



Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

18th DECEMBER 2022
Fourth Sunday of Advent



GOD'S DREAM COMES TRUE

In today's Gospel St Joseph goes to bed a sad, anxious man. He is worried by the news Mary has shared with him about her pregnancy. He doesn't know what to do for the best.

But that night God speaks to Joseph through his dreams. He hears an angel reassure him that what has happened is all part of God's plan. And so when he awakes, Joseph resolves to do God's work and to make his dream come true. As we prepare for Christmas, may we do our best to follow God's plans for our lives so that we can make his dreams come true in the world today.



WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Recently Deceased

John McKendry
John Watt

Anniversaries

Fr Peter Forde, Teresa Cuddy, Bobby Kelly,
Wilma McClelland, Roy McClintock, John McKeever,
Mick McKeown, Sarah McSheffrey, Vera McSheffrey,
William (Tappy) Neill

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.**

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you would like to contribute to decorating the church for Christmas, why not buy a poinsettia and leave it in the church before Christmas Eve?

CONFESSIONS & PENITENTIAL SERVICE

There will be a penitential service for all our local parishes on **Thursday evening at 7pm at St Malachy's in Coleraine.** Four priests will be available to hear confessions at that time.

Confessions will be available in our own parish on **Friday from 5.30pm** and on **Christmas Eve from 11am - 1pm.**

PARISH CAROL SERVICE

You are warmly invited to our parish carol service at **7pm on Sunday (18th)** in Our Lady & St Patrick's. Our parish choir will be joined by a number of different singers and musicians from the local area including St Brigid's primary school.



FEAST OF ST JOHN IN DERVOCK

Tuesday 27th December is the feast of St John the Evangelist, patron of the church of Our Lady & St John the Evangelist in Dervock. There will be Mass in Dervock on that day at **10am.**

OLD & NEW@No.5

Why not call in to our parish shop - you may find that perfect Christmas gift for someone special! We've discounted all our Christmas decorations by 25% so why not add to your collection?! You can also check out our selection of cake and pastry stands, our small selection of creamware, other ceramics and our two silver plated entree dishes and our ceramic horse and hand crafted cart!

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

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 ongoing support.

PARISH OF BALLYMONEY & DERRYKEIGHAN

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ST BRIGID'S PS REGISTRATION SEPTEMBER 2023

If you have a child starting school in September or know someone who is, please contact the school to register your interest. There is a special section on the school website, Starting our School, with a virtual tour of the school. It's well worth a watch for everyone.

The application process is online this year and open from the **9th to the 27th of January 2023.** All of the information and guidance will be on the Education Authority website: www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions Please contact the school to if you require any assistance in completing the online application, have any questions about the school or would like a tour. Tel: **028 27662664.**

LORETO COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Loreto College Coleraine invites parents and transferring pupils to attend its Open Day on **Saturday 7th 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.

CHRISTMAS BROADCASTS

Masses will be shown on RTE 1 at 11.10pm on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day at 10am. They will also show the Pope's *Urbi et Orbi* message at 12noon.

BBC Radio 4 will broadcast Mass at 11.30pm on Christmas Eve.

EWTN (the Catholic channel on Sky ch. 586) will show Christmas Masses from Bethlehem, the Vatican and America at various times on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day as well as other prayers, services and religious documentaries.

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.

Other Christmas Masses in this area

Christmas Eve 6pm	-	Portstewart
Christmas Eve 6pm	-	St Malachy's, Coleraine
Christmas Eve 6pm	-	Portrush
Christmas Eve 9pm	-	Portstewart
Christmas Eve 9pm	-	St Malachy's, Coleraine
Christmas Day 10am	-	Portstewart
Christmas Day 11am	-	St Malachy's, Coleraine
Christmas Day 12noon	-	Portrush