



Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

3rd March 2024
Third Sunday of Lent



JESUS CRACKS THE WHIP

In today's Gospel, Jesus forcefully drives merchants and money changers from the temple, revealing his zeal for his Father's house. Though the temple was Judaism's holiest site, greed and exploitation had infected it. Jesus could not abide this disrespect toward God and abuse of pilgrims. His passion stemmed from immense love for God and neighbour, matched by a hatred of sin. It will eventually lead him to his death on the cross.

As Lent continues, may we grow in love for Jesus, whose under went his passion to forgive and save us. When we gaze upon the crucifix, we see Christ's total self-giving love. May the cross inspire us to make sacrifices ourselves and to grow in love for God and our neighbour too.

WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Recently Deceased

Maude Muldoon

Anniversaries

Nellie Kelly, Hugh McKay, Shaun McVeigh, Bridget O'Hara, Patricia O'Mullan

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 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.

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY MASSES

Our special Masses continue weekly on Saturdays until 23rd at **2pm**. Carers and families are invited to bring along loved ones with dementia or memory issues for a shorter (30 minute) Mass with familiar prayers and hymns. There will also be a chance to light candles, receive the sacrament of the sick or go to confession.

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. Thank you for your ongoing support.

EARLY MORNING MASS IN COLERAINE

On the **weekdays of Lent** an early morning Mass is celebrated at **7am** in **St Malachy's** in **Coleraine**. This Mass is being organised jointly by the priests of Ballymoney, Portstewart, Portrush and Coleraine. Fr Damian will be celebrating the Mass on **Tuesday** this week.

LECTIO DIVINA

On Monday evenings during Lent our bible prayer group will meet in the Canon's house (no.79) at **7pm** for a thirty minute time of prayer and meditation on the scriptures. All welcome to join us.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed in Our Lady & St Patrick's each **Tuesday** of Lent at **7pm**.



LENT REFLECTIONS

On **Thursday** evening at **7pm** we continue *Forty Days and Nights in the Desert*, a special journey of prayer and reflection as we walk with Christ through the desert.

Reflect on Jesus' temptation in the desert and examine our own spiritual lives through scripture song, and meditation. Deepen your relationship with God and Journey with us as we encounter our Lord in the desert places of our hearts. All are welcome!

VOCATIONS RETREAT

The annual retreat at Drumalis for men considering priesthood takes place **8th-10th March** at Drumalis in Larne. For more information contact thevocatinns director, Fr Conor McGrath, **c.mcgrath@downandconnor.org** (or have a word with Fr Damian).

PARISH OF BALLYMONEY & DERRYKEIGHAN

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HYMNS FOR MASS

Soul of my Saviour sanctify my breast.
Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest.
Blood of my saviour, bathe me in thy tide.
Wash me with waters, flowing from his side.

God of mercy and compassion,
Look with pity upon me,
Father let me call Thee Father,
'Tis thy child returns to Thee. R.

Strength and protection may thy passion be.
Oh blessed Jesus hear and answer me.
Deep in thy wounds Lord, hide and shelter me
So shall I never, never part from thee.

*R. Jesus Lord, I ask for mercy;
Let me not implore in vain;
All my sins, I now detest them,
Never will I sin again.*

Guard and defend me from the foe malign.
In death's dread moments, make me only thine.
Call me and bid me, come to thee on high.
Where I may praise thee with thy saints for aye.

See our Saviour, bleeding, dying
On the cross of Calvary.
To that cross my sins have nailed him,
Yet he bleeds and dies for me. R.

OLD & NEW@No.5

You can find the shop at 5 Gate End, Ballymoney and it's open 10am-4.30pm from Wednesday - Saturday. Take a look at our Facebook page for more information.

MASS ATTENDANCE

During February we take a count of Mass attendance each weekend to get a sense of how we're doing as a parish. Last year the average attendance over the month was **403**. This year it rose to **423**.

Last weekend **468** people came to Mass including 158 on Saturday evening, 162 on Sunday morning and 113 on Sunday evening, (the rest attended the Dementia Friendly Mass on Saturday).

DOWN & CONNOR PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

This year's pilgrimage takes place 10th-15th or 17th July (5 and 7 night options are available). Please visit **www.downandconnor.org/lourdes** for more information or call the Pilgrimage Office on **028 9077 0162** or email **lourdes@downandconnor.org**

Our pilgrimage includes the celebration of Masses, including at the Grotto; celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick and Reconciliation; participation in the Blessed Sacrament and Candlelight processions and the Way of the Cross. Pilgrims will have the opportunity to visit Bartrès (additional cost). There is plenty of free time for your own personal prayer, to relax, and to explore the town of Lourdes.

Young people aged between 17 and 24 are invited to join the Down & Connor Youth Team. Youth Team members take part in the pilgrimage and assist older pilgrims. It's a great opportunity to help others, grow in faith and to make new friends. Details as above.

THIS WEEK

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

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| SATURDAY 2nd | 5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass |
| SUNDAY 3rd | 9.30am Mass 4.30-4.50pm Confessions 5pm Mass |
| MONDAY 4th | 10am Mass 7pm Lectio Divina |
| TUESDAY 5th | 7pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction |
| WEDNESDAY 6th | 10am Mass |
| THURSDAY 7th | 7pm Lent Reflection |
| FRIDAY 8th | 6-6.40pm Confessions 7pm Mass |
| SATURDAY 9th | 2pm Dementia Friendly Mass |

*Our Lady & St Patrick's is open every day
for private prayer - usually from 10am to 4.30pm.*

Other Sunday Masses in the Causeway Family of Parishes:

Saturday 5pm - Portstewart
Saturday 6.30pm - St Malachy's, Coleraine
Sunday 10am - Portstewart
Sunday 11am - St Malachy's, Coleraine
Sunday 12noon - Portrush