



ST. PATRICK'S BALLYPHILIP
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Sunday 13th September 2026



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Parish Office: 028 427 28373, Monday – Friday 9.00am – 1.00pm

Parish Bereavement Ministry

This group offers support for anyone experiencing bereavement. If you would like to talk to a member please Telephone: 07564293692

ST PATRICK'S COMMUNITY CENTRE CONTACTS:
MADELINE DYNES 07999945936 & JAMES MAGEE 07542530006
During Business Hours

	St Patrick's Portaferry	St Cooley's Oratory	St Patrick's Ballygalget
Sunday 13 th September TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	11am Mass		9.30am Mass
Monday 14 th September The Exaltation of the Holy Cross		7.00pm Rosary 7.30pm Novena Mass	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass
Tuesday 15 th September Our Lady of Sorrows			9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass
Wednesday 16 th September St Cornelius. St Cyprian		7.00pm Rosary 7.30pm Mass	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass
Thursday 17 th September St Hildegard. St Robert Bellarmine			9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass
Friday 18 th September	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass	Eucharistic Adoration 11.00am – 6.00pm	7.00pm Rosary 7.30pm Mass
Saturday 19 th September St Januarius	5.45pm Adoration 6.30pm Vigil Mass		5.00pm Vigil Mass

Our prayers are requested for the happy repose of the soul of Joe Kelly, recently deceased and for the following whose anniversaries occur around this time: Paddy Smyth, Dominic Pucci, Oliver Lynch, Abi Rogers, James & Mary McGrath, Robert & Mary Moore, Ellie McDonnell, John Smyth, Charles Denvir, Sammy Denvir, Annie Mason, Peter Grant, Letitia Lennon, Mary McCluskey, Jean McCormick.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace, Amen.

ROSARY IN ST. COORY'S ORATORY: on Tuesday 15th September at 7pm,
in honour of Our Lady of Sorrows.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 12th September: **Paddy Smyth, Dominic Pucci**

Sunday 13th September: **Oliver Lynch**

Monday 14th September: **James & Mary McGrath, Robert & Mary Moore, Ellie McDonnell, John Smyth**

Saturday 19th September: **Johnny & Pauline McCarthy, Maeve & Joey Crangle, Noreen Murray**

Sunday 20th September: **Elaine McVeigh (First Anniversary)**

The Bereaved of the Community will be remembered in a special way at Mass on Wednesday 16th September in St Cooley's Oratory at 7.30pm. Everyone is invited for a cup of tea and chat in the Parish Office afterwards.

The Apostolic Workers would like to thank all the parishioners who donated so generously, sponsoring sacred vessels and gave to our church door collection.

We have raised the magnificent amount of £4,264.00

Your sponsorship and donations for the last year 2025 went to Missions in Kenya, Nigeria and Zimbabwe. Again, thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Children's Liturgy

The new term of Children's Liturgy begins at the Masses weekend 27th and 28th September.

We look forward to welcoming primary school children from P1 upwards.

A consent form must be completed and signed by a parent or guardian before attending.

Forms are available in the main porch of St Patrick's and may be returned to a member of the Children's Liturgy team or to the parish office.



If you are having difficulties with your expenses ring our confidential telephone: 07508 549701. We can help. Thank you for your support and generosity.

Weekly Offering: £1,426.00 Weekly Standing Orders for August: £1,461.00

Monthly Offering: £1,488.00. Monthly Standing Orders for August: £270.00

Cathedral Fund: £928.00. Building & Cemetery Fund: £1,381.00.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.



PORTAFERRY AND BALLYGALGET BAPTISM MINISTRY

Baptism Information sessions will begin after Halloween. Dates will depend on Baptisms that are booked via the Parish office.

Parents/ Guardians/ Godparents and Grandparents will be invited to attend. The information sessions will be:

- Short
- Informal
- Explain the rite of Baptism
- Provide refreshments
- Provide a welcome gift for each child.

Over the next few weeks, we will be setting up 'Baptism trees' in St Patrick's Portaferry and St Patrick's Ballygalget beside the Baptismal fonts. The name of each child to be baptised will be hung on the tree as a welcoming gesture from our Parish communities.

May the time of preparation for Baptism be filled with peace, gratitude and the loving presence of God in our families.

The Folk Group would welcome new members, young (from P6) and anyone else who enjoys music and singing and might like to try out being part of a choir.
Anyone interested in joining us please come along any Sunday and learn as you go.
Contact Bernie Doran on 078 4992 7581 or Lorna Spence on 078 5064 8091.

