



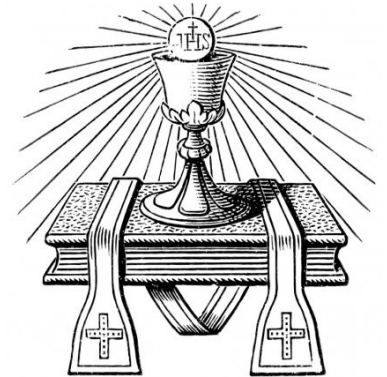
PARISH of BALLYMONEY & DERRYKEIGHAN

19th January 2020
2nd Sunday of the Year

BACK TO BASICS: IT'S THE MASS THAT MATTERS

For the next few weeks we're going to hear at Mass about the basic building blocks of living a spiritual life—the Bible, prayer, charity and Confession. These are the normal everyday ways for us to grow in faith and to get to know Jesus better so that we're ready to live with him one day in the kingdom of heaven.

This week we're thinking about Mass itself. To be a Catholic is to go to Mass - but why is Mass so important? To find the answer we need to remember what happened the night before Jesus died. At the Passover supper he took bread and wine and changed them into his Body and Blood, and offered them in worship to his Father. Then he said 'do *this* in memory of me.' That's what we do at Mass—we worship God the way that Jesus asks us to. Let's try to deepen our understanding and our appreciation of the Mass and the Sacrament of the Eucharist this week.



THIS WEEK

Sunday 9am Mass at Dervock
11am Mass at Ballymoney

All weekday services in Ballymoney.

Monday 10am 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: £ 1,330.00
Golden Mile: £ 38.00

Next week's collections 25/26th January

Weekly Offering (for the parish)
Church Renovation Fund

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.

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.

ST BRIGID'S PS P1 REGISTRATION SEPTEMBER 2020

Is your child due to start P1 in September 2020? If so, please accept our warm invitation to visit St Brigid's PS at any time during the month of January. To make an appointment to visit the school please ring 02827662664 or visit our website www.stbrigidspsballymoney.com Registration opens Tuesday 7th January and closes at 12noon 30th January.

POPE FRANCIS on Twitter this week @Pontifex

May the Holy Spirit revive in each of us the call to be courageous and joyful evangelizers.

WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Month's Mind

Eileen Ward, Saturday 18th January, 6pm

Anniversaries

Fr Andrew Scott PP, James Brown, Josephine Davidson, William Gallagher, Bernard Greene, Mona McAfee, Patrick McKay, Dan & Rose McMullan, P.G. McQuaid, Oliver Muldoon, Una Smyth,

May they rest in peace

SIX WAYS TO GET MORE OUT OF MASS

1 Prepare well.

Mass is the most important part of the week, so make sure you're ready. Think about what you're doing. Try and come in good time, if you can. Pray and ask God to help you have a good Mass. Remember to always fast from food for one hour before receiving Holy Communion.

2 Play your part.

Imagine going to a birthday party but refusing to sing 'happy birthday to you'! That's how some people behave at Mass! Don't be shy about answering the responses or even singing along (at least to the prayers like the Holy Holy or the Lamb of God). The responses are your part of the Mass so you should approach them as seriously as the priest says his prayers.

3 Have an intention.

The priest has a special intention for every Mass (often an anniversary or someone that a parishioner has asked him to pray for). But we should all bring our own prayers to the altar as well. Make a special intention at every Mass you go to—and then watch how God answers those prayers!

4 Invest in a Roman Missal.

The missalette at Mass is fine for the basics, but a proper Missal is a great help to prayer. Look through it at home every so often and you'll learn about the prayers of Mass. You can also use it to read ahead and see what next week's feast or readings are. A well used Missal can be an heirloom to pass on to the next generation too.

5 Don't rush off!

Some people are in the terrible habit of checking out of Mass at communion time! Unless it's an emergency, stay for the end of Mass (at least out of politeness!). Even better is to take a moment after Mass to pause and thank God for all the blessings you have received. Light a candle or visit one of the shrines in the church. You'll avoid the queue in the car-park too!

6 Come when you don't have to

Once we begin to understand how important Mass is we should try and go more often. Our parish has Mass six days a week—come along to a weekday Mass sometime and let God bless you even more!

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.



Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art -
Thou my best thought, in the day and the night;
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only the first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
Grant heaven's joys to me, bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.



"If we only knew how God regards this Sacrifice, we would risk our lives to be present at a single Mass."

St Padre Pio

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

25/26 January

6.00pm Irene Gallagher
11.00am Eugene Wallace

Daily Readers

Group B (20th Jan)

Eucharistic Ministers

Group 1 Marie Henry
(25th 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

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