



# Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

19th FEBRUARY 2023  
Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time  
Quinquagesima Sunday



## GETTING READY FOR LENT

This is the last weekend before Lent begins and you'll have seen that Trócaire packs are available in the church for you to take home. This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and we will start Lent by receiving blessed ashes at Mass and observing the day of fast and abstinence.

This is also a good time to think about what personal commitment we can make for Lent. This season comes round each year so that we can focus on our spiritual lives. Extra prayer, fasting and almsgiving are the best ways to grow spiritually and give God more space in our hearts. Whatever you do for Lent - *do something* and be ready to receive the blessings God wants to give you at this time.

### THIS WEEK

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

**SATURDAY 18th** 5.30-5.50pm Confessions  
6pm Vigil Mass

**SUNDAY 19th** 10am Mass  
4.30-4.50pm Confessions  
5pm Mass

**MONDAY 20th** 10am Mass

**WEDNESDAY 22nd** 10am Mass  
**Ash Wednesday** 7pm Mass

**FRIDAY 24th** 6-6.40pm Confessions  
7pm Mass

*Our Lady & St Patrick's is open every day from 10am to 4.30pm.*

### Other Sunday Masses in this area

Saturday 5pm - Portstewart  
Saturday 6pm - St Malachy's, Coleraine  
Sunday 10am - Portstewart  
Sunday 11am - St Malachy's, Coleraine  
Sunday 12noon - Portrush

## WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

### Anniversaries

Fr Daniel McBride PP, Denise Byrne (née McGilligan), Charlie McAuley, Ethna McCloskey, Josephine McKenna, Maura Mearns, Lizzie Scullin, Paddy Quigg

### REQUIESCAT IN PACE



### CONGRATULATIONS

to the family of **Eábha McAfee** who was baptised last Sunday.



### 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 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 cheques payable to: **Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan.**

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL

If you need our help please call us confidentially on **07860455549**. For more information about the work of our conference you can speak to any of our members. We would like to thank parishioners for your very generous ongoing support.



### RALLY FOR LIFE

Please join us and be a voice for the unborn child as we march for life on Saturday 11th March 2023 gathering in Custom House Square, Belfast, at 2pm. Buses to the Rally leaving from various locations. For further information please contact Precious Life on 07592280522 or 02890278484. Email [info@preciouslife.com](mailto:info@preciouslife.com)

## THE SEASON OF LENT

During these six weeks we are invited to take up extra prayer, fasting and almsgiving so that we can grow spiritually and be ready to celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus at Easter.

### ASH WEDNESDAY

Ashes will be distributed at the Masses at **10am** and **7pm**.

Ash Wednesday is a **Day of Fast and Abstinence** for all Catholics in good health aged between 14 and 60.

- We **fast** by eating just one normal meal (and also one or two small snacks if necessary).
- We **abstain** by not eating meat at all.

### TRÓCAIRE LENT APPEAL

Please pick up a Trócaire pack at Mass. The pack contains a box plus details of how give by cheque, phone or online.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed in Our Lady & St Patrick's each Tuesday of Lent at 7pm, beginning next Tuesday (March 28th).

### LENTEN PLEDGE

Many people choose to give up alcohol for Lent. You can offer up this sacrifice as a prayer for those who suffer through alcoholism. If you do, why not make this daily prayer:

*I promise in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to abstain from all alcoholic drink during Lent.*

### EARLY MORNING MASS IN COLERAINE

On the weekdays of Lent (beginning Wednesday) an early morning Mass will be celebrated at 7am in St Malachy's Coleraine. This Mass is being organised jointly by the priests of Ballymoney, Portstewart, Portrush and Coleraine. Why not come regularly as part of your Lenten commitment?

### PARISH OF BALLYMONEY & DERRYKEIGHAN

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### HYMNS FOR MASS

Come and take the flesh of Christ  
Which he gave to be our bread.  
Drink the chalice of his blood  
Which upon the cross he shed.

We who are redeemed and saved,  
By his body and his blood,  
Hail the saving sacred Host  
Which he gave to be our food.

Giver of salvation, Lord  
Christ, the Son of God most high,  
Sacrificed to save the world,  
Raised with him, we will not die.

### BIBLE STUDY COURSE IN PORTRUSH

Portrush parish is running a 12 week course this spring taking an in-depth look at the Gospel of Matthew. The course will be presented by Kieran Hill and Mgr Delargy. The course begins on **23rd February** and runs on Thursday evenings from **7-8.30pm** at **St Patrick's Hall, Portrush.**

To register and request course books please contact: [portrush@downandconnor.org](mailto:portrush@downandconnor.org) tel 02870823388 or Kieran Hill: [kc.hill@btinternet.com](mailto:kc.hill@btinternet.com) tel: 0796 4287 839

### LECTIO DIVINA IN PORTSTEWART

In the busyness of everyday life, it can often be difficult to find space for silence and quiet meditation. This Lent there will be a quiet space each Thursday evening where we will reflect on the Living Word of God. In this beautiful, meditative form of prayer, much loved and encouraged by the late Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, we will be led into a space where we can be still in God's presence and let Him speak to our hearts. All are very welcome.

- Where? - Marian Hall, Portstewart (Access through side door of the Church)
  - Time: - 8-9pm followed by refreshments
  - When? - Every Thursday commencing Thursday 23rd February
- No need to book, just come along. Any questions please contact Bridgeen on 075 46092912

### SCRIPTURE PRAYER IN PORTSTEWART

You're very welcome to join us as we meditate on Holy Scripture. We'll have music, images and prayer to help us reflect on the Word of God for each of the Sundays in Lent.

- Marian Hall (access through side door of the Church)
- Fridays during Lent (commencing Friday 24th February)
- 10am (directly after morning Mass)
- Followed by light refreshments

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today  
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,  
at blessings without number  
and mercies without end:  
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,  
we honour and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Saviour, accept the love we bring,  
that we who know your favour may serve you as our king;  
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
we'll triumph through our sorrows  
and rise to bless you still:  
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,  
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.