



# Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

27th NOVEMBER 2022  
First Sunday of Advent (Year A)

## THE SEASON OF ADVENT

This weekend the Church begins a new liturgical year with the season of Advent. Over the next four weeks we will prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ - in all the different ways that he does come. The Lord first came into the world at Christmas two thousand years ago. He also comes to us today each time we pray and most importantly in the Eucharist at Mass. And he will one day come again to judge the living and the dead.

This weekend we bless and light our Advent wreath to count down the Sundays until Christmas. There are many other ways to prepare ourselves over the next few weeks as you will see below in our parish Advent calendar. Happy Advent and happy new liturgical year!



### THIS WEEK

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

<b>SATURDAY 26th</b>	5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
<b>SUNDAY 27th</b>	10am Mass <b>4pm Advent Vespers &amp; Benediction</b> followed by Confessions 5pm Mass
<b>MONDAY 28th</b>	10am Mass
<b>WEDNESDAY 30th</b>	10am Mass
<b>FRIDAY 2nd</b> First Friday	6pm Holy Hour with Adoration, Confessions and Benediction at 6.45pm 7pm Mass & Sacred Heart Novena

*Our Lady & St Patrick's is open every day for private prayer - usually from 10.30am 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

### Recently Deceased

Mary Taggart, Downpatrick Fr Gerry Cassidy CsSR, Belfast  
Maeve Irwin, Portstewart

### Anniversaries

Fr Christopher Gray, Annie Blaney, Benedict & Margaret Burns,  
Annie Coyles, Mary Ellen Elliott, Catherine Kelly, Gerry McAfee,  
John Francis McAfee, Patrick McCloy, Daniel McDaid,  
Eileen McDaid, Bertie Wallace & the names on our November Dead Lists

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL COFFEE MORNING

Our parish SVP would like to invite all parishioners (including children) to a mid morning tea in the parish hall **this Sunday** (27th) after 10am Mass. Come along and take the opportunity to catch up with friends over tea or coffee and a tasty treat. No charge and all are welcome!

### FIRST FRIDAY

We continue our First Friday Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus this **Friday** evening (2nd). As usual there will be a **Holy Hour** from 6pm with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions, ending with **Benediction** from 6.45pm. Mass will be at 7pm with the novena prayers.



### NEW COLLECTION ENVELOPES

Boxes of collection envelopes for the new year are still available at the back of the church. If you haven't used collection envelopes before and you want a box there is a blue 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!

### BISHOP TREANOR

The Vatican has announced that Bishop Noel Treanor has been appointed Apostolic Nuncio to the EU. The Bishop will be leaving our diocese in January after fifteen years in Down & Connor. We send him our congratulations and prayers for his new appointment, and we pray for our next bishop who will be announced by the Pope in due course.

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who has supported our Christmas Appeal. You can still make a donation through the red box after Mass, by **telephone on 02890750161**, or **online at www.svp-ni.co.uk**, via the "Donate Now" link.



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

### OLD & NEW@No.5

This week, check out our new post box money boxes, new range of sitting dogs, and the lovely new tea set in the window! As usual, we have restocked on small furnishings, collectibles (including lots of new crystal and decanters) and Christmas decorations! There's also lots of new preloved ladies clothes and accessories. We're open Wednesday- Saturday 10.00am-4.30pm and you'll find us at 5 Gate End, Ballymoney. Check us out on Facebook @oldandnewatno5

### ST BRIGID'S P1 OPEN DAY

An open morning for parents and their child who is due to start P1 in September 2023 will be held in St Brigid's Primary School on Tuesday 29th November at 10am. You can visit the P1 classroom and play area, speak to the P1 teacher, Principal and Vice Principal, have a tour of the school and find out about the Before School Care (8-8.45am) and After School Care (2-5.30)pm. All welcome!

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### HYMNS FOR MASS

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here,  
Until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*



O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free  
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
From depths of hell Thy people save,  
And give them victory o'er the grave.

O come, Thou Dayspring, from on high,  
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

## Our Advent Calendar

Some of the events taking place in the next few weeks:

<b>Each SUNDAY of Advent</b>	4pm Vespers & Benediction
<b>TUESDAY 6th</b>	7pm Mass in Dervock
<b>THURSDAY 8th</b>	<b>10am Mass</b> Immaculate Conception <b>7pm Mass</b>
<b>SUNDAY 11th</b>	10am Do This In Memory Mass <i>with the blessing of crib figures.</i>  St Brigid's Primary School Christmas Bazaar
<b>MONDAY 12th</b>	7pm Community Carol Service <i>beginning at Our Lady &amp; St Patrick's and moving on to Ballymoney Methodist, St Patrick's Church of Ireland and finishing at First Presbyterian.</i>
<b>SATURDAY 17th</b>	7.30am Rorate Mass <i>candlelight Dawn Mass in honour of Our Lady's maternity.</i>
<b>SUNDAY 18th</b>	7pm Parish Carol Service
<b>THURSDAY 20th</b>	7pm Penitential Service at St Malachy's, Coleraine
<b>SATURDAY 24th</b>	11am-1pm Confessions  <b>6pm Vigil Mass</b> <b>12 Midnight Mass</b>
<b>SUNDAY 25th</b>	<b>10am Day Mass</b>
<b>TUESDAY 27th</b>	10am Mass in Dervock Feast of St John

