

23rd November 2025 Christ the King



WHAT SORT OF KING IS JESUS?

Jesus is unlike any earthly ruler. Christ the King reigns from a manger, a cross, and an altar—not from palaces or fortresses. His crown is made of thorns, yet he leads with humility and sacrificial love. Like King David, he is the Good Shepherd born in Bethlehem, guiding his flock toward heaven.

Today, Jesus's teachings are often mocked and his Church discredited, yet he remains our King and Saviour. The Good Thief recognised this truth even as Jesus died on the cross. We too must keep faith with Christ, following him as our Shepherd and serving him loyally, confident that one day he will return in glory.

THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 22nd 5.30pm Confessions

6pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 23rd 9.30am Mass

MONDAY 24th 10am Mass

7pm November Prayers

WEDNESDAY 26th 10am Mass

7pm Rosary

FRIDAY 28th 6pm Holy Hour & Confessions

7pm Mass

SATURDAY 29th 2pm Dementia Friendly Mass

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

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

NOVEMBER PRAYER FOR THE DEAD

On each of the Mondays of November there is a short service of prayer and reflection on the theme of remembering the dead and the resurrection. The last service takes place this **Monday** at **7pm**.

WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Month's Mind

Esse Doherty Danny Connor

Anniversaries

John Boyle, Bernadette Doey, Mary Ellen Elliott, Maura Gillan, May Hanna, Susan McCarthy, Margaret McCullagh, Daniel McDaid, Eileen McDaid, June O'Kane, Michael O'Reilly, George Robb and all the names on our November Dead Lists

CONGRATULATIONS

to the family of **Fáelán McHenry** who was baptised this week.



NEW COLLECTION ENVELOPES

New collection envelopes for 2025/26 are now available from the back of the church.

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.

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY MASS

This month's Dementia Friendly Mass takes place on **Saturday** (29**th**) at **2pm**. We welcome people with dementia, their families and carers and other elderly or sick parishioners who can join us.

OLD & NEW@NO.5

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**.

Our SVP conference 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. Contact Patricia Campbell on **028 2764 1120** or **07871626940**.

COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE

The annual Ballymoney community carol service takes place this year on Monday 1st December. It begins at 7pm at St Patrick's Church of Ireland before visiting Our Lady & St Patrick's, Ballymoney Methodist and First Ballymoney Presbyterian.

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.

ST BRIGID'S PS PTA - SANTA'S BIG BREAKFAST and GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW

After Mass on **Sunday 14th December**, St Brigid's PS invite all parishioners to come over for our Santa's Big Breakfast event, with entertainment, refreshments, the Grand Christmas Draw and of course a visit from Santa. The tickets for the draw will be on sale from **Wednesday 26th November** up to **Friday 12th December** from the school and on the day. To reflect the great prizes, tickets are priced at £1 each or a book of 6 for £5.

Many parishioners support the school draw every year and if you would like to buy some tickets, please contact the school (028 2766 2664) or call to the main front office.

Top prizes include:

1st Prize: £300 Cash Prize 2nd Prize: £150 Glebe Spar Voucher 3rd Prize: £100 Cash Prize 4th Prize: £100 Cash Prize 5th Prize: £50 Milltown Spar Voucher plus many more prizes!

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HYMNS FOR MASS

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never. I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth; and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; To His feet thy tribute bring. Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Who like me His praise should sing? Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favour To our fathers in distress. Praise Him still the same forever, Slow to chide, and swift to bless. Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, Glorious in His faithfulness.