mean to frighten them. Instead, he promised to remain with them always. His message was one of endurance and hope, assuring them he would never abandon his Church.

We face our own challenges today: global crises and personal hardships that can feel overwhelming. Yet Jesus remains present with us in his Church. Even in our darkest moments, he offers hope and new beginnings. Though nothing earthly lasts forever, God always has the last word and he leads us to his kingdom.

THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 15th 5.30pm Confessions

6pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 16th 9.30am Mass

MONDAY 17th 10am Mass 7pm November Prayers

WEDNESDAY 19th no Mass today

19th no Mass today 7pm Rosary

FRIDAY 21st 6pm Holy Hour & Confessions

7pm Mass

Our Lady & St Patrick's church is open every day for private prayer - usually from 10am to 4.30pm.

Other Sunday Masses in the Causeway Family of Parishes

Saturday 4.30pm - Portstewart Sunday 10am - Portstewart

Sunday 11.30am - St Malachy's, Coleraine

Sunday 12noon - Portrush

Sunday 5pm - St Malachy's, Coleraine

WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Recently Deceased

John McErlain

Anniversaries

Bernie Gillan, Nuala McAuley, Mary McCann, Adrian McKay, Annie Roche, Eileen Scullion

and all the names on our November Dead Lists

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

CONGRATULATIONS

to the families of
Annie Watson and
Sophie McWilliams
who were baptised this week.



DO THIS IN MEMORY

We welcome children and their families to the first *Do This In Memory* Mass of the year at 9.30am on Sunday. After Mass we invite all primary school aged children and their parents to join us in the parish hall for craft activities (and a cup of coffee for the parents!)

The next *Do This In Memory* Mass will be on Sunday 16th December at 9.30am and will include the blessing of crib figures. Please bring your Baby Jesus to Mass that morning!

NEW COLLECTION ENVELOPES

New collection envelopes for 2025/26 will be available in the next few weeks. If you haven't previously had envelopes but would like to start using them please take a **purple** form from the back of the church. When you have filled it in please pop it through the door of the parochial house.

If you would prefer to set up a **monthly standing order** there is a **yellow** form at the back of the church with all the details for your bank (plus a form to let the parish know how you want your contribution to be allocated).

You can also support us 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 cheques payable to: **Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan**.

Thank you to everyone who supports our parish through the collections.

November

The (Donth of the Holy Souls

Prayer & Reflection

On each of the Mondays of November there will be a short service of prayer and reflection on the theme of remembering the dead and the resurrection. Continues on **Monday** at **7pm**.

November Dead Lists

Lists and envelopes are still available. Please take them home and write down the names of your deceased family and friends who you wish to pray for.

Envelopes can be left back in the church at Mass times or posted through the door of the parochial house. The names are placed before the altar throughout the month of November and prayed for at all Masses and devotions. You may wish to include an offering in your envelope and these are very gratefully received.

OLD & NEW@NO.5

We had an amazing reaction to our Christmas display last week and we are all set for another week. The large red and gold sleighs, the three piece band set, the red reindeer trolleys, the various hanging bell sets, the reindeer banners and the large rustic garden stags and does are all among our bestsellers, so if you haven't called as yet, please call in and see them for yourselves.

Our Jack Russell dogs, large hares, lambs and our large X and O's sets are always popular and make ideal Christmas presents!

We're open **Wednesday to Saturday**, **10am - 4.30pm** at 5 Gate End, Ballymoney. You can see photos of our current stock on our Facebook page as well.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

For this year's SVP appeal we are seeking your financial help to buy gift vouchers, and you can donate in several ways:

- Via the **Red Box** collection at the church door after weekend masses.
- By **telephone** on **028 9075 0161**: (please specify that your donation is for Ballymoney, Co. Antrim).
- Online at www.svp.ie/SP-ballymoney-appeal-25 via the "Donate Now" link.
- •Or scan this QR code to go on to the SVP Ballymoney web site.



In addition to the Christmas gift appeal, we continue to support our local community. Therefore, if you are in need of our help, please call us confidentially on **07860455549**.

SVP would like to convey a BIG thank you for your continued ongoing generosity and support!

KNOCK ALL-NIGHT VIGIL

A bus will leave St Patrick's church, Loughguile on Sunday 7th December at 5pm. Price approx. £25/30 depending on numbers. Contact Patricia Campbell on **028 2764 1120** or **07871626940**.

ST BRIGID'S PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN MORNING

The Primary 1 Open Morning for admission in September 2026 takes place on **Tuesday 2nd December** at **10am**. Please come along for a full tour of the school - a warm welcome will be extended to everyone.

If you can't make this event, please contact our office (tel. **028 27662664**) or email

info@stbrigidsps.ballymoney.ni.sch.uk and we can arrange a suitable date and time for you to come and visit the school.

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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.

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.

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. Abide with me; fast falls the eventide; The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide; When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes; Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies; Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.