



8th February 2026
Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

WE ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

In today's Gospel Jesus calls us "the light of the world" and "the salt of the earth." These aren't just nice compliments. He's calling us to be saints. Just as Jesus, Mary, and the saints brightened every room they entered, we're meant to bring light and joy to a dark world through our kindness, good deeds, and love.

In the first reading Isaiah shows us how to shine: share with the hungry, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked, care for family and friends. When we help others, God helps us too. Our wounds are healed, our shadows become light. This week, let's be generous with our time, money, and talents. God blesses us when we bless others. Let's live up to these beautiful names Jesus has given us.

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

SATURDAY 7th 5-5.50pm Confessions
6pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 8th 9.30am Mass

MONDAY 9th 10am Mass

WEDNESDAY 11th 10am Mass
7pm Rosary

FRIDAY 13th 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 Buried
Jean Rodgers
Joseph & Eileen Donnelly

Anniversaries

James Dixon, Marie Dunlop, Frank Havlin, Eileen (Ellen) McAfee, David McGuigan, John McKillop, Agnes McLornan, James O'Reilly, Mary O'Reilly, Doreen Smyth

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

CONGRATULATIONS
to the family of **Aodha Mullan**
who was baptised 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.

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 some nice things on offer in our parish shop this week including a nice set of four dining room chairs, a lovely circular footed bowl, an old Singer sewing machine, a choice of chairs and stools, lovely crystal and a selection of Doultons and other collectibles.

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).

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 continues 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.

DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD

This year's diocesan vocation retreat runs **6th-8th March**. It's for young men who are open to the question: "Is God calling me to be a priest?" This retreat is a chance to step away from the noise and busyness of everyday life. It's a time for prayer, silence, and honest conversation. There's no pressure to decide anything — just space to listen and reflect. For more information, contact **Fr Conor McGrath** c.mcgrath@downandconnor.org

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HYMNS FOR MASS

Be still for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.
Come bow before Him now
with reverence and fear.
In Him in no sin is found,
we stand on holy ground.
Be still for the Presence of the Lord,
the Holy One is here.

Be still for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.
He burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight,
our radiant King of light.
Be still for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness;
And all these things
shall be added unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia.

*Alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, Allelu, Alleluia.*

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
Seek, and ye shall find.
Knock, and the door
shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia.

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

LEPRA

Thank you to everyone who made a donation to Lepra, the charity that supports victims of leprosy in the Third World. These donations along with the contribution from the November Dead List offerings came to a total of £1500.

DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE 2026

The annual conference takes place in the RDS in Dublin on the **27th, 28th February and 1st March**. Friday (free) 6-9pm, Saturday 10am-8pm (€35) and Sunday 10am-5pm (€25) or Weekend Price (€45). Our speakers for this year are:

Fr James Blount SOLT, Fr John Keane, Fr Leon Pereira OP, Carol Nolan and Roisin Doherty. Tickets available online at www.divinemercyconference.com/buy-tickets

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."

LENT

Ash Wednesday is falls on **18th February** this year. Masses here in Ballymoney will be at **10am** and **7pm** and ashes will also be distributed at St Brigid's Primary School during the day. Remember too that Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence for Catholics. More details about our parish devotions for Lent next weekend.