



Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

10th March 2024
Fourth Sunday of Lent
Laetare Sunday



GOD LOVED THE WORLD SO MUCH

On Laetare Sunday the Church invites us to rejoice as we approach Easter. The rose-colored vestments and flowers remind us of God's goodness and love for the world, which led Him to give His only Son so that we may have eternal life. Like a mother's selfless, nurturing love, God's love is constant and compassionate, even when we stray. Though our sins merited punishment, God went to unimaginable lengths to offer us salvation through Christ's sacrifice on the cross.

As we celebrate Mothering Sunday, honouring the spiritual beauty of motherhood, let us also be moved by our Heavenly Father's relentless love revealed in the cross. During these final Lenten weeks, may we joyfully respond to God's tender invitation: "Return to me with all your heart."

THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 9th	5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
SUNDAY 10th	9.30am Mass 4.30-4.50pm Confessions 5pm Mass
MONDAY 11th	10am Mass 7pm Lectio Divina
TUESDAY 12th	7pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction
WEDNESDAY 13th	10am Mass
FRIDAY 15th	6-6.40pm Confessions 7pm Mass
SATURDAY 16th	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

CONGRATULATIONS

to the families of the children who were baptised this week:

Finbar McVeigh
Esme Hoole
Harvey Hoole
Hallie McCaughern
Ivie Hoole



WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Anniversaries

Patrick Coyles, Patrick Darragh, John Devine,
Bernadette Henry, James Kearney, Gerald Kelly, Grace Kelly,
Thomas-John Kelly, Elizabeth McCloy, Sean McCloy,
Archie Osborne Kathleen Quigg, Ellen (Nellie) Rodgers

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 at 2pm** until 23rd March. 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.

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.

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

LORETO COLLEGE SPRING CONCERT

Loreto College invite you to their Annual Spring Concert on Thursday 14th March 2024 at 7pm. Admission is free and advance booking is advised. Tickets available by contacting the School Office on 028 7032 6579. All Welcome.

LENT DEVOTIONS

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 *lectio divina* (prayer and meditation on the scriptures). Stations of the Cross and Benediction will be celebrated each **Tuesday** of Lent at **7pm**.

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** and **Thursday** this week.

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.

PARISH OF BALLYMONEY & DERRYKEIGHAN

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St Patrick's day

Next Sunday we celebrate the feast of St Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. Masses will be at the normal Sunday times (Saturday at 6pm, Sunday at 9.30am and 5pm)

After 9.30am Mass our Parish Pastoral Council are hosting a celebration coffee morning in the parish hall. We would love to see you there!

Because St Patrick is the patron of our parish church, we can gain a plenary indulgence by coming to Mass or visiting Our Lady & St Patrick's for private prayer on Sunday.

This is granted on the usual conditions:

- That we reject sin
- That we go to Holy Communion.
- That we go to Confession (three weeks either side of next Sunday)
- That we pray for the Pope's intentions (an Our Father and Hail Mary would be sufficient).



ST PATRICK'S WALKING PILGRIMAGE

The Saint Patrick Centre in Downpatrick is running a special St Patrick's weekend walking pilgrimage next Saturday (**March 16th**) visiting some of the key sites and learning about the authentic Patrick.

The day begins with a visit to the Saint Patrick Centre to see an IMAX film on the saint before setting off with the guides to walk to Inch Abbey, Saul Church and St Patrick's grave (the walk is approx. 6 miles). The pilgrimage will be led by guides Martina Purdy and Elaine Kelly. Lunch and bus transfers inc £35 pp. 9am-3pm. For more information contact the Centre **02844 619000**.

HYMNS FOR MASS

Praise to the holiest in the height
And in the depth be praise
In all his words most wonderful
Most sure in all his ways

O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
A second Adam to the fight
And to the rescue came.

O wisest love that flesh and blood,
Which did in Adam fail
Should strive afresh against the foe,
Should strive and should prevail

Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
to keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
of this world in the next.