



PARISH of BALLYMONEY & DERRYKEIGHAN

15th December 2019
Gaudete Sunday
Third Sunday of Advent

REJOICE IN THE LORD WHO FORGIVES OUR SINS!

This Sunday is Gaudete Sunday. The name comes from the Latin word for *rejoice* and it's the first word of our entrance antiphon at Mass. On the third Sunday of Advent we rejoice that Christ is so near to us. The colour for the liturgy today is cheerful rose pink rather than dark purple and we see it in the Advent candle and in the priest's vestments too.

As we rejoice we should also think of what gift we can give Jesus for his birthday. He doesn't need presents or cards — but he would love it if we accepted his mercy by going to confession before Christmas and having our sins forgiven. If you haven't been yet, why not come along to our parish penitential service on Monday evening?



THIS WEEK

Sunday 9am Mass at Dervock
11am Mass at Ballymoney

All weekday services in Ballymoney, except where noted

Monday 10am Mass
7pm Penitential Service

Tuesday 10am Mass
Adoration 11am-3pm, 7-9pm
Confessions 8-8.45pm; Benediction 8.50pm.

Wednesday 10am Mass

Friday 6.30-6.55pm Confessions
7pm Novena Mass

Saturday 10am Mass

5.30-5.50pm Confessions
6pm Vigil Mass

YOUR OFFERINGS LAST WEEK

Weekly Offering:	£ 1,284.00
Golden Mile:	£ 40.00
Medical Missionaries of Mary	£ 1,434.00

Next weekend's collections 21st/22nd December

Weekly Offering (for the parish)
Church Renovation Collection

Thank you so much for your generosity to all the Church collections and for your contribution to the life of our parish.

PARISH ENVELOPES

A huge thank you to everyone who has joined the parish collection envelope scheme this year (and to those who have been using envelopes for years too!). If you haven't joined the scheme yet and would like a box of envelopes please call in to the sacristy after Mass or contact the parish office during the week.

CONFESSIONS BEFORE CHRISTMAS

In addition to our normal confession times there will be a Penitential Service on **Monday 16th December at 7pm** with several priests present.

Penitential Services are also available at:

Portstewart	Tuesday December 17th, 7.30pm
Loughguile	Thursday December 19th, 7.30pm
Portrush	Friday December 20th, 7.30pm
Dunloy	Sunday December 22nd, 3pm
Rasharkin	Sunday December 22nd, 7.30pm

There will be confessions on Christmas Eve in Our Lady & St Patrick's from 12noon-1pm.

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.

WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Month's Mind

Desmond McGregor, Sunday 15th December, 11am

Anniversaries

Fr Peter Forde, Ellen Blaney, Teresa Cuddy,
Kathleen Donaghy, Gerard Mooney, James McAfee,
Jack McCormick, John McKeever, Patrick McKenna,
Mick McKeown, Rose McLaughlin, Elizabeth O'Connor

May they rest in peace

*Mass will be offered for the soul of our former parish priest,
Fr Peter Forde, on Friday evening this week at 7pm.*

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

ANNUAL PARISH DRAW

Our Parish Draw was a great success and realised a profit of £1,910. A special thanks to everyone who purchased tickets and to all those who tickets to their family and friends.

CAROLS AT THE MANGER

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

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 *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.

LORETO COLLEGE CAROL SERVICE

The pupils and staff of Loreto College invite you to an evening Carol Service in the College's Assembly Hall on Tuesday 17 December 2019 at 7.30 pm followed by refreshments. Donations in aid of the Loreto Missions.

VOLUNTEER NURSES

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes are currently seeking volunteer registered nurses to work on the 2020 Pilgrimage (8-13 July). For more information or to register your interest, please email Lourdes@downandconnor.org

POPE FRANCIS on Twitter this week @Pontifex

"May Our Lady help us to walk the path of peace and fraternity based on acceptance and forgiveness, respect for others, and on love; may she grant families the blessing of life; and may she bring help and comfort to those in need. "

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.

AN ADVENT PRAYER

God of power and mercy open our hearts in welcome.
Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.



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
21/22 December
6.00pm Paul McCusker
11.00am Rose McGill

Daily Readers
Group A 16 Dec

Eucharistic Ministers
Group 2 Maura Gillan 14 Dec

GENERAL

Cleaning Team
December St Veronica's

Coffee Morning
See you all next year!

Parochial Hall
Ladies Keep Fit Class Mon 7.00-8.00pm

PARISH GROUPS

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