



Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

10th DECEMBER 2023
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 extra Masses, devotions and carol services. Look at the charities who need your help. There are lots of opportunities to do something special in these next two weeks to prepare the way for the Lord.

THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 9th	5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
SUNDAY 10th	10am Mass 4.30-4.50pm Confessions 5pm Mass
MONDAY 11th	10am Mass
TUESDAY 12th	7-8.30pm Adoration for Advent
WEDNESDAY 13th	10am Mass
FRIDAY 15th	6-6.40pm Confessions 7pm Mass

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

Other Sunday Masses in this Family of Parishes

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

Peter McAlister

Anniversaries

Jimmy Diver, Kathleen Donaghy, John McIlwaine,
Rosetta McKay, John McKendry, Sharon Murry, Joe Quigg

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 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.

BIBLE PRAYER GROUP

Our *Lectio Divina* scripture prayer group will be meeting on **Sunday evening at 6pm** in the old canon's house. All welcome to attend.

ST BRIGID'S PS SANTA SUNDAY

After 9.30am Mass on Sunday 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. Tickets for the draw are available to buy at the school this morning and are priced at £1 each or a book of 6 for £5.

LORETO COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Loreto College Coleraine invites parents and pupils transferring to Year 8 and Year 13 to attend its Open Day on Saturday 13th January 2024 9.30am-1.00pm. (See school website for details)

THANK YOU

To everyone who helped with the Carols Together service last Monday both in the church and over at the hall. It was a great occasion.

DO THIS IN MEMORY

We welcome the P4s and their families to our monthly Do This In Memory Mass at 9.30am next Sunday morning (17th). After Mass you are invited to the parish hall for refreshments courtesy of our parish St Vincent de Paul and children's Christmas Crafts.

BLESSING OF CRIB FIGURES

At each Mass next weekend there will be a blessing of crib figures. Please bring your Baby Jesus (or even your whole crib!) to Mass for the blessing.

PARISH CAROL SERVICE

You are warmly invited to our parish carol service at 7pm next Sunday (17th). Our parish choir will be joined by a number of different singers and musicians from the local area including pupils from St Brigid's Primary School and Our Lady of Lourdes school.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2023

You can still contribute to our appeal:

- Via the **Red Box collection** at the church door
- By telephone on **028 9075 0161**: (please specify that your donation is for Ballymoney, Co. Antrim).
- Online at <http://svp.ie/ballymonesvpappeal23> 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 which allow us to claim back the tax at no cost to you.

We continue to support our local community. If you need our help please call us confidentially on **07860455549**.

PARISH OF BALLYMONEY & DERRYKEIGHAN

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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 Day-spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight. R.

O come, Thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery. 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 2023

Each TUESDAY of ADVENT	7-8.30pm Adoration for Advent <i>A quiet time of prayer and reflection</i>
SUNDAY 17th	9.30am Do This In Memory Mass <i>with the blessing of crib figures followed by children's crafts and refreshments in the parish hall</i>
	7pm Parish Carol Service
SATURDAY 23rd	7.30am Rorate Mass <i>candlelight Dawn Mass in honour of Our Lady's maternity.</i>
	5-5.50pm Confessions
SUNDAY 24th Christmas Eve	9.30am Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent <i>followed by Confessions until 11.30am</i>
	6pm VIGIL MASS of CHRISTMAS
	12 MIDNIGHT MASS
MONDAY 25th Christmas Day	9.30am DAWN MASS of CHRISTMAS
WEDNESDAY 27th St John's Day	9.30am Mass in Dervock <i>for the feast of St John the Evangelist</i>



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Thank you to everyone who has donated a **poinsettia** to help decorate our churches in Ballymoney and Dervock for the Christmas season. If you would like to contribute to decorating the church for Christmas, why not buy a poinsettia and leave it in the church over the next couple of weeks?