HARVEST SERVICE in Portaferry Methodist Church, Sunday 27th September at 7pm, Rev Alan Wardlow, the Past President of the Methodist Church in Ireland will lead the service alongside other local church leaders. A joint churches choir will help us in our music as we thank God for his goodness to us.
Light refreshments provided after the service.
Food or financial gifts will be welcome but must be shelf stable goods that will be donated to the local Food Bank. These can be brought to the church Sat morning 26th at 09:30-10:30am or brought on Sunday evening to the service.



Notices for the parish bulletin need to be with the parish office by Wednesday 12noon.
Anniversary notices can be left in the anniversary boxes in either church,
(Boxes beside the candle shrines), sent by email, or rang into the office.

St Mary's Primary School & Nursery Unit, Portaferry. Could You Spare an Hour?

As we begin another new school year, St Mary's Primary School & Nursery Unit is seeking volunteers from our parish and wider community to help enrich the lives of our children. Whether you could support reading, maths activities, sports coaching, art, languages, gardening or simply share a skill, hobby or life experience, even a small amount of your time can make a meaningful difference.
If you can spare one hour a week, one hour a month, or help with a particular project, we would love to hear from you.
Contact the school on 028427 28278 or email pgilchrist570@c2kni.net
Share your time. Share your talents. Help our children learn, grow and shine.

BALLYGALGET, PORTAFERRY & ARDKEEN PARISHES
A Great Day Out for Friends, Family & Our Parish Community!
Day Out
FAITH, HERITAGE & COMMUNITY
Explore. Experience. Enjoy Together.

A SHEPHERD'S LIFE AT GLENSHANE COUNTRY FARM SHEEP SHEARING DEMONSTRATION Step into the past and experience life on the farm. Watch a live sheep shearing demonstration and see working sheepdogs, hold baby lambs and more.	THE GORTA EXPERIENCE AT FRIELS THE GORTA EXPERIENCE A powerful and moving visitor experience that brings the story of the Great Famine to life.	DINNER AT FRIELS BAR & RESTAURANT, SWATRAGH Relax and enjoy a delicious 3-course dinner in the warm and welcoming surroundings of Friels.
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TRAVEL IN COMFORT WITH CONNECTIONS IRELAND
✓ Modern, luxury coach
✓ Air conditioning
✓ Spacious seating
✓ Friendly, professional driver

PRICE: £60 PER PERSON
Includes coach travel, all admissions & 5-course dinner

FULLY GUIDED THROUGHOUT THE DAY
Our day out will be fully guided throughout by a professional tour guide accredited by Tour Guides Northern Ireland.

TOUR GUIDES NORTHERN IRELAND

DATE: THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2026
DEPARTURE: LEAVING PORTAFERRY SQUARE AT 9.00 AM SHARP
RETURN: APPROX. 6.00 PM
WHO CAN JOIN? Open to everyone in the Parishes of Ballygalget, Portaferry & Ardkeen.

TO SECURE YOUR PLACE CONTACT:
SEAMUS DORRAN
ON 07813968171

ALL PLACES ALLOCATED ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS.
Don't miss out - book early to avoid disappointment!

Together in Faith. Together in Community.

THIS SUNDAY !!!
Abi's Butterfly Breeze 2026
In memory of Abi... ...for Memories for you

13th September at 1pm
Medals and chipped timing entry
£20 entry 10k
£10 entry 5k
Route starts at Portaferry GAC

The money raised through Abi's Butterfly Breeze Portaferry 10K will help support Bright Future, Inspire's counselling service for young people set up in memory of Abi.

INSPIRE
Mindfulness. Mental. Recovery.

SCAN ME



St. Patrick's Community Centre, Portaferry

Bingo this Sunday 13th September at 3pm in aid of Air Ambulance.

Mon. Tea/ Chat, Gentle Exercise, Whist, Quiz, Light. Lunch 11.00am Text 07873284252
Bridge 2pm. **Ferry Fit** 6.45pm. **Tin Whistle for Beginners** 7.00pm beginning Mon. 14th
Sept. Text 07542530006. **Ferry Fit** 7.45pm
Tin Whistle for Improvers 7. 50pm beginning Mon. 14th Sept. TEXT 07542530006

Tues. Portaferry Crafters (Textiles) 10.30am Text 07999945936
Ceili Dancing 7.15pm Text 07395200128
Ukulele Beginners 6.30pm; Improvers 7.15pm Text 07999945936

Wed. Gently Does It 9.30am (Gently Does It) Text 07999945936
Judo 5.00pm Text 07929905310

Thurs. Community Centre Singers 10.30am Text 07999945936
Jo Jingles 12.00pm Text 07395200128
The Hive (Arts & Crafts) 12.30pm Text 07999945936
"Painting Portraits" beginning 24th Sept. 7pm. Text 07542530006 for Registration
Ferry Film Club (Last Thursday in the month) 7.00pm
Ferry Fit 8.00pm

