



Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

26th MARCH 2023
Fifth Sunday of Lent



THE RAISING OF LAZARUS

We have reached the fifth week of Lent and the Church now turns its attention more fully to the passion and death of Jesus. During this last fortnight of Lent the statues and crosses in the church are veiled as a sign of grief and mourning.

Today's Gospel marks the point where opposition to Jesus became so strong that his life was in danger. If he could raise Lazarus, his enemies thought, he would have to be killed. They refused to see that if Jesus could raise Lazarus from the dead then he had the power to lay down his own life and take it up again at the resurrection. Jesus truly is the Son of God and if he can rise from the dead (and raise others too) we can always trust and hope in him.

THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 25th	5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
SUNDAY 26th	10am Mass 4.30-4.50pm Confessions 5pm Mass
MONDAY 27th	10am Mass
TUESDAY 28th	7pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction
WEDNESDAY 29th	10am Mass
FRIDAY 31st	6-6.40pm Confessions 7pm Mass

Our Lady & St Patrick's is open every day from 10am to 6pm.

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

BROADCAST MASS

BBC Radio Ulster are returning to Our Lady & St Patrick's to broadcast our Mass next Sunday (26th). 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.



WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Anniversaries

Thomas Carson, John Doherty, Joseph Donaghy, William (Frank) McAteer, Pat McConville, Winnie McCullagh, Alphonsus McLain, Brigid McLain, Kieran McKay, Mary Newman, Daniel O'Loan, Joan Truesdale

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.**

CONGRATULATIONS

to the children of St Brigid's Primary School, Ballymoney Model Integrated Primary School and other local schools who made their First Confession on Thursday.

LENT DEVOTIONS

Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament each Tuesday of Lent at 7pm.

DO THIS IN MEMORY

Next **Sunday (2nd April)** we invite the children who are making their First Holy Communion this year to come to 10am Mass and to lead the Palm Sunday procession.



EARLY MORNING MASS IN COLERAINE

On the weekdays of Lent an early morning Mass is celebrated at **7am** in **St Malachy's, 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.

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**

TRÓCAIRE LENT APPEAL

In 1973, when choosing a name for the overseas aid agency of the Catholic Church in Ireland, the Irish bishops chose the Gaelic word for mercy or compassion – Trócaire.



'Compassion' is an active word that asks that we see the suffering of others and respond with solidarity and action. The first response of Trócaire is to have compassion for those we work with and to empower them to build their life with dignity and independence. The people of the island of Ireland – you – have made this possible. Your contributions this Lent will ensure that Trócaire can continue to respond with compassion and love.

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HYMNS FOR MASS

When I survey the wondrous Cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God:
The vain things that attract me most,
I sacrifice them to his Blood.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That would be offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

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!"

King most holy, King of truth,
guard the lowly, guide the youth;
Christ the King of glory bright,
be to us eternal light.

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.



CHURCH & CEMETERY OPENING HOURS

Now that the hour has gone forward Our Lady & St Patrick's will normally be open until 6pm for private prayer on the evenings when there is no Mass. On the other evenings the church closes directly after Mass.

The extra daylight in the evening also gives more time to visit the cemetery. Please note that the cemetery closes at sunset and visits are not allowed outside of daylight hours.

LORETO COLLEGE COLERAINE

You are invited to Loreto's annual Spring Concert on Thursday 30th March at 7.30pm. There will be a full programme featuring music, song, and dance. Refreshments will be provided. Admission is free and any donations will go towards school funds and designated charities. If attending, please be seated by 7.20pm.

HOLYWEEK AT A GLANCE

Palm Sunday, 2nd April Masses at normal times

Holy Thursday, 6th April **Evening Mass at 7pm**
Quiet prayer until 10pm

Good Friday, 7th April **Solemn Liturgy at 3pm**
Confessions 6-6.50pm
Stations of the Cross at 7pm

Holy Saturday, 8th April Confessions 12-1pm
Easter Vigil at 9pm

Easter Sunday, 9th April **Mass at 10am & 5pm**
Easter Vespers at 4pm

Full details in next week's bulletin.