



# Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

CAUSEWAY FAMILY OF PARISHES

4th January 2026  
Second Sunday of Christmas



## IS CHRISTMAS OVER NOW..?

For many people, Christmas is already over and it's time to get back to normal life. But the Church invites us to take our time celebrating this great mystery. St John's Gospel today reminds us what it really means that Christ came among us: God himself became one of us so that we could become close to him. He shares his power with us—a power that heals, forgives, and transforms our lives and the world around us.

But this only happens if we truly accept Jesus as our Saviour and put him in the centre of our lives. This Gospel reading challenges us to choose every day to welcome Christ and follow him. At the start of this new year, that's the only resolution we need to make: to accept Jesus and become the children of God he made us to be.

### THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 3rd	5-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
SUNDAY 4th	9.30am Mass
MONDAY 5th	no Mass today
TUESDAY 6th The Epiphany	10am Mass 7pm Mass <i>followed by Holy Face Novena</i>
WEDNESDAY 7th	10am Mass
FRIDAY 8th	6-6.50pm Adoration & Confessions 7pm 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

### WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

#### Recently Deceased

Hughie McAllister, Canada (formerly The Cross)

#### Anniversaries

Matt Coyles, Jim Duffy, Mary Duffy, Angela Fitzpatrick, Elizabeth Gillan, James Havlin, Eva McClintock, Rosetta McDaid, Mary McKillop, Kathleen McVicker, Sadie McVicker, Josie Mooney, Jeannie Mulholland, Pauline Purdon, Tracy Turner

### CONGRATULATIONS

to **Michael Costello** and **Rosie Alcorn**  
who were married here this week.



### 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.**

### FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY



**Tuesday 6th January** is the feast of the **Epiphany** when we celebrate the visit of the Wise Men to the child Jesus. It's a holy day of obligation and Mass in Ballymoney will be at **10am** and **7pm**. The children from St Brigid's Primary School will join us for the 10am Mass. There will also be a vigil Mass on **Monday evening** at **7pm** in **St Malachy's, Coleraine**.

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL

We would like to remind you that SVP continue to support our local community, and we do this in the strictest confidence. Therefore, if you are in need and would like our help please do not hesitate to get in touch on **07860455549**.

### 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.

### ST BRIGID'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

If you have a child starting school in **September 2026** please contact St Brigid's PS to register your interest. The application process is **online** this year and opens on **7th January** at **12 noon** and closes on **21st January** at **12 noon**. All the information and guidance will be on the Education Authority website **www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions**.

If you require any assistance in completing the online application or have any questions about our school, contact us on **028 27662664**.

### LORETO COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Loreto College invites prospective Year 8 pupils and their parents to attend our Open Day on **Saturday 10th January**. The Principal's address is at **11am** for families living east of the River Bann. Year 12 students hoping to apply for Post-16 studies are also welcome to attend. For more details our the website: [www.loretocollege.org.uk](http://www.loretocollege.org.uk)

### DISCOVERY COURSE

Would you like to find our more about what we Catholics believe? Join us for **Discovery**, a six-week faith study course exploring the Gospel message and its meaning for our lives today. Starting **Sunday 11th January** at **6pm**, we'll meet weekly for one hour in small groups to reflect on our Christian faith.

All are welcome, whether you're deepening your faith or exploring Christianity anew.

For more information ask **Danny (07749042878)**, **Michael (07547073239)**, or speak to Fr Damian after Mass.

### NEW YEAR ALPHA COURSE

Alpha is a course on the basics of Christianity for adults who are new to faith or those who want to learn more. This January an Alpha course will be running in this area. You are warmly invited to presentations & group conversations exploring the meaning of life & faith in a friendly inter-denominational setting.

When: **Tuesdays 7-9pm** from **14th Jan** to **8th April 2025**.  
Venue: **Bushtown Hotel**, 283 Drumcroon Rd, Coleraine

Further information: **Alphanorthcoast@gmail.com** or telephone: **077 6064 7665**

### HOLY FACE NOVENA

Our novena prayers in honour of the Holy Face of Jesus take place on the **first Tuesday of the month**. Due to the 7pm Mass for the feast of the Epiphany this Tuesday the novena will begin after Mass.

### MEN'S RETREAT

Come join us for a time of silence, prayer, teaching and fellowship at Portglenone Monastery on **Saturday 10th January** beginning at **9am** with the rosary, then Mass celebrated by Fr Aelred. The keynote speaker is Dr Gavan Kerr, a philosophy lecturer at St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth. The theme is *Living the Faith as a Man in the 21st Century*. For more info or to book, please contact **Thomas Carey** on **07967620435**.

### CLOSING OF THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025

**Bishop Alan McGuckian** will celebrate the Rite of the Closing of the Jubilee Year with Mass at **3pm** in **St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast** this **Sunday (4th)**. He would like to invite as many as possible, from across the Diocese, to join him for the Mass and some refreshments afterwards in St Comgall's Centre. While the Jubilee Year will formally close, the task ahead will be to carry it's message of hope with us into the New Year of 2026.

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### HYMNS FOR MASS

See, amid the winter's snow,  
born for us on earth below,  
see the tender Lamb appears,  
promised from eternal years. R.

*R. Hail, thou ever blessed morn!  
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!  
Sing through all Jerusalem,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."*

Sacred Infant, all divine,  
what a tender love was Thine,  
thus to come from highest bliss  
down to such a world as this! R.

Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled."  
Joyful, all ye nations rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies,  
With th'angelic host proclaim:  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ by highest heav'n adored,  
Christ the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold Him come,  
Offspring of a Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,  
Hail the incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as man with man to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"