Fri. Party Dance 9.30am Text 07999945936
Walking Group 11.00am
Netball for P5 to Year 10 6.00pm to 7.00pm Text 07542530006

Sat. Flower Arranging (1st Sat of each month) 12 noon text 07999945936

See our Face Book page for further details: Stpatrickscommunitycentreportaferry
or text the relevant number with your details and the activity which interests you.
To hire any of our six rooms, please text 07542530006 or 07999945936

BAPTISMS: Portaferry Parish: 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month

Ballygalget Parish: 1st & 3rd Sunday

Please book with the parish office, (**Not the parochial house.**) Portaferry: 02842728373

Mon - Fri 9am - 1pm. Ballygalget: 07398623134 Wed or Fri 9am - 1pm.

A copy of your child's Birth Certificate (Long version) is required prior to Baptism date.

QUEEN'S CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY – WE'RE BACK!

The Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's reopens for the new academic year on Monday 14 September, with weekday Masses and our semester programme resuming.

Our first Sunday Mass is 20 September at the new, earlier time of 7.00pm. Please note the new time!

New or returning student? Find out about what's on, ways to connect and get involved, and student accommodation at Ryan Hall at qubcatholic.org and on our socials. Staff and alumni are always welcome too.

Visit our newly renewed Chaplaincy at 28 Elmwood Avenue for Mass, Confessions or candle lighting — and call into Mosaic for some of the best coffee, hot lunches and home-baked treats in South Belfast!

Thinking about becoming Catholic or want to deepen your understanding of the faith?

The Diocesan RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a journey of faith, formation, and community for adults who wish to explore the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. It is open to those who are not baptised, those baptised in another Christian tradition, or Catholics who wish to reconnect with their faith.

The 2026–2027 programme begins on Wednesday 23rd September and runs weekly from 6.30–8.00 pm at St Mary's Hall, Chapel Lane, Belfast. Sessions include prayer, teaching, discussion, and time for questions. Spouses, fiancés or friends are welcome to attend alongside participants.

All are welcome, whether you are exploring faith for the first time or returning after some time away.

To register or find out more, please email rcia@downandconnor.org or scan the QR code.



Pioneer Gathering – Sunday 27 September

A meeting for all Pioneers who are interested in helping to renew and strengthen the Pioneer Association in Down & Connor will take place on:

Sunday 27 September at 3.00 pm in Holy Family Gathering Space, Holy Family Church, Newington Avenue, Belfast.

This gathering is open to all Pioneers, especially those who would like to support a fresh start, new energy, and renewed commitment within our diocese. We would be delighted to welcome as many Pioneers as possible.

Beginning Experience – Beginning Experience is a peer ministry to the bereaved, separated and divorced, based within the Family Ministry of the Diocese of Down and Connor. We are offering a support programme over three Saturdays from September through to November and would be most grateful if you could include the following information in your Church Bulletin at your earliest convenience.

The loss of a partner through death, separation or divorce is devastating. Beginning Experience is offering a programme of bereavement support in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Ave., Belfast on three Saturdays (26th September 24th October and 21st November) Booking essential. To find out more contact Marie 07896119669 or email belfastbe@yahoo.com

Poetry & Presence: [Link to Poetry & Presence Flyer](#)

Poetry & Presence begins on **Thursday 1 October at 7pm** in the **Belfast Jesuit Centre**, opening with the theme of **Water** in this **Season of Creation**. You're invited into a quiet, reflective evening of poetry, art, music, and Scripture: a space to pause, breathe, and let the imagery of water in God's story speak to the depths of your own heart.

 Thursday 1 October  7.00pm  Belfast Jesuit Centre

To register, visit <https://belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk/poetry-presence/>

Hybrid Book Launch: [Link to Book Launch Flyer](#)

The **Belfast Jesuit Centre** will host a special hybrid book launch on **Monday 19 October at 7.00pm** for **Conquest or Leaven: Reflections of a Catholic Priest in Palestine/Israel** by **Fr David Neuhaus SJ**.

Join us for a short talk from the author, a guided conversation, and live Q&A with Fr Neuhaus who will join us via live video link. His story - from South African Jewish roots to Christian faith and Jesuit ministry in the Holy Land - offers a powerful and unique perspective on justice, peace, and human dignity.

 Books will be available at a discounted rate.  Visit <https://belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk/hybrid-book-launch-conquest-or-leaven-by-david-neuhaus-sj/> to register. We look forward to welcoming you to this thoughtful and urgent conversation.