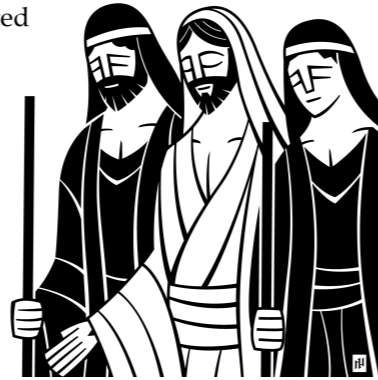


**ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS**

Today's Gospel invites us to think about something we sometimes take for granted — Mass. The two disciples on the road to Emmaus experienced something remarkable: Jesus walking beside them, explaining the scriptures, and making himself known in the breaking of bread. That is precisely what happens at every Mass we attend.

Jesus is here — in his Word and in his Body and Blood — whether we fully recognise him or not. Like those disciples, may our hearts burn within us as he speaks. May we leave Mass each week filled with the same joy and enthusiasm that sent them running back to Jerusalem, eager to share with everyone the incredible news that they had encountered the Risen Lord.



**THIS WEEK**

Parish webcam can be viewed on our YouTube channel (search for Ballymoney Parish)

<b>SUNDAY 19th</b>	9.30am Mass
<b>MONDAY 20th</b>	10am Mass
<b>WEDNESDAY 22nd</b>	10am Mass 7pm Rosary
<b>FRIDAY 24th</b>	6pm Holy Hour (with adoration & confessions) 7pm Mass
<b>SATURDAY 25th</b>	2pm Dementia Friendly Mass 5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass

*Our Lady & St Patrick's church is open every day for private prayer - usually from 10am to 7pm.*

**Other Sunday Masses in the Causeway Family of Parishes**

Saturday 4.30pm	-	Portstewart
Sunday 10am	-	Portstewart
Sunday 11.30am	-	St Malachy's, Coleraine
Sunday 12noon	-	Portrush
Sunday 5pm	-	St Malachy's, Coleraine

**WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

**Anniversaries**

His Holiness Pope Francis, Brigid Baird, Joan Beckett, Leo Coyle, Eileen Doherty, Emma Douglas, Catherine Havlin, Bernadette McFerran, Lorna McLaughlin, Eileen Nash, Sarah Quigg

**REQUIESCAT IN PACE**

**PARISH FINANCES**

Thank you to everyone who supports the parish through our collections. If you want to request a box of envelopes there is a purple form at the back of the church. Remember that you can also support the parish through a regular standing order or by making a one off payment through your bank or online. Our account details are:

**Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan**  
**Sort code: 95-06-79**  
**Account No: 10020192.**

If you want to give by cheque please make payable to:  
**Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan.**

**DO THIS IN MEMORY**

The children and families preparing for First Holy Communion in May join us on Sunday morning for their monthly *Do This In Memory* Mass. After Mass families with primary school aged children are invited over to the parish hall for arts and crafts and a wee cup of coffee.

This is the last *Do This In Memory* Mass before First Holy Communion on **Saturday 16th May**. There will be one more *Do This In Memory* Mass on **Sunday June 7th** (Corpus Christi) when we will give thanks to God for the gift of Holy Communion.

**POPE FRANCIS**

Bishop Alan McGuckian will celebrate a Mass to mark the first anniversary of the death of Pope Francis on **Tuesday (21st) at 7pm in St Peter's Cathedral in Belfast**. All welcome to attend.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

If you are in need and would like our help please do not hesitate to get in touch on **07860455549**. Thank you to everyone who supports our collections throughout the year.

**VOCATIONS NOVENA**

The Diocese of Down & Connor is inviting all of us to make a novena of prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The nine days of prayer begins on **Saturday 18th** and continues until **Sunday 26th** which is Good Shepherd Sunday, the Church's day of special prayer for vocations. The daily novena prayers and reflections are on our parish Facebook page or you can pray the prayer for vocations below each day.

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

Lord, make me a better person: more considerate towards others, more honest with myself, more faithful to you. Help me to find my true vocation in life and grant that through it I may find happiness myself and bring happiness to others. Grant, Lord, that those whom you call to enter priesthood or religious life may have the generosity to answer your call, so that those who need your help may always find it. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**UPCOMING DATES**

Confirmation (with Bishop McGuckian)	Friday 8th May 11.30am
Moneyglass Pilgrimage	Friday 15th May 7.30pm
First Holy Communion	Saturday 16th May 10.30am
Cemetery Sunday	Sunday 21st June after 9.30am Mass

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Just a reminder that any names for the bulletin should be posted through the front door of the parochial house or sent in by email or Facebook message. Please don't leave notes in the church as these are liable to get lost or end up in the wrong place!

To request an anniversary Mass on a particular date please speak to Fr Damian in the sacristy before or after Mass a few weeks in advance so that we can check the diary and confirm the date.

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**HYMNS FOR MASS**

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!	Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!	endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!	angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!	kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.
	<i>Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,</i>
Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!	<i>endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.</i>
Unto Christ, our heavenly king, Alleluia!	
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!	Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!	lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
	let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!	for the Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!	<i>Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,</i>
Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!	<i>endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.</i>
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!	

**OLD & NEW@No.5**

Our parish shop has all sorts of gifts on offer. This week we've everything from Staffordshire figurines, large crystal jugs, lovely tea sets and Doulton figurines to boxing hares, tin men and bunny rabbits!

Call with us at 5 Gate End, Ballymoney, open **Wednesday to Saturday, 10am - 4.30pm**. You can also see photos of our current stock on our Facebook page @oldandnewatno5

**MARY'S MEALS - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Our newly formed group works to fundraise and raise awareness locally for the work of Mary's Meals, a charity that provides a school meal every day to three million children in the world's poorest countries, costing only £19.15 per child for an entire year. We are currently seeking new volunteers to join our group and would be delighted to welcome anybody interested in becoming involved. Please contact **William** on **07754783290** or follow us on Facebook at **North Coast Mary's Meals**.

**CHURCH & CEMETERY OPENING HOURS**

Now that the hour has gone forward **Our Lady & St Patrick's church** will usually be open for private prayer **until 7pm** on evenings when there is no Mass. On Fridays and Saturdays the church closes after Mass.



During the spring and summer months **the cemetery closes at sunset**. For reasons of safety and security the cemetery is closed during the hours of darkness. Please respect this and do not enter the cemetery at night.

**PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS**

Mondays & Wednesdays 10am-2pm.