



THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

Today we celebrate Pentecost, the third greatest feast of the Christian year and the close of the Easter season. On this day the Holy Spirit — the Lord and giver of life — descended upon the apostles in the upper room, transforming frightened men into bold proclaimers of the Gospel. Thousands were converted, and the Church was born. Happy birthday to us all!

What does this mean for us today? We too have received the Holy Spirit at our baptism and confirmation. God wants us to be the apostles of this generation, sharing the Good News with others. If our faith feels less than fired up, the remedy is the same one the apostles used: prayer, reflection, and openness to God.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love.

THIS WEEK

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

SUNDAY 24th	9.30am Mass
MONDAY 25th	10am Mass
WEDNESDAY 27th	10am Mass 7pm Rosary
FRIDAY 29th	6pm Adoration & Confessions 7pm Mass
SATURDAY 30th	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

Recently Deceased

Canon Hugh J. O'Hagan, PP Ahoghill

Month's Mind

Sheila Mulholland

Anniversaries

Fr Joseph McCormick, Robert Kelly, Teresa McErlain, David McFadden, Alex & Elizabeth McQuillan, Patrick (Paddy) O'Sullivan, Patsy Olphert, John Quigg, Vincent Reid, Jeannie Scullion, Bertie Smyth

CONGRATULATIONS

to the family of **Archie Patton** who was baptised this week.



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.

MAY PRAYERS

The last of our times of prayer and reflections on the joyful moments of Mary's life as recounted in the Gospels will be on **Tuesday evening at 7pm.** We'll also have the **rosary** prayed on **Wednesday evening at 7pm** as usual.

OLD & NEW@No.5

Have you visited our parish shop recently? There's lots to see! Check out our large Guinness boxes (ideal for storage), toy or log boxes, some lovely new original paintings, a beautiful five piece jug and basin set and our vintage tractor boxes and John Deere signs - just in time for Father's Day. 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**

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

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**.



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HYMNS FOR MASS

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator, come
From Thy bright heav'nly throne;
Come, take possession of our souls,
And make them all Thine own.

Thou who art called the Paraclete,
Best gift of God above,
The living spring, the living fire,
Sweet unction and true love.

All glory to the Father be,
With His co-equal Son:
The same to Thee, great Paraclete,
While endless ages run.

Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mould me,
fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.

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LOURDES ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

The annual collection to support the ill pilgrims going on the Down & Connor Pilgrimage to Lourdes will be held at both Masses next weekend (**30th & 31st May**). Your generosity is much appreciated and your intentions will be remembered at the shrine during the pilgrimage in July.

BISHOP'S NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART

Bishop Alan McGuckian invites us to join him in making a novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus from **4th-12th June**. Novena prayer books will be available here in the church from next weekend and the prayers will also be made available online.

SAFEGUARDING POLICY

Safeguarding within our Church community is about making the Church a safe, welcoming and enriching place for children, young people and adults and those who may be at risk of harm. An updated version of our Diocesan Safeguarding Policy has been issued and can be read on the poster displayed on the safeguarding noticeboard in the back porch of Our Lady & St Patrick's church.

For further information see our diocesan safeguarding website at downandconnorsafeguarding.com

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**.

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

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