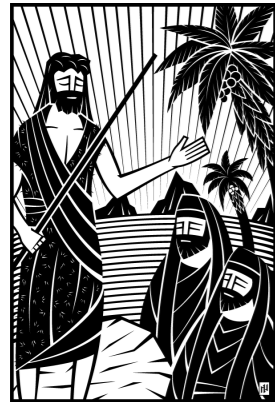




Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

4th DECEMBER 2022
Second Sunday of Advent



PREPARE THE WAY FOR CHRIST TO COME

St John the Baptist is the voice in the wilderness in today's Gospel who calls out to the people that the Saviour is coming, so it's time to prepare! Indeed, we all need time to prepare for Jesus to come to us - not just at Christmas but every day and especially at the end of our lives on earth.

But practically speaking, how should we prepare so that our Christmas this year is not just happy but holy too? Well... just take a look at this bulletin you have in your hands - look at the times for confession, the holy days, the extra Masses and carol services. Look at the charities who need your help. There are lots of opportunities to do something special in these next three weeks to prepare the way for the Lord.

THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 3rd	5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
SUNDAY 4th	10am Mass 4pm Vespers & Benediction <i>followed by</i> Confessions 5pm Mass
MONDAY 5th	10am Mass
TUESDAY 6th	7pm Mass in Dervock
WEDNESDAY 7th	10am Mass
THURSDAY 8th	10am Mass Immaculate Conception 6.30pm Confessions 7pm Mass



No Mass or confessions on Friday

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

Other Holy Day Masses for Thursday

Wednesday 7pm - St Malachy's, Coleraine
Wednesday 7pm - Portstewart
Thursday 9.30am - Portstewart
Thursday 10am - St Malachy's, Coleraine

WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Recently Deceased

Michael Doey, Coleraine

Anniversaries

John Boyle, Oliver Delaney, Kathleen Donaghy, Lester Durkan, John McAleese, John McIntaggart, Gerard Mooney, Alastair Stockman

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

MASS IN DERVOCK

There will be Mass in Our Lady & St John the Evangelist's in Dervock will be on **Tuesday** at **7pm**. We will also have a special Mass in Dervock at **10am** on **Tuesday 27th December**, the feast of St John the Evangelist.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



Thursday 8th December is the feast of Our Lady's Immaculate Conception.

It is a **holy day of obligation** and Masses in our parish will be at **10am** and **7pm**.

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

DO THIS IN MEMORY MASS

Next Sunday at 10am we will have our special monthly Mass for the children who will make their First Holy Communion in the spring.

BLESSING OF CRIB FIGURES

Everyone is asked to bring the **Baby Jesus** figure from their crib at home to be blessed at Mass next weekend.

ST BRIGID'S PRIMARY SCHOOL SANTA SUNDAY

After Mass next Sunday St Brigid's PS invite all parishioners to come over for their Santa Sunday Event with entertainment, refreshments and a Mega Christmas Draw with over 30 prizes. The tickets for the draw will be on sale up to Friday 9th December from the school and on the Sunday. To reflect the great prizes, tickets are priced at £1.00 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 27662664) or call to the main front door.

Top Prizes Include:

1st Prize: £400 Cash Prize
2nd Prize: £200 Cash Prize
3rd Prize: £150 Glebe Spar Voucher
4th Prize: £150 Smyth's Toys Voucher
5th Prize: £200 Photography Voucher

OLD & NEW@No.5

Why not call in to our parish shop - you may find that perfect Christmas gift for someone special! 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

DERRYKEIGHAN CHURCH OF IRELAND

We send our very best wishes to the **Rev. Geoffrey Haugh** who will be instituted this Friday as Church of Ireland rector of Billy & Derrykeighan. Fr Damian will be attending the service in Bushmills to represent our parish.

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ST VINCENT DE PAUL 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 support.

Our Advent Calendar

Each SUNDAY of Advent 4pm Vespers & Benediction

SUNDAY 11th 10am Do This In Memory Mass
with the blessing of crib figures.

St Brigid's Primary School
Santa Sunday & Draw

MONDAY 12th 7pm Community Carol Service
beginning at Our Lady & St Patrick's and moving on to Ballymoney Methodist, St Patrick's Church of Ireland and finishing at First Presbyterian.

SATURDAY 17th 7.30am Rorate Mass
candlelight Dawn Mass in honour of Our Lady's maternity.

SUNDAY 18th 7pm Parish Carol Service

THURSDAY 22nd 7pm Penitential Service
in St Malachy's, Coleraine

SATURDAY 24th 11am-1pm Confessions
Christmas Eve

6pm Vigil Mass
12 Midnight Mass

SUNDAY 25th 10am Day Mass
Christmas Day



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

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.

*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.