

1st February 2026
St Brigid’s Day



CELEBRATING ST BRIGID

This weekend we celebrate St Brigid’s Day, the feast of one of Ireland’s greatest saints. Brigid lived in the fifth and early sixth century and grew up to be one of the great leaders of the early Irish church. The stories told about her life show her to be a woman of great faith, generosity and kindness. The most famous of these stories tells us how she made her cross of reeds, the traditional St Brigid’s cross which are blessed on Sunday.

St Brigid is also the inspiration for all the Irish religious sisters who have followed her vocation down through the centuries. Their role in the Church is vital and just as we need more priests today so we need many more religious sisters too. Let’s pray for more religious vocations, perhaps even from our own parish our our own families.

THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 31st 5-5.50pm Confessions
6pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 1st 9.30am Mass
St Brigid’s Day 2pm Holy Hour in Dervock

MONDAY 2nd 9.30am Blessing of Candles
The Presentation 10am Requiem Mass

TUESDAY 3rd 7pm Holy Face Novena

WEDNESDAY 4th 10am Mass
7pm Rosary

FRIDAY 6th 6pm 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

Jean Rodgers
Patrick McKeegan, Cushendall

Anniversaries

Sr Mark McAfee, Sr Auxilla McKenna, Beatrice Baird, Ellen Davis,
Janet Downey, Roseanne Doran, Brendan Douglas, Martin Elliott,
Susan Graham, Mary McCloskey, Evelyn McVicker,
Patrick Mooney, Sarah O’Connor, James O’Reilly, Jim Wallace

PARISH FINANCES

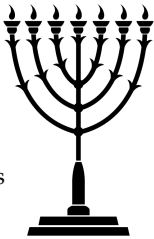
Thank you to everyone who supports the parish through our collections. If you want to request a box of envelopes there is a purple form at the back of the church. Remember that you can also support the parish through a regular standing order or by making a one off payment through your bank or online. 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.

CANDLEMAS

Monday is the feast of the Presentation of the Lord when we celebrate how the infant Jesus was brought to the temple in Jerusalem by his parents forty days after his birth. By tradition it is the day when candles used in the church are blessed at Mass with special prayers and a procession and from this ceremony comes the name *Candlemas*.



We will have a simple blessing of candles at Mass on **Monday morning at 9.30am**. Some blessed candles will be available and you are welcome to bring your own to be blessed as well. Please note that the 10am Mass on Monday is a funeral.

There will also be the full Candlemas ceremony and Mass at **7pm on Monday evening at St Malachy’s in Coleraine**.

BLESSING OF THROATS

Tuesday is the feast of St Blaise, the patron saint of ailments of the throat. The traditional blessing of throats will take place on **Tuesday after 10am Mass in St Malachy’s, Coleraine and 7pm Mass in Star of the Seas, Portstewart**.

PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS

On Sunday we have a **holy hour** of prayer at Our Lady & St John the Evangelist church in **Dervock** from **2-3pm**.

The monthly **novena** to the **Holy Face of Jesus** continues this **Tuesday** at **7pm** here in Our Lady & St Patrick’s.

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**.

OLD & NEW@No.5

There’s lots of new stock in our parish shop to fill up the spaces left last week and we are all set to go again!

Check out our 5 foot tall wooden camel, new additions to our tea sets, Hummels, Doultons and crystal, our beautiful period small desk, nice pair of table lamps, heavy brass horse and cart, nice cased violin, pine hall chair and many more exciting new pieces.

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**

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).

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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 quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in him.

Saints of God, the sons of Ireland,
Daughters of our land, the true,
You have trod the path of Jesus,
Leaving all you loved and knew.
Show the path of your dear footsteps,
guide our pilgrim way on earth.

Saints and scholars, mystics, doctors,
Your example, wondrous!
Patrick, Brigid, Colmcille,
Holy patrons, glorious!
Saints of Ireland, crowned in glory,
With you may we see Christ's face.

DOWN & CONNOR PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2026

This year’s diocesan pilgrimage runs 8th-15th July (seven night option) or 9th-14th July (five night option). Please visit **www.downandconnor.org/lourdes** for more information or call the Pilgrimage Office on **028 9077 0162** or email **lourdes@downandconnor.org**

Young people aged 17-24 are invited to take part in the Youth Team pilgrimage (10-17th July): applications now open - see website for more details.

MONEYGLASS NOVENA

The parish of Duneane is holding their annual novena to Our Lady of Lourdes which will take place at the national shrine at Moneyglass. The novena begins on **Tuesday (3rd)** at runs at **7pm each evening** until **Wednesday 11th February**. Mass and novena prayers will be celebrated each evening and there will be a number of guest speakers and preachers. The opening Mass on Tuesday will be celebrated by Fr Chris McDermott from Kilrea parish.

STUDY THEOLOGY ONLINE

The Priory Institute provides online theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Dublin or from the comfort of your own home. Register before February 10th. Find out more on our website, **prioryinstitute.com**

POPE LEO’S PRAYER INTENTION

Each month, the Holy Father asks for Catholics around the world to pray for a specific intention. This February Pope Leo asks us to pray “that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.”

