



# PARISH of BALLYMONEY & DERRYKEIGHAN

2nd February 2020  
Presentation of the Lord  
Candlemas

## JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF OUR LIVES

This year February 2nd falls on a Sunday so we all have a chance to celebrate the lovely feast of the Presentation of the Lord. It marks the fortieth day since Christmas and the occasion when the child Jesus was brought to the temple to be presented to the Father in heaven. Another name for the feast is Candlemas - because Mass begins with a special blessing of candles followed by a procession to the altar.

Fr Damian is also continuing his series of homilies on the basics of the spiritual life. This weekend he's talking about the importance of daily prayer. We need to give God some time every day so that we can have our hearts and souls uplifted. We can pray anywhere of course and we should pray both at home and when out and about. But perhaps the most powerful prayer takes place when we come before Jesus in the church for adoration. Have you time to call in to the church at some point this week?



### THIS WEEK

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

*All weekday services in Ballymoney unless noted.*

**Monday** 10am Mass  
*St Blaise followed by the blessing of throats*

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

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

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

**Saturday** 10am Mass  
5.30-5.50pm Confessions  
6pm Vigil Mass

### CONGRATULATIONS

to the family of Holly Blair who was baptised here last week.



### YOUR OFFERINGS LAST WEEK

Weekly Offering:	£ 1362.00
Church Renovation Fund:	£ 1145.00
Golden Mile:	£ 15.00

### Next week's collections 8/9th February

Weekly Offering (for the parish)

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

### BLESSING OF THROATS

Monday is the feast of St Blaise, the patron saint of people with throat conditions. The traditional blessing of throats will take place after 10am Mass on Monday morning.

### OLD & NEW @ No. 5

Our Parish Shop urgently requires good quality clothing, handbags, scarves and books so if you can help, please leave them into the shop as soon as possible.

### SINGING TOGETHER

Following the success of our impromptu singing at Father O'Brien's do, you are invited to come along to an informal sing-a-long in the parish hall on Wed 5 February at 7.30pm. It'll be a get together for the community, lasting for about an hour. Do come along if you can, and all musicians are especially welcome.

### MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Current readers at Mass (and anyone who would like to become a reader) are invited to come along to a short meeting on Sunday 9th February 2020 after the 11am Mass. If you are unable to attend but would like to make any suggestions, please contact Edel Devlin on 07828919820 or email the parish office in advance.

### WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

#### Month's Mind

Lilian & James Norton, Saturday 1st February 6pm

#### Anniversaries

Beatrice Baird, Rose Doherty, Brendan Douglas, Martin Elliott, Barney Gillan, Frank Havlin, Maureen McAleese, Daniel McGuigan, Thomas McGuigan, John McKillop, Rosemary Mooney, Jim Wallace.

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord**

**ARE YOU GETTING MARRIED IN 2020 or 2021?**

It is a requirement for a Catholic marriage that the couple do a pre-marriage course before the big day. Catholic Engaged Encounter are running a two day pre-marriage course in the Castle Community Centre on Sat 21 & Sun 22 March 2020. This weekend will be a positive way of preparing for marriage where you will discover how you can enrich your future relationship. For more information or to book places visit: marriageencounter.ie or phone 028 2763 8512.

**FIRST COMMUNION DRESSES/SUITS**

A free and confidential service is being organised in this area so people can donate and receive communion dresses/suits. If you wish to find out more contact Sara Jane on 07709802193

**HYMNS**

1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

*Refrain*

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.

2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice. R.

3 Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come. R.



Holy God, we praise thy name;  
Lord of all, we bow before Thee.  
All on earth Thy scepter claim,  
All in heaven above adore Thee.  
Infinite Thy vast domain,  
Everlasting is Thy reign.

Hark! the glad celestial hymn  
Angel choirs above are raising;  
Cherubim and seraphim,  
In unceasing chorus praising,  
Fill the heavens with sweet accord:  
Holy, holy, holy, Lord!

Holy Father, holy Son,  
Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;  
Though in essence only one,  
Undivided God we claim Thee  
And, adoring, bend the knee  
While we own the mystery.

**POPE FRANCIS ON TWITTER THIS WEEK @ PONTIFEX**

God's Word consoles and encourages us, it challenges us, frees us from the bondage of our selfishness and summons us to conversion; because it has the power to change our lives and to lead us out of darkness into the light.

**A PRAYER FOR CANDLEMAS**

Lord God, you are the source of everlasting light.  
Your son, our beloved Lord Jesus  
was presented in the temple forty days after his birth.  
He was recognised by Simeon and Anna,  
and welcomed as the promised Messiah.  
May we like them, behold the glory of the Lord Jesus.  
Grant that we may stand before you  
with hearts cleansed by your forgiving love.  
May we serve you all our days  
and make your name known  
as we worship you as our Lord.  
So may we come by your grace to eternal life

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.

<p><b>CONTACT DETAILS</b>  <b>Parish of Ballymoney &amp; Derrykeighan</b>  <b>Diocese of Down &amp; Connor</b></p> <p><b>Clergy:</b>  Very Rev. Damian McCaughan PP  81 Castle Street, Ballymoney, BT53 6JT</p> <p><b>Parish Office:</b> 028 2766 2003  <b>Email:</b> office@ballymoneyparish.com</p> <p><b>Web:</b> www.ballymoneyparish.com  <b>Facebook:</b> fb.me/ballymoneycatholic</p>	<p><b>LITURGY</b>  <b>Readers</b>  <b>8/9 February</b>  6.00pm Gerard McAfee  11.00am Edel Devlin</p> <p><b>Daily Readers</b>  Group D ( 3rd Feb)</p> <p><b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>  Group 3 Anne McKeever  (8th Feb )</p>	<p><b>GENERAL</b>  <b>Cleaning Team</b>  February St Brigid's</p> <p><b>Coffee Morning in the Parish Hall</b>  Wednesday 12th February after 10am Mass</p> <p><b>Parish Hall</b>  Ladies Keep Fit Class Mon 7.00-8.00pm</p> <p><b>PARISH GROUPS</b>  St Vincent de Paul Soc.: 07860 455 549  Bethany Bereavement: 07594 162499</p>
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