



THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

Today we celebrate the final feast of the Christmas season, marking the moment when Jesus began his public mission at age thirty. When he was baptised in the Jordan, heaven opened, the Spirit descended, and the Father's voice confirmed that Jesus is the Son of God. This event launched three years of teaching, healing, and proclaiming God's kingdom.

Christ's baptism connects directly to our own. Through baptism, we share in Jesus' life and mission. As we journey through the new year ahead, hearing about Jesus feeding the hungry, healing the sick, and forgiving sinners, he calls us to join in this same work. Our baptism wasn't just a ceremony—it's an ongoing invitation to help save the world with Christ.

THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 10th 5-5.50pm Confessions
6pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 11th 9.30am Mass
2-3pm Holy Hour in Dervock

No Masses or Confessions Monday-Friday

WEDNESDAY 14th 7pm Rosary

Masses as normal next Saturday & Sunday

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

Anniversaries

James & Moira Boyle, Bernadette Campbell, Sammy Graham, Vincent Havlin, Robert Law, Pat McKay, Bridget (Bridie) Olphert

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.

THIS WEEK

Fr Damian will be on leave from Monday to Friday this week. Weekday Masses will be available in neighbouring parishes:

Monday	-	10.30am Portrush
Tuesday	-	10am Coleraine; 10.30am Portrush; 7pm Portstewart
Wednesday	-	9.30am Portstewart
Thursday	-	9.30am Portstewart; 10am Coleraine
Friday	-	9.30am Portstewart; 10.30am Portrush

DISCOVERY COURSE

Would you like to find out 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.

ADORATION IN DERVOCK

There will be a time of Eucharistic adoration in Our Lady & St John the Evangelist church in **Dervock** on **Sunday afternoon from 2-3pm**. Come along at any point for as long or as short a time as you can for a moment of prayer, peace and quiet with Jesus in the Eucharist.

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 is open right now until **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**.

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**

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ONLINE BIBLE COURSE

Kieran Hill is running an online course studying the Acts of the Apostles, exploring the experiences of the first followers of Jesus that gave birth to the Church. Learn about - the power of Pentecost, early faith communities, spreading the Gospel and how the first Christians faced problems and opposition. The course runs online through GoogleMeet on Thursdays from 7-8.30pm for six weeks from 22nd January. To register contact Kieran Hill at **07964287839** or kc.hill@btinternet.com

OLD & NEW@No.5

The holidays are over and our parish shop is ready for another busy year! We have lots of interesting things for you this week - check out our lovely armchairs, five drawer music cabinet, beautiful glass top coffee table, large mirror/ over mantle, tea sets, a selection of new ornaments including Doultons, jugs, figurines, and much more.

Call with us at 5 Gate End, Ballymoney, open Wednesday to Saturday, 10am - 4.30pm. You can also see photos of our current stock on our Facebook page [@oldandnewatno5](https://www.facebook.com/oldandnewatno5)

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**.

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION

Each month, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. This January he asks us to pray "that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church."

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven,
and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Saviour reigns;
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods,
rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.