



# PARISH of BALLYMONEY & DERRYKEIGHAN

1st December 2019  
First Sunday of Advent

## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

This weekend is the beginning of a new year for the Church as the season of Advent begins. As Catholics we don't just rush in to celebrating Christmas—we take four weeks to prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus into the world and into our own lives. We remember how he comes to us right now through the sacraments (especially Holy Communion and Confession) and that one day he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

One early way to prepare for Christmas is to join us and the other Christian communities in Ballymoney for our **Carols Together service on Monday evening**. And as you'll see below, there are many other Advent activities coming up in the next few weeks!



### THIS WEEK

**Sunday** 9am Mass at Dervock  
11am Mass at Ballymoney

*All weekday services in Ballymoney, except where noted*

**Monday** 10am Mass

**Tuesday** 10am Mass  
Adoration 11am-3pm, 7-9pm  
Benediction 8.50pm

**Wednesday** 10am Mass  
7pm Holy Hour in *Dervock*

**Friday** 6.30-6.55pm Confessions  
7pm Novena Mass

**Saturday** 10am Mass  
5.30-5.55pm Confessions  
6pm Vigil Mass

### YOUR OFFERINGS LAST WEEK

Weekly Offering: £ 1330.00  
Church Renovation Fund £ 1259.00

### Next weekend's collections 7/8th December

Weekly Offering (for the parish)  
and the Special Appeal (see details below)

*Thank you for your generosity to all the Church collections. Thanks as well to everyone who has signed up for a new box of envelopes and to Gift Aid. And remember that just £2 a week extra in each envelope would increase our parish income by 50%.*

### SVP ANNUAL COLLECTION

The annual collection for St Vincent de Paul will be taken up this weekend.

### SPECIAL APPEAL

Next weekend a Sister from the Medical Missionaries of Mary will visit the parish to explain about their work and to ask our support.

### ST BRIGID'S PS CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 12.30 - 2.30pm with Refreshments, Santa, Rickety Wheel, Christmas Fayre, School Draw and much more.

### ANNUAL PARISH RAFFLE

Tickets for our Christmas raffle are still available at the back of the Church after all Masses this weekend. It's your last chance to enter before the draw takes place at St Brigid's Bazaar. Please make sure you return your completed tickets and money to the box at the back of the Church or Golden Mile Can.

### CAROLS TOGETHER

Once again the festive season begins with Christians from the Ballymoney Church of Ireland, Methodist and Presbyterian congregations coming together with us to sing carols. This year's event takes place on Monday 2nd December and it begins at Our Lady & St Patrick's at 7pm.

### WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

#### Recently Deceased

Eileen McDaid, Ballymoney  
Christopher Trolan, Ballymoney

#### Month's Mind

Francis Cassidy, Saturday 30th November, 6pm

#### Anniversaries

William Gillan, Jimmy Neill, Margaret Rodgers, Bertie Wallace,

### CONGRATULATIONS

To the family of **Nikodem Lotysz** who was baptised here last week.



### LOOKING AHEAD:

#### CHRISTMAS MASSES IN OUR PARISH

**Vigil Mass**—Christmas Eve at **6pm** in Ballymoney  
**Solemn Midnight Mass**—at **12 Midnight** in Ballymoney  
**Dawn Mass**—**9am** in Dervock  
**Day Mass**—**11am** in Ballymoney

#### ADVENT RORATE MASS

On Saturday 14th December we will have a special early morning Mass in Dervock at 7.30am. It's called a *Rorate* Mass and it's an old tradition from northern Europe. The Mass is in honour of Our Lady's maternity. It is celebrated before sunrise with the church lit only by candlelight.

#### CAROLS AT THE MANGER

Our annual parish carol service will take place on Sunday 22nd December at 7pm.

#### SANDSNI LIGHTS OF LOVE CAROL SERVICE.

Sunday 8th December at 7.30pm in St Joseph's Church, Dunloy. Refreshments in the Parish Hall following the service. Everyone is welcome but a special invitation goes out to parents who have lost a baby. If you would like to bring along a gift for a child please wrap it, label whether it's for a boy or girl and the age, and place it around the SandsNI Christmas tree during the service. All toys will be donated to the St Vincent De Paul/Salvation Army Christmas Family appeal after the service.

#### ST BRIGID'S PS REGISTRATION & OPEN DAY

Is your child due to start P1 in September 2020? If so, please accept our warm invitation to St Brigid's PS OPEN DAY on Thursday 9 January 2020 at 10.00am. Alternatively please ring (028 27662664) to visit at another time or visit our website [www.stbrigidspsballymoney.com](http://www.stbrigidspsballymoney.com) Registration opens Tuesday 7 January and closes at 12 noon on Thursday 30 January.

#### OUR LADY OF LOURDES SCHOOL OPEN NIGHT

For P6/P7 pupils and parents on Thursday 9th January 2020. Principal's address at 7pm. Everyone welcome.

#### CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

fundraising to take a young person with different abilities to Lourdes at Easter. In St Olcan's Parish Centre Rasharkin on Sunday 1st December from 10.30.a.m-12.30.p.m. Raffle on the day with fantastic prizes, if you can't make it and want to donate or buy raffle tickets call Jemma McGurk on 07856708706.

#### OLD & NEW @ NO.5

*Urgent:* Ladies' winter clothes, handbags, shoes, etc urgently needed. A good selection of men's clothes now in shop at reasonable prices!

#### POPE FRANCIS on Twitter this week @Pontifex

"We are united with those Christians throughout the world who, in our own day, suffer martyrdom for the faith. They are the martyrs of the twenty-first century and their witness summons us to set out with courage on the path of the Beatitudes."

#### ADVENT HYMNS

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel  
who mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God draws near:  
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, true Wisdom from on high,  
who orders all things mightily  
to us the path of knowledge show  
and teach us in her ways to grow.  
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.



How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him  
Who brings good news, good news,  
Announcing peace, proclaiming news of happiness.  
Our God reigns, our God reigns!

You watchmen lift your voices joyfully as one  
Shout for your King your King  
See eye to eye the Lord restoring Zion  
Our God reigns, Our God reigns

Notices for the bulletin should be submitted to the Parish Office by 1pm on Wednesdays. Notices can be emailed or left at the Parochial House. Anniversaries can left in the box in the porch of Our Lady & St Patrick's.

#### CONTACT DETAILS

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#### LITURGY

Readers  
7/8 December  
6.00pm Jim Henry  
11.00am Edel Devlin

Daily Readers  
Group C (2 Dec)

Eucharistic Ministers  
Group 3 Annie McKeever  
(7 December)

#### GENERAL

Cleaning Team  
December St Veronica's  
Coffee Morning  
Wednesday 11th December after 10am Mass

Parochial Hall  
Ladies Keep Fit Class Mon 7.00-8.00pm

#### PARISH GROUPS

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