



PARISH of BALLYMONEY & DERRYKEIGHAN

5th January 2020
Second Sunday after Christmas

CHALKING THE DOORS

This Monday is January 6th, the feast of the Epiphany. It celebrates the coming of the Wise Men from the East to adore the child Jesus—the first time that he was recognised not just as the newborn king of Israel but as Saviour of the World. The feast is a holy day of obligation and Mass times are listed below.

An old tradition for this feast which is now becoming popular once again is the blessing of Epiphany chalk. The priest blesses pieces of chalk for the congregation to take home. The chalk is used to mark a blessing above the door of your home for the year ahead. As we see it we are reminded that Christ wishes to dwell in every Christian home, and that if we make him welcome then he will richly bless us and our families. Blessed chalk will be available at all our Masses on Monday.



THIS WEEK

Sunday 9am Mass at Dervock
11am Mass at Ballymoney

All weekday services in Ballymoney.

Monday HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
Epiphany 7.30am Mass
10am Mass
7pm Mass

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: £2086.00
Church Renovation: £ 105.00
Golden Mile: £ 37.00

Next week's collections 11/12th January

Weekly Offering (for the parish)

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

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.

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

LORETO COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Loreto College Coleraine invites Parent and P7 pupils to attend its Open Day on Saturday 11 January 2020 from 9.30am - 1.00pm. The Principal's address will be at 9.30am for those who live West of the River Bann and 11.00am for those who live East of the River Bann.

WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Recently Deceased

Paul McAteer, Balnamore
Lily Norton, Ballymoney
Moira Boyle, Ballymoney

Anniversaries

Annie Connolly, Mary Jane Connolly, Matthew Coyles,
Maura Duffy, Angela Fitzpatrick, Mary Gallagher,
Madglene Gillan, Sammy Graham, James Havlin, Katie Kerlin
Fr Seamus McAfee, Eva McClintock, Rosetta McDaid,
Mary McKillop, Kathleen McVicker, Patsy Martin,
Josephine Mooney, Jeannie Mulholland, James O'Neill,
Bridie Olphert, Pauline Purdon, Tracy Turner

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY
Monday January 6th
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

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

HISTORY TALK

Dr Éamon Phoenix will talk on 'The History of the Civil Rights movement in the North of Ireland: From the Unionist State to the Troubles' at Dunloy Parish Centre on Saturday 18th January at 8.00pm. Tickets £5.00 from any N. Antrim GAA club.

DOWNPATRICK PRAYER VIGIL

A vigil of reparation for Ireland's turning from God, by HLI Ireland, will take place in St. Patrick's Church, Downpatrick on Saturday 11th January. Following 10 am Mass, there will be periods of silent adoration, Rosary, Divine Mercy, confession, a short talk on the devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus and prayers.

POPE FRANCIS on Twitter this week @Pontifex

The nativity scene reminds us how important it is to stop and contemplate. Because only when we recollect ourselves can we embrace what counts in life. Only if we leave the noise of the world outside can we open ourselves to listening to God, who speaks in silence.

CHRISTMAS HYMNS

The First Noel, the Angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the East beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night.

And by the light of that same star,
Three Wise Men came from country far;
To seek for a King was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.



Joy to the world, the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room
And Heaven and nature sing
And Heaven and nature sing
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the World, the Saviour reigns!
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glory of His righteousness
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders, wonders, of His love.

A Prayer for the Epiphany

Father of light, unchanging God,
in the Epiphany you reveal to people of faith
the resplendent fact of the Word made flesh.
Your light is strong, Your love is near;
draw us beyond the limits which this world imposes,
to the life where Your Spirit
makes all life complete.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. 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
11/12th January
6.00pm Philip Donaghy
11.00am Emma Quigg

Daily Readers
Group D (6th Jan)

Eucharistic Ministers
Group 2 Maura Gillan
(11 Jan)

GENERAL

Cleaning Team
January St Anne's

Coffee Morning in the Parish Hall
Wednesday 8th January after 10am Mass

Parish Hall
Ladies Keep Fit Class Mon 7.00-8.00pm

PARISH GROUPS

St Vincent de Paul Soc.: 07860 455 549
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