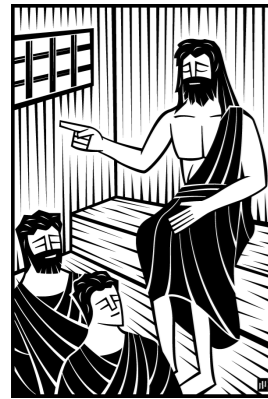




Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

11th DECEMBER 2022
Third Sunday of Advent
Gaudete Sunday



REJOICE! THE LORD IS NEAR

In today's Gospel we find St John the Baptist in a prison cell. He has been locked up by King Herod for speaking out against the king's sinful life. John must be wondering how long he will survive at this point, and indeed he would soon be executed.

And yet his mood is not downcast. John is actually excited because he hears reports of the wonderful miracles that Jesus is carrying out. John has lived his whole life in anticipation of the Saviour and now he knows that Christ has come. And so John is filled with joy even as he languishes in prison. On this *Gaudete* or *Rejoicing* Sunday we too are encouraged to listen to the Word of God and look out for the good things Jesus is doing among us. If we do, he promises us that we will have reasons to be joyful as well!

THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 10th	5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
SUNDAY 11th	10am Mass 4pm Vespers & Benediction <i>followed by</i> Confessions 5pm Mass
MONDAY 12th	10am Mass
WEDNESDAY 14th	10am Mass
FRIDAY 16th	6-6.40pm Confessions 7pm Mass
SATURDAY 17th	7.30am Rorate Mass

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

Recently Deceased

Bridie Sheils (nee Darragh), England

Anniversaries

Jimmy Diver, William Gillan, Joe Graham, Sam Graham, John McIlwaine, Rose McGuigan, Rosetta McKay, Jimmy Neill, Joe Quigg, Margaret Rodgers

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

ST BRIGID'S PRIMARY SCHOOL SANTA SUNDAY

After 10am Mass on 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.

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

RORATE MASS

Early next **Saturday** morning (**17th**) we will have a special Mass in honour of Our Lady's maternity in Advent. This is called a Rorate Mass (from the Latin of the entrance antiphon *Rorate Caeli*). By tradition it is celebrated before sunrise with the church lit only by candlelight to represent our waiting for the coming of Christ the Light of the World. Our Rorate Mass will be at **7.30am**.

COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE

Our town carol service takes place on Monday (12th) beginning at Our Lady & St Patrick's at 7pm. From here we will make our way to visit Ballymoney Methodist, St Patrick's Church of Ireland and finishing at First Presbyterian where there will be refreshments. Come and join our neighbours in the other churches for a lovely evening and a great Ballymoney tradition!

OLD & NEW@No.5

Why not call in to our parish shop - you may find that perfect gift for someone special! Our Christmas glass robins and Santas are proving popular, along with our wide range of festive decorations and gifts! A new supply of Wilberry dolls has just arrived and are ideal stocking fillers (and birth certificates for each of these are available!)

Our remaining range of recycled Santas and reindeers have been greatly reduced and our 3 & 4 piece band sets are due back in any day now! Check out our large watercolour painting of a country landscape, our beautiful German porcelain dinner service and our range of lanterns! Also, a limited number of our popular tractor seats are due in this week... so if you want one for a special Christmas present, let us know!

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 VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Members of our parish St Vincent de Paul conference will be speaking at Masses this weekend to explain about the work they are doing in our community thanks to your kindness and to ask for your continued support during this difficult winter..

If you need our help please call us confidentially on **07860455549**. Our SVP conference is here to help and they will do what they can to assist local people in need.

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LORETO COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Loreto College Coleraine invites parents and transferring pupils to attend its Open Day on Saturday 7 January 2023 Those who live West of the River Bann are asked to attend at 9.30am for the Principal's address and those who live East of the River Bann should arrive at 11.00am for the second Principal's address. Both talks will be followed by organised tours of the school.

All P6 & P7 Pupils and Parents are welcome. Please visit our website: www.loretocollege.org.uk for more details We very much look forward to meeting you.

Our Advent Calendar

Each SUNDAY of Advent 4pm Vespers & Benediction

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

TUESDAY 27th 10am Mass in Dervock
Feast of St John

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.

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.