



# PARISH of BALLYMONEY & DERRYKEIGHAN

12th January 2020  
The Baptism of the Lord

## BAPTISM: THE MOST IMPORTANT DAY OF OUR LIVES

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord and we hear how the heavens opened when Jesus was baptised in the River Jordan by John. This is the last feast of the Christmas season (that's why the crib is still up in our churches this weekend!)

This feast also reminds us to give thanks for our own baptism. Most of us were babies when it happened and we can't remember it—but our faith tells us that it was the most important day of our lives, the day we were born again as children of God. Each year Pope Francis asks the pilgrims in Rome if they celebrate their baptism. Do they know who their godparents were or who the priest was? Have they any photos or souvenirs of the day? Do they give thanks to God for being Christian and Catholic? These are good questions for us too!



### THIS WEEK

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

*All weekday services in Ballymoney.*

**Monday** No Mass

**Tuesday** No Mass  
Adoration 11am-3pm, 7-9pm  
No Confessions or Benediction.

**Wednesday** 10am Mass

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

**Saturday** No morning Mass

5.30-5.50pm Confessions  
6pm Vigil Mass

Fr Damian will be on leave during the week. Please note the changes to the weekday schedule. In the event of an urgent sick call please contact one of the neighbouring parishes or if it's at the Causeway Hospital please ask the staff to phone the on-call priest. The parish office will be operating as normal.

### YOUR OFFERINGS LAST WEEK

Weekly Offering: £ 1564.00  
Golden Mile: £ 24.00

### Next week's collections 18/19th January

Weekly Offering (for the parish)  
Living Youth (for the Diocesan Youth Services commission)

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

### LADIES' AFTERNOON TEA

Following our successful men's breakfast last summer, the Parish Pastoral Council would like to invite the ladies of the parish to Afternoon Tea in the Parish Hall on Saturday 25th January from 2-4pm. Our guest speaker will be Marian McKinley. Marian has worked with the Down & Connor Living Church office and is currently teaching in Our Lady of Lourdes school. Please take an invitation for more information.

### CAUSEWAY COAST PEACE GROUP

The next meeting of the CCPG is to be held on Tuesday 14 January when Fr Raymond McCullagh will talk about the work of Habitat for Humanity. The meeting will take place in Bushmills Presbyterian Minor Hall at 10.30am.

### OLD & NEW @ NO.5

Our parish shop urgently requires good quality and branded clothes, shoes, handbags, etc so if you can help, please leave them into the shop ASAP! In addition they can accept clothes, shoes, etc for recycling, just leave them into the shop and mark the bags 'Recycling'.

### 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](http://marriageencounter.ie) or phone 028 2763 8512.

### WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

#### Recently Deceased

Jim Norton Ballymoney

#### Anniversaries

James Boyle, Jim Doherty, Daniel Gillan, Vincent Havlin,  
Paul Honeyford, Robert Law, John Richard McAfee

**May they rest in peace**

### THE JOY OF LOVE IN MARRIAGE

A Marriage Enrichment Weekend offers married couples (of all ages) private time to rekindle the joy of their love. The next residential Weekend is 31 January - 2 February 2020 in Dromantine Conference Centre, Newry. For information and booking: marriageencounter.ie or call +44 770 281 2321

### KNOCK PILGRIMAGE

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on 24th February 2020. £399.00 per person sharing. Price includes return bus transfer to Knock, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with breakfast lunch and dinner (full board). All entertainment and excursions included. Lunches on days out. Wheelchair accessible rooms. Single room supplement £40.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

### MEDJURGORJE PILGRIMAGES

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages April – October 2020: 7 Night Stay and Airport Shuttle service from Dubrovnik or Split for €266 per person sharing. Book any flight - any time and the Irish Centre will provide guaranteed airport shuttle service. Call for further info and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 01 4434510 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com.

### POPE FRANCIS on Twitter this week @Pontifex

So many people live without knowing what goes on in their hearts. Let's ask for the grace to remain in the Lord and to distinguish between the Spirit of God and the spirit of the world, so that our hearts may be the meeting place between God and us.

### HYMNS

Christ beside me, Christ before me,  
Christ behind me, King of my heart;  
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,  
Christ be above me never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,  
Christ all around me shield in the strife;  
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,  
Christ in my rising, light of my life.

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me,  
Christ be on all tongues telling of me.  
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me,  
In ears that hear me Christ ever be.



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.

### BAPTISMAL PRAYER

By God's gift, through water and the Holy Spirit,  
we are reborn to everlasting life.  
In his goodness, may he continue to pour out  
his blessings upon us.  
May he make us always, wherever we may be,  
faithful members of his holy people.  
May he send his peace upon his Church,  
in Christ Jesus 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.

### CONTACT DETAILS

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### LITURGY

Readers  
18/19th January  
6.00pm Joseph Fleming  
11.00am Liam Rodgers

Daily Readers  
Group A ( 13th Jan )

Eucharistic Ministers  
Group 3 Anne McKeever  
( 18th Jan )

### GENERAL

Cleaning Team  
January St Anne's

Coffee Morning in the Parish Hall  
Wednesday 29th 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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