



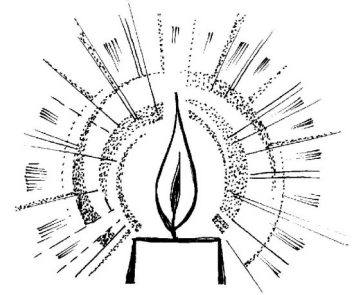
# PARISH of BALLYMONEY & DERRYKEIGHAN

8th December 2019  
Second Sunday of Advent

## WAITING FOR THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Next Saturday morning (14th December) we have a special Mass in Dervock at the very early hour of **7.30am**. It's called a *Rorate* Mass and it's celebrated in honour of Our Lady's maternity. What makes this Mass so special is that it is celebrated before sunrise with the church lit only by candlelight. This reminds us that in Advent we are waiting for Jesus, the Light of the World, to come. We also give thanks for the gift of Mary as Mother of God and our mother in heaven too.

As Mass goes on dawn will break and the church will begin to brighten up. It's a very beautiful occasion and a lovely way to remember the real meaning of this time of the year. Do come along if you can!



### 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  
*no Confessions or Benediction this week.*

**Wednesday** 10am Mass

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

**Saturday** **7.30am Rorate Mass in Dervock**  
*no 10am Mass in Ballymoney*

5.30-5.50pm Confessions  
6pm Vigil Mass

### YOUR OFFERINGS LAST WEEK

Weekly Offering: £ 1375.00  
Golden Mile: £ 27.00

### Next weekend's collections 14/15th December

Weekly Offering (for the parish)

*This coming year we're hoping to increase our weekly offering to around £1500 a week. In just two weeks the figure has already increased significantly and we're very close to hitting our target! In the last month a large number of people have joined the parish envelopes scheme for the first time or started to gift aid their offering. Thank you so much for your generosity to all the Church collections and for your contribution to the life of our parish.*

### SPECIAL APPEAL

We welcome Sister Anne Carr from the Medical Missionaries of Mary who is visiting the parish this weekend to explain about their work and to ask our support.

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION

Last week's SVP annual collection raised **£1458.57**. We are very grateful for your continued support!

### DO THIS IN MEMORY – BLESSING OF CRIB FIGURES

Our next *Do This In Memory* Mass is **next Sunday (15th)** at **11am**. We invite all P4s making their First Communion next spring and their families to join us for that Mass.

During the Mass there will be a  **blessing of crib figures**. Everyone who attends is encouraged to bring along the Baby Jesus figure from their crib at home to be blessed at the end of Mass.

### PENITENTIAL SERVICE

One of the most important ways we prepare for Christmas is by going to the sacrament of confession. In addition to our normal confession times there will be a Penitential Service on **Monday 16th December at 7pm** with several priests present. There will also be an extra session of confessions on Christmas Eve.

### WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

#### Anniversaries

John Boyle, Oliver Delaney, Lester Durkan, Catherine Kelly, James Neill, John McIntaggart, Bernadette Osborne, Joe Quigg

**May they rest in peace**

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Due to the 8th December falling on a Sunday this year, the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady moves to Monday 9th and is therefore **not** a holy day of obligation in 2019.

Mass on Monday will be at the normal time of 10am. O Mary conceived without sin pray for us who have recourse to thee!



**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

**CAROLS AT THE MANGER**

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

**ST BRIGID'S PS CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2019**

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Christmas Bazaar so successful this year. Through your help and support approximately £5000 was raised for the school. The event was such a success because of the great work of our PTA, staff and children. St Brigid's would like to thank all involved in the planning and those who helped on the day in making the event so successful.

*The Grand Christmas Draw Winners*

- 1st Prize: Caoimhe O'Kane  
2nd Prize: Serephina Jones Bradley  
3rd Prize: Margaret Anne McKillop  
4th Prize: Fiona Harrigan

**ANNUAL PARISH DRAW**

Congratulations to the winners:

- Alan Shields  
Clare McCormack  
Liam Kearney [Jnr]  
Thomas Megoran  
Marie Ferris  
Anne Marie McGill

**BETHANY BEREAVEMENT COFFEE MORNING**

The Parish Bethany Bereavement Support Team is hosting a Coffee Morning for the bereaved of our parish on Saturday 21st December from 10.30am to 12.30pm in the Parochial Hall. Please come along and join us for a mince pie, shortbread, tea and coffee and an opportunity to share memories of your deceased during this season of advent.

**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.

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

"The word Advent means *coming*. The Lord is coming. This is the root of our hope: the certainty that God's consolation comes to us amidst the troubles of the world. Not a consolation of words, but of His presence among us."

**ADVENT HYMNS**

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

O come, thou 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 thee, 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 be left in the box in the porch of Our Lady & St Patrick's.

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**LITURGY**

**Readers**

**14/15 December**

6.00pm Gerard McAfee  
11.00am Anthony Doherty  
(DTIM family to read the Prayers of the Faithful)

**Daily Readers**

Group D ( 9 Dec )

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Group Marie Henry ( 14 Dec )

**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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