



MARY, THE QUEEN OF THE MAY

The month of May has begun and once again we celebrate in a special way the Blessed Virgin Mary. May is the time to crown Our Lady's statue, to take part in a course on Mary in the Gospels, and to go on pilgrimage to the shrine at Moneyglass. We'll be doing all those things as a parish in the coming weeks and we hope you will join us!

But the best way to honour Our Lady during this month is to do so at home. The old tradition of setting up a May altar is worth keeping alive. It reminds us to pray as a family and for our families. When we honour Mary we fulfil the Gospel prophecy that "all generations will call her blessed." Whether in the parish or at home, let's honour the Blessed Virgin Mary with great devotion this month.



THIS WEEK

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

SUNDAY 3rd	9.30am Mass
MONDAY 4th	10am Mass
WEDNESDAY 6th	10am Mass 7pm Rosary
FRIDAY 8th	11.30am Confirmation <i>no Mass or Confessions this evening</i>
SATURDAY 9th	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

William Blaney, Leanbh Cherub Cassidy, Mary Boyle, Jack McCloskey, Mae McCollam, Marie McConville, Dan McErlain, John McKenna, Monica McNicholl, Gerard Mulholland

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.

CONFIRMATION

We warmly welcome Bishop Alan McGuckian who will visit the parish on **Friday morning** to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation for our young people. Let's keep the candidates and their families in our prayers this week as they prepare to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

MAY PRAYERS

There will be a time of prayer and reflections on the joyful moments of Mary's life as recounted in the Gospels on **Tuesday evenings at 7pm**, beginning this week (**5th**).

MONEYGLASS PILGRIMAGE

We will be making our annual pilgrimage to the national shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in Moneyglass on **Friday 15th May** alongside our neighbours from the Causeway Family of Parishes. It begins at **7.30pm** with a rosary procession from Moneyglass church to the Lourdes shrine followed by Mass.

A minibus will be travelling from Our Lady & St Patrick's to Moneyglass that evening. There are sign up sheets at the back of the church this weekend if you would like to go on the bus.

UPCOMING DATES

Moneyglass Pilgrimage	Friday 15th May 7.30pm
First Holy Communion	Saturday 16th May 10.30am
Cemetery Sunday	Sunday 21st June after 9.30am Mass

CAUSEWAY COAST PEACE GROUP

Causeway Coast Peace Group invites Christians of various denominations to meet and learn about and appreciate each other's beliefs, traditions, and cultures. They are meeting on **Tuesday 12th May at 10am** in St Patrick's Church Hall, Portrush for their AGM and a talk from Bertie Stirling of A Rocha. All welcome!

LOUGH DERG PILGRIMAGE

Bishop Alan McGuckian and Jim Deeds will lead a three-day diocesan pilgrimage to Lough Derg on 19th – 21st June. A bus will leave from St Patrick's Church, Donegall Street in Belfast. Cost £100. Places are limited early booking advised. To book contact Claire on 028 90690920 or email: pathwaystothefuture@downandconnor.org

OLD & NEW@No.5

After our successful sale we've been restocking our parish shop with lots of new items including Doultons, pictures, ornaments, crystal, tea and dinner sets and much more besides. Call with us at 5 Gate End, Ballymoney, open **Wednesday to Saturday, 10am - 4.30pm**.

To keep in touch with our offers and to see pictures of our stock don't forget our Facebook page **@oldandnewatno5**

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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.

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HYMNS FOR MASS

My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour. He looks on his servant in her lowliness; henceforth all ages will call me blessed. The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name! His mercy is from age to age, on those who fear him. He puts forth his arm in strength and scatters the proud-hearted. He casts the mighty from their thrones and raises the lowly. He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty. He protects Israel, his servant, remembering his mercy, the mercy promised to our fathers, to Abraham and his sons for ever.	Bring flowers of the fairest Bring blossoms the rarest, From garden and woodland and hillside and dale; Our full hearts are swelling, Our glad voices telling The praise of the loveliest flower of the vale! <i>O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today! Queen of the Angels, and queen of the May. O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today, Queen of the Angels and queen of the May.</i> Our voices ascending, in harmony blending, Oh thus may our hearts turn, dear Mother, to thee; Oh thus shall we prove thee how truly we love thee, How dark without Mary, life's journey would be.
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MEN'S RETREAT

Next **Saturday (9th May)** there will be a half-day retreat for men at **Portglenone Monastery** from **9am-1pm**. The theme is our call to holiness: "Be holy, for I am holy" (1 Peter 1:16). Join other men for a morning of straight-talking teaching, prayer, and real-life testimonies, led by Fr Andrew Black (Belfast). This is a call to step up, take responsibility, and live the faith with courage in today's world. For more information or to attend phone **Thomas Carey 07967 620435** or email sean@catholicminute.co.uk

KNOCK PILGRIMAGE FOR PEACE

People from all over Ireland are invited to Knock Shrine on Saturday May 16th for a special pilgrimage to pray for peace in the Holy Land. The pilgrimage – organised by the papal charity Aid to the Church in Need – will be led by Bishop William Shomali from Bethlehem. Bishop Shomali will offer a message of hope at 11am and celebrate Mass at 3pm. All are welcome. More information at www.acnireland.org

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY

This month Pope Leo invites the Church to pray with him that everyone across the world might have access to quality food and for an end to hunger and famine.

CHURCH & CEMETERY OPENING HOURS

Our Lady & St Patrick's church is usually 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**. Please respect this and do not enter the cemetery at night.

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Joanne Scally is our Parish Support Officer. The parish office is open **Mondays & Wednesdays 10am-2pm**.