



THE LORD LEADS THE WAY

At first glance, the Ascension seems like a sad day — Jesus rising above the clouds and leaving his apostles behind. Even they stood bewildered, unsure whether to grieve or rejoice. But the Ascension is actually a great feast, because Jesus didn't abandon us. He turned not his back on us, but his face toward heaven — inviting us to follow him in the same direction.

Think of a great procession: everyone moving together, heading the same way, full of prayer and celebration. That's exactly what Jesus invites us into. He has gone ahead to open the doors of heaven and welcome us in. And wonderfully, being God, he can lead the way while also walking right beside each one of us — all the way home.



THIS WEEK

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

SUNDAY 17th	9.30am Mass
MONDAY 18th	10am Mass
WEDNESDAY 20th	10am Mass 7pm Rosary
FRIDAY 22nd	6pm Adoration & Confessions 7pm Mass
SATURDAY 23rd	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

Stuart Coyles, Eoin Henry, James John Kelly, May Kelly, Mary Loughery, Hannah McCloskey, Danny McKay

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

to all the children of our parish who received their **First Holy Communion** on Saturday. May God bless them and their families at this special time.

Many thanks to all the teachers and staff at St Brigid's PS for the work they did to prepare the children for Communion and Confirmation. Thanks as well to those who prepared the children from Ballymoney Model Integrated PS, and the Causeway Family of Parishes who prepared children from other schools.

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.**

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Our parish SVP conference is here to support our local community, and we do this in the strictest confidence. If you are in need and would like our help please do not hesitate to get in touch on **07860 455 549.**

OLD & NEW@No.5

It was great to see so many people in the shop last week, both regular customers and visitors out enjoying the sunshine! We've stocked up again for hopefully another busy week! Check out our tall brass pillar oil lamp, our Denby tea set, our patio table and chair set, a range of new paintings and our cabinet cups and saucers collection. 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**

IGNITE CONFERENCE

An Ignite Ireland day conference, with special guest speaker from the US, Scott Hahn, will take place on **Saturday 23rd May** in the Convention Centre, **Dublin.** Scott Hahn is a well-known writer and broadcaster and much sought after speaker. It is an event not to be missed. For more information and to book your ticket go to: **www.dominicans.ie**

ENCOUNTER WEEKEND CONFERENCE

Join us for a weekend of revival at the Radisson Blu Hotel, **Letterkenny** on **Friday 5th June** (6-10pm) and **Saturday 6th June** (9am-10.30pm). Come and be refreshed and empowered by the Holy Spirit and learn from the Saints how to live the lifestyle God intended you to live. Experience the presence of God through the celebration of Mass and the Sacraments, Spirit-led worship, inspiring talks, healing service, and fellowship.

The keynote speakers are Patrick Reis: co-founder and Executive Director of Encounter Ministries USA & Fr. Patrick Gonyeau who serves with the U.S. Province of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood in Ohio.

Bookings at **encounterschoolofministrydoneg.regfox.com/encounter-conference-donegal**
For more info email **donegal@encounterschool.org**

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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.



Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!
to his throne beyond the skies. Alleluia!
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, Alleluia!
enters now the highest heaven. Alleluia!

There for him high triumph waits; Alleluia!
lift your heads, eternal gates. Alleluia!
He has conquered death and sin; Alleluia!
take the King of glory in. Alleluia!

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**

SUMMER SINGING COURSE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

The music team at St Peter's Cathedral will be running their annual summer singing school for young people aged **8-16** in **Belfast** from **6th-10th July** this year. The 5 day course is especially for young people who want to improve their voice and music skills.

The course is **£50** for the five days (**£25** optional extra for advanced singers studying for GCSE and A-Levels). Click on this QR code to book at a reduced rate of **£30** available **up to 30th May.**



LOURDES ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

The annual collection to support the ill pilgrims going on the Down & Connor Pilgrimage to Lourdes will be held at all Masses on the weekend of **30th & 31st May.** Your generosity is much appreciated!

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.

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

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