



FOR GOD AND ST PATRICK!

In the Gospel today Jesus looks ahead to his passion and death and prophecies that through his sacrifice the whole world would be drawn to him. And indeed, his message was heard even as far away as Ireland through the ministry of St Patrick who we celebrate today.

Like Jesus, Patrick had to sacrifice himself to do God's will. He suffered greatly as a slave in Ireland, and yet he not only forgave the Irish but dedicated the rest of his life to serving them as a bishop. Love and sacrifice is the heart of Christianity, from Jesus to St Patrick to us today. As we give thanks to God for St Patrick may we follow his example by loving others, putting them first and thereby making this world a kinder place.

THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 16th	5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
SUNDAY 17th St Patrick's Day	9.30am Mass 4.30-4.50pm Confessions 5pm Mass
MONDAY 18th	no Mass 7pm Lectio Divina
TUESDAY 19th St Joseph's Day	7pm Mass & Benediction
WEDNESDAY 20th	10am Mass
FRIDAY 22nd	6-6.40pm Confessions 7pm Mass
SATURDAY 23rd	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 this 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

St Patrick's day

This weekend we celebrate the feast of St Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. 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 this Sunday)
- That we pray for the Pope's intentions (an Our Father and Hail Mary would be sufficient).



WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Anniversaries

Jeannie Marie Darragh, Fiona Genovese, Hugh Greene, Gerry McGuigan, Annie McKinley, Brigid McNamee, Bernadette Muldoon

REQUIESCAT IN PACE



OUR NEW BISHOP

Bishop Alan McGuckian will take up his ministry and mission as Bishop of Down & Connor this week on St Joseph's Day, Tuesday 19th March. He will be formally installed at St Peter's Cathedral in Belfast after Easter. We keep him in our prayers at this significant time for him and for our diocese.

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

The last of our special Masses takes place next Saturday (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. Thank you to everyone who has come along to support these Masses which have been a highlight of our Lent this year.

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.

ST JOSEPH'S DAY

Tuesday is the feast of St Joseph and another great feast day of the Church's year (and for those who celebrate it, it's another day off Lent too!). To mark the day we will have Mass at 7pm followed by Benediction (this replaces the Stations of the Cross for this week).

DISCUSSION GROUP

Portrush parish are having a discussion on Jesus, the Cross and Suffering on **Thursday (21st)** at 7pm in St Patrick's Parish Hall on Causeway Street. All welcome.

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HYMNS FOR MASS

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me
Christ be behind me, King of my heart
Christ be within me, Christ be below me
Christ be above me, Never to part

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand
Christ all around me, Shield in the strife
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting
Christ in my rising, Light of my life

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me
Christ be in all tongues telling of me
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me
In ears that hear me Christ ever be

Hail, glorious Saint Patrick, dear saint of our isle,
On us thy poor children bestow a sweet smile;
And now thou art high in thy mansions above,
On Erin's green valleys look down in thy love.

Hail, glorious Saint Patrick,
thy words were once strong
Against Satan's wiles and a heretic throng;
Not less is thy might where in Heaven thou art;
O come to our aid, in our battle take part!

Ever bless and defend the sweet land of our birth,
Where the shamrock still blooms as when thou
were on earth,
And our hearts shall yet burn,
wheresoever we roam,
For God and Saint Patrick, and our native home.

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.

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.

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.

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



PALM SUNDAY

Next Sunday (24th) is **Palm Sunday**. Our 9.30am Mass is the Do This In Memory Mass and we invite all the children present to take part in the palm procession at the start of Mass. After Mass children and their families are invited over to the parish hall for easter arts and crafts (and there will be refreshments for parents and family too!).

