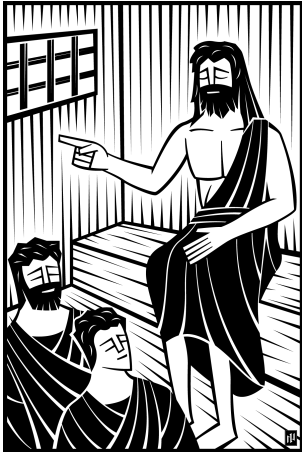




Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

CAUSEWAY FAMILY OF PARISHES

14th December 2025
Third Sunday of Advent



WHAT DO YOU SEE?

Today is Gaudete Sunday – "Rejoice!" We're halfway through Advent and joy is coming! In the Gospel, John the Baptist sends his disciples to ask Jesus, "Are you the one?" Jesus responds not with arguments but with evidence: "Tell John what you see – the blind see, the lame walk, the deaf hear, the dead are raised." Our witness isn't about perfect theology; it's about pointing to how Jesus has changed our lives.

This week's Advent challenge: Invite **one** person to Christmas Mass! It's that simple. Maybe a family member who's drifted away, a neighbor going through hard times, or a curious friend. Don't keep your faith hidden – let people see the joy Christ brings. The Lord is near. That's news worth sharing!

THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 13th	5.30pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
SUNDAY 14th	9.30am Mass
MONDAY 15th	10am Mass
TUESDAY 16th	7pm Advent Holy Hour <i>with confessions and Benediction</i>
WEDNESDAY 17th	10am Mass 7pm Rosary
FRIDAY 19th	no Mass or confessions today
SATURDAY 20th	7.30am Rorate 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

Month's Mind

John McErlain

Anniversaries

Fr Christopher Gray, Joe Graham, Roy Graham, Sam Graham, Bobby Kelly, John McKendry, Mick McKeown, Jimmy Neill, John Watt

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.

QUIET HOUR OF PRAYER

On the Tuesday evenings before Christmas we have a quiet hour of prayer from **7-8pm**. Come and join us at any point during the hour to pray before the Blessed Sacrament. **Confessions** are available and we finish with **Benediction** at **7.50pm**.

RORATE MASS

On **Saturday** at **7.30am** we have our annual *Rorate* Mass. A *Rorate* Mass is a special advent Mass in honour of Our Lady's maternity. It is traditionally celebrated before sunrise with the church lit only by candlelight to remind us of how we are waiting for the coming of Jesus, the light of the world.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES SCHOOL OPEN NIGHT

We welcome all P6 & P7 pupils to come and tour our school on **Wednesday 14th January 2026**. The Principal's address will begin at 7pm. We look forward to welcoming you all.

OLD & NEW@NO.5

Our window is dressed for another busy week and some lovely paintings that have just come in are the highlights this week, along with many other interesting collectibles. Check out all the nice paintings, our Royal Worcester 8 setting teaset, a new selection of Royal Doulton figurines, sets of crystal drinking glasses, new pieces of jewellery, and of course our large selection of Christmas decorations and gifts.

We're open **Wednesday to Saturday** at 5 Gate End, Ballymoney from **10am - 4.30pm** - we hope you can give us a call! You can also see photos of our current stock on our Facebook page.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Thank you to everyone who has supported our Christmas Appeal. Don't forget that SVP continue to support our local community, and we do this in the strictest confidence. If you are in need and would like our help please do not hesitate to get in touch on **07860455549**.

CONFESSIONS BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Our Lady & St Patrick's, Ballymoney

Saturday 20th, 5pm-5.50pm

Sunday 21st, after Mass

Tuesday 23rd, 7-7.50pm

Christmas Eve, 4pm

St Patrick's, Loughguile

Wednesday 17th, 7.30-8.30pm

Sacred Heart, Cloughmills

Friday 19th, after 7.30pm Mass

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

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

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.

LORETO COLLEGE CAROL SERVICE

Loreto College, Coleraine warmly invites you to their carol service on **Tuesday 16th December** at **7pm**. Admission is free and tickets are available through Ticket Source. Tea, coffee and mince pies will be afterwards served at Café Lorette.



Christmas Mass Times

These are the Christmas Mass times across our Causeway Family of Parishes:

Our Lady & St Patrick's, Ballymoney

Christmas Vigil - 6pm

Midnight Mass - 12 midnight

Christmas Day - 9.30am

St Malachy's Church, Coleraine

Children's Vigil Mass – 4pm

Christmas Vigil – 9pm

Christmas Day – 11.30am

St Mary's, Star of the Sea Church, Portstewart

Children's Vigil Mass – 6pm

Christmas Vigil – 9pm / Carols from 8.30pm

Christmas Day – 10am

St Patrick's Church, Portrush

Christmas Vigil – 6pm

Christmas Day – 12 noon

St Mary's Church, Bushmills

Christmas Day – 8am