



Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

12th MARCH 2023
Third Sunday of Lent



TIME TO TALK WITH JESUS

In this week's Gospel we read how one woman had a conversation with Jesus - just the two of them, heart to heart. And that conversation changed her life. The Gospel shows us that she had a difficult life and a troubled past. But by talking with Jesus she discovers that she is loved by God, that she can change for the better, and that she has a dignity that no one can ever take from her.

Have you ever had that sort of conversation with Christ? That's what prayer is about, after all! We come to Jesus and speak to him heart to heart. Let's look at prayer with new eyes this week and give God the chance to talk with us too.

THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 11th	5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
SUNDAY 12th	10am Mass 4.30-4.50pm Confessions 5pm Mass
MONDAY 13th	10am Mass
TUESDAY 14th	7pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction
WEDNESDAY 15th	10am Mass
THURSDAY 16th	6-6.40pm Confessions 7pm Vigil Mass
FRIDAY 17th St Patrick's Day	10am Mass no evening Mass or confessions



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

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.



WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Recently Deceased

Fr James Sheppard, Lurgan

Month's Mind

James O'Reilly

Anniversaries

Mary Boylan, Patrick Coyles, Patrick Darragh, Fiona Genovese, Bernadette Henry, Grace Kelly, Gregory McAuley, Susanne McAuley, Sean McCloy, Mary O'Reilly

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

OLD & NEW@NO.5

Our parish shop is open Wednesday- Saturday 10.00am-4.30pm and you'll find it at 5 Gate End, Ballymoney. Check them out on Facebook too @oldandnewatno5

LENT DEVOTIONS

Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 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, 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. Why not come along as part of your Lenten commitment?

SCRIPTURE PRAYER IN PORTSTEWART

Portstewart parish are offering a time of prayer with the scriptures (*Lectio Divina*) on Thursday evenings at 8pm in the Marian Hall behind the Star of the Sea church (access through side door of the church).

A second prayer session takes place on Friday mornings at 10am (after 9.30am) Mass using music, images and prayer to help us reflect on the Word of God for each of the Sundays in Lent.

TRÓCAIRE LENT APPEAL

Over the past fifty years, Trócaire has heard and responded to the cry for justice from people in over twenty countries. Sometimes the needs have been immediate, such as when famine or natural disaster strikes. Other times, it has been a fight against political or economic injustice. Your contributions this Lent mean that we can stand in solidarity with those treated unjustly and campaign for a fairer world, as well as providing emergency programmes, basic healthcare and education in places where it is most needed.

BROADCAST MASS

BBC Radio Ulster are returning to Our Lady & St Patrick's to broadcast our Mass on Sunday 26th March. The broadcast will be live from 10.15-11am but the congregation are asked to be in the church for 10am. The broadcast can be heard on Radio Ulster and online around the world through the BBC website.



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Ireland's national day is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be a vigil Mass on Thursday evening at 7pm and morning Mass on Friday at 10am. As a solemnity it is also day off Lent.

After 10am Mass on Friday 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 Thursday.

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 Friday)
- That we pray for the Pope's intentions (an Our Father and Hail Mary would be sufficient).



PRAYER OF ST PATRICK

Christ be with me,
Christ before me, Christ be behind me, Christ be in me,
Christ be beneath me, Christ be above me,
Christ be on my right, Christ be on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ be in the heart of every man who thinks of me,
Christ be in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ be in every eye that sees me,
Christ be in every ear that hears me.

We give you thanks, almighty God for sending Saint Patrick to preach your glory to the people of Ireland. Grant that we who are proud to call ourselves Christians may never cease to proclaim to the world the good news of salvation. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

HYMNS FOR MASS

Forty days and forty nights
Thou was fasting in the wild;
Forty days and forty nights
Tempted, and yet undefiled.

Shall not we thy sorrow share
And from earthly joys abstain,
Fasting with unceasing prayer,
glad with thee to suffer pain?

And with satan vexing sore
Flesh or spirit should assail,
Thou his vanquisher before
Grant we may not faint or fail!

So shall we have peace divine;
Holier gladness ours shall be;
Round us, too, shall angels shine,
Such as ministered to thee

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

*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.*

By my sins I have deserved
Death and endless misery,
Hell with all its pains and torments,
And for all eternity. R.