



PARISH of BALLYMONEY & DERRYKEIGHAN

29th December 2019
Feast of the Holy Family

HAPPY NEW YEAR

After the joy of Christmas eve and morning, the Church now reflects on the true significance of the birth of Jesus Christ over the next few weeks. This week we will also celebrate a new year—the Year of Our Lord 2020.

In the eighteenth and nineteenth century New Year's Day was a special holy day in the Dervock and Derrykeighan district. January 1st was the feast of Saint Colmanell, the local patron saint and the day was marked by Mass and a celebration. Nowadays we celebrate the feast of Mary, the Mother of God on January 1st but it seems appropriate to restore the tradition and come together in Our Lady & St John the Evangelist's church in Dervock for Mass and a wee cup in our hands afterwards—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
New Year's Eve 11am-3pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
11pm Holy Hour for the New Year
ending with Benediction at 12midnight

Wednesday 11am Mass for New Year's Day at Dervock
New Year's Day

Thursday *no Mass*

Friday 6.30-6.55pm Confessions
7pm Novena Mass

Saturday 10am Mass
5.30-5.50pm Confessions
6pm Vigil Mass for Sunday

CONGRATULATIONS

To the family of Rosa Henry who was baptised last week.

YOUR OFFERINGS LAST WEEK

Weekly Offering: £1391.00
Church Renovation: £1233.00
Golden Mile: £ 20.00

Next week's collections 4th/5th January

Weekly Offering (for the parish)
Monthly Offering (for clergy)
Thank you so much for your generosity to all the Church collections .

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION OVER THE HOLIDAYS

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 may be gained by attending either of these ceremonies under the usual conditions:

That we receive Holy Communion at Mass.
That we go to confession within 20 days before or after.
That we pray for the Pope's intentions—an Our Father and Apostles' Creed.

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.*

WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Recently Deceased

Mary Ursula Brennan, Ballymoney

Month's Mind

Eileen McDaid, Saturday December 28th 6pm

Anniversaries

Mary Carlin, Victor Durkan, Elizabeth Gillan, Andrew Hegarty, Sarah-Jane Hegarty, Wilma McClelland, Rosetta & Daniel McDaid, John McErlain, Sarah McGreevy, Dennis McKeever, Gretta Turner, Rose Quinn

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

POPE FRANCIS on Twitter this week @Pontifex

We need always to let ourselves be renewed by the smile of the Baby Jesus. Let His disarming goodness purify us from the waste that often surrounds our hearts.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to all the parish volunteers who made our Christmas Masses and celebrations such joyful and holy occasions. May God bless us all in the year ahead.

CHRISTMAS HYMNS

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King!
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th' angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King!"

Hail! the heaven-born Prince of peace!
Hail! the Son of Righteousness!

Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die:
Born to raise the son of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King!"



See amid the winter's snow
Born for us on earth below
See the tender Lamb appears
Promised from eternal years
Hail, thou ever-blessed morn
Hail, redemption's happy dawn
Sing through all Jerusalem
Christ is born in Bethlehem

Say, ye holy shepherds, say
What your joyful news today
Wherefore have ye left your sheep
On the lonely mountain steep?
Hail, thou ever-blessed morn...

Sacred infant, all divine
What a tender love was thine
Thus to come from highest bliss
Down to such a world as this
Hail, thou ever-blessed morn...

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Monday January 6th
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Mass in Ballymoney
at 7.30am, 10am and 7pm

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

4/5 January

6.00pm Shirley Archibald
11.00am Martin Mullan

Daily Readers

Group C (30 Dec)

Eucharistic Ministers

Group 1 Marie Henry
(4 Jan)

GENERAL

Cleaning Team

January St Anne's

Coffee Morning

Back in the new year!

Parochial Hall

Ladies Keep Fit Class Mon 7.00-8.00pm

PARISH GROUPS

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