

18th January 2026
Second Sunday of Ordinary Time



BEHOLD! THE LAMB OF GOD

In today's Gospel, St John the Baptist calls Jesus "the Lamb of God" for the very first time. It's a phrase we hear at every Mass, but do we really understand what it means? For the Jewish people, lambs were central to their faith - the Passover lamb's blood saved them from slavery in Egypt, and lambs were sacrificed daily in the Temple as offerings for sin. When John calls Jesus the Lamb of God, he's announcing that Jesus himself will be the ultimate sacrifice, taking on the sins of the world and offering his life on the cross so that we might be saved.

That sacrifice, made once on Good Friday, is shared with us at every Mass through the Eucharist. Jesus truly is the Lamb of God who feeds us with his body, saves us with his blood, and offers us the hope of resurrection. May we recognise him when he comes into our lives just as clearly as St John the Baptist did.

THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 17th	5-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
SUNDAY 18th	9.30am Mass
MONDAY 19th	10am Mass
WEDNESDAY 21st	10am Mass 7pm Rosary
FRIDAY 23rd	6-6.40pm 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

Anniversaries

Fr Andrew Scott PP, Fr Seamus McAfee, Mary Coyle, Bernard Greene, Vincent Havlin, Brendan Kearney, Mona McAfee, Richard McAfee, Daniel McColgan, Samuel McColgan, Jon McCloy, Una Smyth

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.

SECOND COLLECTION

The second collection this weekend is for Faith Development in Down & Connor. This helps to fund the training and courses offered by the diocese. Thank you for your support.

DO THIS IN MEMORY

Our next *Do This In Memory* Mass for children and families preparing for First Holy Communion takes place next **Sunday at the 9.30am Mass**. After Mass we invite all primary school age children and their families over to the parish hall for arts and crafts (plus some refreshments).

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

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

There's lots of new stock in the shop this week and hopefully there is something to suit you. Check out our collection of Royal Worcester, small pieces of furniture, our lovely large circular framed plaque, lots of nice crystal jugs, glasses and vases, hand crafted panel and a selection of Doultons and other figurines.

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**

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HYMNS FOR MASS

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto Me and rest;
Lay down, O weary one, lay down
Thy head upon My breast."

I came to Jesus as I was,
Weary, and worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
And he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one,
Stoop down, and drink, and live."

I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quench'd, my soul revived,
And now I live in him.

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To His feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like me His praise should sing?
Praise Him, praise Him,
praise Him, praise Him,
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favour
To our fathers in distress.
Praise Him still the same forever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise Him, praise Him,
praise Him, praise Him,
Glorious in His faithfulness.

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**.

DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND

Dunloy & Cloughmills Parish invite you to join a group who will visit the Divine Mercy Sanctuary in Poland for Divine Mercy Sunday. It's part of a pilgrimage running from **9th April to 14th April**. The cost is £1,045 (with an extra supplement for a single room). **£300 Deposit**. Fr Tony Devlin will be spiritual director for the pilgrimage. To book a place or get further information contact Dunloy and Cloughmills parish office on **028 27657223** (weekdays 9am-1pm).

LEPROSY DONATION

As previously mentioned, Fr Damian will be making a donation on behalf of our parish to **Lepra**, a charity which supports people suffering from leprosy in the Third World. This donation will come from the Mass offerings given with our November Dead Lists. He will be sending the donation at the end of January to mark World Leprosy Day.

If anyone wishes to make an extra contribution to this donation please place it in an envelope marked **LEPRA** and leave it in the baskets at Mass next weekend or through the door of the parochial house during the week.

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 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."