



# PARISH of BALLYMONEY & DERRYKEIGHAN

22nd December 2019  
Fourth Sunday of Advent

## DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR?

It's so close to Christmas now, and this weekend the prayers and readings of Mass are filled with anticipation for the coming of the Christ child at Christmas. This is the great Good News of the Gospel—that God is with us. We've heard it before of course, but we all need to hear it again so that we understand just how close God is to us in all the circumstances of our lives.

Of course we know that not everyone has heard this Good News. Others don't think too much about it and some think it's not for them. Let's see what we can do this Christmas to help others find Jesus. It could be as simple as inviting them to join us for *Carols at the Manger* or Christmas Mass. And let's pray too that many more people will encounter God for themselves this Christmas.



### 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

*Christmas Eve no adoration today, but the church is open for prayer all day*

**12noon-1pm Confessions**

**6pm Christmas Vigil Mass**

**12 midnight Christmas Midnight Mass**

**Wednesday 9am Christmas Dawn Mass at Dervock**

*Christmas Day* **11am Christmas Day Mass**

**Thursday & Friday** *no Mass*

**Saturday** *no morning Mass*

4-5.50pm Confessions

6pm Vigil Mass

### CONGRATULATIONS

To the family of Serafina Liberante who was baptised last week.

### YOUR OFFERINGS LAST WEEK

Weekly Offering: £ 1418.00

Golden Mile: £ 23.00

### Next week's collections

Christmas Voluntary Collection (Christmas Eve & Day)

Weekly Offering for the parish (December 29th)

*Thank you so much for your generosity to all the Church collections.*

### CONFESSIONS BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Penitential Services are available at:

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.

### CAROLS AT THE MANGER

Our annual parish carol service will take place on Sunday 22nd December at 7pm. Refreshments served afterwards in the parish hall.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION OVER THE HOLIDAYS

The Blessed Sacrament will not be exposed on the altar on Christmas Eve, but the Church will be open all day for those who wish to pray before the tabernacle. On New Year's Eve adoration will run as normal from 11am-3pm but there will be no adoration in the evening until 11pm (see below).

### NEW YEAR SERVICES

On New Year's Eve there will be a special Holy Hour in Ballymoney from 11pm finishing with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at midnight to welcome the new year.

On New Year's Day there will be Mass in Dervock at 11am. A plenary indulgence is available at both these occasions.

### WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

#### Recently Deceased

Margaret Cochrane, Ballymoney

Eileen Ward, Ballymoney

#### Anniversaries

Cassie Hendrie, Tony McCaughan, Roy McClintock,  
John McKillop, Margaret McLaughlin, Sarah McSheffrey,  
Gerald Madine, William (Tappy) Neill, Cassie Quigg

**May they rest in peace**

## CHRISTMAS MASSES

### AT A GLANCE

**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

### 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.

### DOMINICAN COLLEGE OPEN NIGHT/MORNING

Wednesday 8th January 2020 (6.30pm - 9.00pm)  
& Thursday 9th January 2020 (9.30am - 11.30am)  
Parents, Guardians and prospective pupils are all warmly invited to visit the school. There will be an opportunity to meet students and teachers, see some of the work of the students and visit various departments. A School Prospectus will be available. The Principal will give an introductory address to pupils and parents at 6.30pm on Wednesday 8th and 9.30am on Thursday 9th January 2020

### 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](mailto:Lourdes@downandconnor.org)

### POPE FRANCIS on Twitter this week @Pontifex

"There are two attitudes typical of lukewarm Christians:

- 1) putting God in a corner - either you do this for me or I won't go to Church anymore - and
- 2) washing our hands of those in need.

Let us get rid of these attitudes to make space for the Lord who is coming!"

### 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

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness,  
send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces  
to hear your voice each day.

We who are anxious over many things  
look forward to your coming among us.

We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness,  
yet seeking the light.

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.

### CONTACT DETAILS

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### LITURGY

Readers

28/29 December

6.00pm Peter O'Sullivan

11.00am Margaret McClarty

Daily Readers

Group B (23 Dec)

Eucharistic Ministers

Group 3

Anne McKeever (28 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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