



Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

24th MARCH 2024
Palm Sunday



THE HOLIEST WEEK OF THE YEAR

This week we once again follow Jesus and Mary through the events of his passion, death and resurrection. Our ceremonies help us feel close to the Lord. When we wave our blessed palms on Sunday we are like those who welcomed Jesus to Jerusalem. When we receive Holy Communion on Thursday we are among the apostles at the Last Supper. When we venerate the cross on Friday we are like Our Lady, St John and the women who stayed with Jesus as he died. And on Saturday night we celebrate the resurrection as the light of Christ defeats the darkness of death.

May God help us to participate fully in the ceremonies so that the saving love of Jesus can touch our hearts as deeply as possible.

WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Month's Mind
Maureen Magee

Anniversaries

Thomas Carson, John Doherty, Joseph Donaghy, James Donnelly, Genevieve Elizabeth McAteer, William Francis McAteer, Brigid McGinty, Kieran & Frances McKay, Mary Newman, Annie O'Reilly, Joan Truesdale, Eric Turner

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.**

EARLY MORNING MASS IN COLERAINE

Our early Masses conclude this week at **7am** in **St Malachy's, Coleraine** from Monday to Wednesday. Fr Damian will be celebrating the Tuesday and Wednesday Masses. After the last Mass on Wednesday you are invited to breakfast in St Malachy's parish hall.

HOLY WEEK REFLECTION

To start Holy Week there will be a time of reflection on **Monday** evening at **7pm** on *Walking the Way of the Cross*. We will consider how we follow Christ's footsteps through our own sufferings and how the way of the cross illuminates our own lives.

CONGRATULATIONS

to the families of **Ezra Herald** and **Josh McLaughlin** who were baptised recently and to the children who made their **First Confession** this week.

TRÓCAIRE LENT APPEAL

For over fifty years Trócaire has walked the path of solidarity with those in our world who are suffering because of injustice. Each step is possible because at the heart of this work is hope – hope in a better tomorrow, hope in a more just world, hope of the Resurrection. You can be part of this journey by returning your Trócaire box or donation envelope at Mass on **Thursday evening** or by going online to **www.trocaire.org**

GOOD FRIDAY FAST & ABSTINENCE

Good Friday 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.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

The special collection on Good Friday is for the Christian communities living in the Holy Land. Envelopes or donations can be brought to either the **3pm** or **7pm** services.

EASTER DAWN MASS

There will be a Dawn Mass on **Easter Sunday** at **6am** at **Star of the Sea** church in **Portstewart**. Breakfast will be served after Mass and all are welcome to attend.

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.

HOLY WEEK AT OUR LADY & ST PATRICK'S

SUNDAY 24th MARCH

PALM SUNDAY

9.30am Mass
4.30-4.50pm Confessions
5pm Mass



MONDAY 25th MARCH

10am Mass
7pm Holy Week Reflection

TUESDAY 26th MARCH

6-6.50pm Confessions
7pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction

WEDNESDAY 27th MARCH

SPY WEDNESDAY

12noon Chrism Mass at St Peter's Cathedral in Belfast.
*celebrated by Most Rev. Alan McGuckian,
Bishop of Down & Connor*

THURSDAY 28th MARCH

HOLY THURSDAY



7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

followed by watching at the Altar of Repose until 10pm.

Compline (Night Prayer) at 9.50pm

FRIDAY 29th MARCH

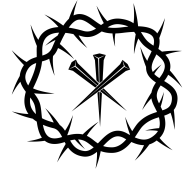
GOOD FRIDAY

DAY OF FAST & ABSTINENCE

1pm Community Prayer at Ballymoney Methodist

3pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion

*with the reading of St John's Passion
the Veneration of the Cross
and Holy Communion*



6-6.50pm Confessions

7pm Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY 30th MARCH

HOLY SATURDAY

12noon - 1pm Confessions

9pm The Easter Vigil

*with the lighting of the Easter Fire
the blessing of Holy Water
and the First Mass of Easter.*



SUNDAY 31st MARCH

EASTER SUNDAY

9.30am Mass

4pm Easter Vespers & Benediction

5pm Mass



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HYMNS FOR MASS

Hail Redeemer, King divine!
Priest and Lamb, the throne is thine;
King, whose reign shall never cease,
Prince of everlasting peace.

*Angels, saints and nations sing :
"Praise be Jesus Christ our King;
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary!"*

Eucharistic King, what love
Draws thee daily from above.
Clad in signs of bread and wine.
Feed us lead us, keep us thine.



HOSANNA

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.

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.