



Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

26th NOVEMBER 2023
Christ the King



CHRIST IS OUR KING

This weekend we mark the last Sunday of the Church's year - the feast of Jesus Christ, the Universal King. We celebrate that Jesus is our Saviour and Redeemer, and we pledge ourselves to serve him all our lives with love and faithfulness.

Throughout the year we have heard many times that Jesus is the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his flock and who knows and cares for every last lamb. In today's readings we hear that at the end of time he will come to judge between his sheep and the goats. With majesty and authority he will welcome his flock into the kingdom of heaven, while those who are not his he sends away. This reminds us that we must choose for ourselves whether we follow the Lord and be aware of the consequences if we don't. Today may we renew our loyalty and devotion to Christ the King of kings!

THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 25th	5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
SUNDAY 26th Christ the King	10am Mass 2pm Adoration 4pm Vespers & Benediction <i>followed by</i> Confessions 5pm Mass
MONDAY 27th	10am Mass
TUESDAY 28th	7pm Praying for the Dead
WEDNESDAY 29th	10am Mass
FRIDAY 1st First Friday	6pm Adoration & Confessions 7pm Mass & Novena

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

Other Sunday Masses in this area

Saturday 5pm - Portstewart
Saturday 6pm - St Malachy's, Coleraine
Sunday 10am - Portstewart
Sunday 11am - St Malachy's, Coleraine
Sunday 12noon - Portrush

WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Anniversaries

Annie Baird, John Baird, Bernadette Doey, Annie Coyles, Mary Ellen Elliott, William & Eileen Gillan, John Francis McAfee, Patrick McCloy, Eileen McDaid, Michael O'Reilly, Mary Taggart

and all the names on our November Dead Lists

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

To mark this feast day we will have **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** on Sunday from 2pm followed by **Vespers & Benediction** at 4pm. During Benediction we will have the traditional **Consecration to the Sacred Heart** of Jesus (a plenary indulgence is granted to those who are present for the consecration on this feast day).



NEW COLLECTION ENVELOPES

Boxes of collection envelopes for the new year are now available at the back of the church. If you haven't used collection envelopes before and you want a box there is a form to register. Please fill it in, leave it through the door of the parochial house and we'll have a box of envelopes ready for you very soon.

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 cheques payable to: **Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan.**

Thank you to everyone who supports the parish through our collections. God bless you for your generosity!

PRAYING FOR THE DEAD

On **Tuesday** at 7pm there is the last of our short services of prayer and reflection on the theme of remembering the dead and the resurrection. It will be followed by refreshments in the parish hall. The same service will also take place on **Wednesday** at 7pm in Portstewart.

OLD & NEW@No.5

Our parish shop is open Wednesday- Saturday 10.00am-4.30pm and you'll find us at 5 Gate End, Ballymoney. Check us out on Facebook @oldandnewatno5 to see a selection of the lovely and unusual Christmas gifts and decorations available.

COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE

The annual Ballymoney Community Carol Service takes place on **Monday 4th December**. It begins at 7pm at St Patrick's, Church of Ireland, moving on to First Presbyterian, Ballymoney Methodist, and finishing here at Our Lady & St Patrick's. Refreshments will be served in our parish hall afterwards. Come and join us and invite your friends!

ST BRIGID'S PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN MORNING

Open morning for P1 Registration for September 2024 takes place on Tuesday (28th) at 10 am. If you can't make this event, please contact the school and we will arrange a date and time that will suit for you to come and visit the school. School contact: 028 27662664

ST BRIGID'S PS SANTA SUNDAY

After Mass on Sunday 10th December, St Brigid's PS invite all parishioners to come over for their **Santa Sunday** event, with entertainment, refreshments and a **Grand Christmas Draw** with lots of prizes. The tickets for the draw will be on sale up to Friday 8th 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 door.

Top prizes include:

- 1st Prize: £300 Cash Prize
- 2nd Prize: £150 Glebe Spar Voucher
- 3rd Prize: £100 Tesco Voucher
- 4th Prize: £100 Smyth's Toys Voucher
- 5th Prize: £100 Cash Prize

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LEGION OF MARY

Our parish Legion of Mary praesidium would welcome new members. Anyone interested should speak to Marie Henry on 028 2766 3367.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2023

For this year's SVP Christmas Gift Appeal we are asking for your financial help to buy 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 <http://svp.ie/ballymoneysvpappeal23> via the "Donate Now" link.
- Or scan this **QR code** to go on to the SVP Ballymoney web site.



There are also Gift Aid Envelopes available at the back of the Chapel. If you are a UK tax payer, we would ask that you put your donation into one of these completed envelopes and put it in our **Red Box** collection which will boost our funds further.

Aside from the Christmas gift appeal we continue to support our local community. If you need our help please call us confidentially on 07860455549. We would like to thank you for your very generous ongoing support.

A WORD OF THANKS

Many thanks to everyone who reached out to the parish over the last few days since the attempted arson last Sunday night. We have had so many messages of encouragement and concern from our own parishioners, other Christians in Ballymoney, local politicians and clergy from all over the diocese and even abroad. Your support is much appreciated.

HYMNS FOR MASS

Hail Redeemer, King divine!
Priest and Lamb, the throne is thine;
King, whose reign shall never cease,
Prince of everlasting peace.

*Angels, saints and nations sing :
"Praise be Jesus Christ our King;
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary!"*

King most holy, King of truth,
guard the lowly, guide the youth;
Christ the King of glory bright,
be to us eternal light.

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven,
to his feet your 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