



WAKE UP!

The season of Advent begins today and we prepare for the coming of Christ - at Christmas, in our lives today and also at the end of time. Today’s readings are God’s alarm clock for us. "Stay awake! Be prepared!" Jesus isn't asking if our eyes are open, but if our hearts are open—ready to welcome him through concrete acts of love and service.



St Paul reminds us that the night is far gone and the day is near. We can't sleepwalk through Advent. We stay spiritually awake by doing something—serving, loving, reaching out to others. This week, do one concrete act of service. Don't overthink it. Forgive someone, help a neighbour, be patient with someone difficult. Jesus will come at an unexpected hour, perhaps in someone who needs your help. Will you recognize him? The alarm is ringing. Advent has begun. Don't hit snooze.

THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 29th	5.30pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
SUNDAY 30th	9.30am Mass
MONDAY 1st	10am Mass 7pm Community Carol Service <i>beginning at St Patrick's, Church of Ireland</i>
TUESDAY 2nd	7pm Holy Face Novena
WEDNESDAY 3rd	10am Mass 7pm Rosary
FRIDAY 5th	6pm Holy Hour & Confessions 7pm Mass

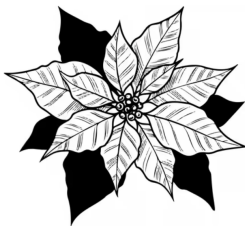
*Our Lady & St Patrick's church is open every day
for private prayer - usually from 10am to 4.30pm.*

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

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you would like to contribute to decorating the church for Christmas, why not buy a **poinsettia** (red or white) and leave it in the church over the next couple of weeks?



WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Anniversaries

Annie Blaney, Lester Durkan, Matilda Gilmore,
William Gilmore, Catherine Kelly, Gerry McAfee,
John Francis McAfee, Danny McConville, Margaret McCullough,
Carol McGrath, Kay McLaughlin, Bertie Wallace

and all the names on our November Dead Lists

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

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.

COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE

The annual Ballymoney community carol service takes place 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 finally First Ballymoney Presbyterian. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

OLD & NEW@NO.5

Our Parish Shop have a lovely selection of **nativity cribs** available from this week, with prices from as little as £15.95. If you're looking for a new one for your home or to give one as a gift, please give them a call. Lots of other Christmas decorations and gifts are also available. We're open **Wednesday to Saturday 10am-4.30pm** at 5 Gate End Ballymoney.

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!

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 and we can arrange a suitable date and time for you to come and visit the school.

FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS

Counterpoint Choir will be singing at a carol service in St Malachy's Church, Coleraine on Sunday 7th December at 7.30pm, in conjunction with Causeway Churches' Forum. All are most welcome to attend this festive event. Free Admission.

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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.

*R. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

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O come thou Wisdom from on high,
who orderest all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show
and teach us in her ways to go. R.

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

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see. R.

*R. Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church
gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice. R.



Our Advent Calendar 2025

MONDAY 1st	7pm Community Carol Service
MONDAY 8th Immaculate Conception	10am & 7pm Mass <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>
TUESDAY 9th 16th & 23rd	7-8pm Quiet Holy Hour <i>with Adoration & Benediction Confessions available</i>
SUNDAY 14th	9.30am <i>Do This In Memory Mass</i> <i>with the blessing of crib figures followed by Santa's Big Breakfast & St Brigid's PTA Christmas Draw</i>
SATURDAY 20th	7.30am <i>Rorate Mass</i> <i>candlelight Dawn Mass in honour of Our Lady's maternity.</i>
TUESDAY 24th Christmas Eve	6pm VIGIL MASS of CHRISTMAS 12 MIDNIGHT MASS
WEDNESDAY 25th Christmas Day	9.30am DAWN MASS of CHRISTMAS
SATURDAY 27th St John's Day	9.30am Mass in Dervock <i>for the feast of St John the Evangelist</i>
<i>Other Masses & Confessions as normal on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th.</i>	