



JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY! ALLELUIA!

On Easter Sunday we rejoice that the Lord Jesus who laid down his life to save us from sin, has risen from the dead. The resurrection of Christ shows the overwhelming power of God's love to conquer even death itself.

And this changes everything! If Christ conquered death, then nothing is impossible for God - sins can be forgiven, peace can prevail over violence, the poor can be uplifted, the sick healed, the starving fed. Even more, we who follow Christ can share in his resurrection and look forward to life everlasting in the kingdom of heaven.

May the power of God's love always fill our hearts with joy and faith in the Risen Christ! And to all of us a very happy and blessed Easter!

THIS WEEK

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

SUNDAY 31st Easter Sunday	9.30am Mass 4pm Easter Vespers & Benediction 5pm Mass
MONDAY 1st	10am Mass
WEDNESDAY 3rd	10am Mass
FRIDAY 5th First Friday	6pm Holy Hour 7pm Mass with Novena Prayers
SATURDAY 6th First Saturday	9.30am Mass in Dervock

Our Lady & St Patrick's is open every day for private prayer - usually from 10am to 6pm.

Other Easter Masses in the Causeway Family of Parishes:

Sunday 6am.	- Portstewart
Sunday 10am	- Portstewart
Sunday 11am	- St Malachy's, Coleraine
Sunday 12noon	- Portrush

WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Recently Deceased

Daniel O'Connor
Raymond McLaughlin, Portstewart

Month's Mind

Maude Muldoon

Anniversaries

Pat McConville, Winnie McCullagh, May McWilliams, Patricia Maxwell, Stephen Shiels, Martin Turner, Bobby Wallace, Kathleen Wallace

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.

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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.



OLD & NEW@No.5

Our parish shop is dressed for Easter with bunnies, spring lambs and lots of other animals! Call in and see for yourself during the week and maybe leave with a four legged friend. You will also see our lovely mats, a large selection of crystal, our large pair of lying dogs (just arrived), beautiful garden gnomes, Jack Russell dogs, garden planters and much more.

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.



EASTER DEVOTIONS

We will conclude our celebration of the Easter Triduum with devotions on Easter Sunday afternoon - **Vespers & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 4pm.**

FIRST FRIDAY & SATURDAY

This Friday is the **First Friday** of the month and we continue our novena to the Sacred Heart. On **Saturday** we have our monthly Mass in **Dervock at 9.30am.**

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

Our pilgrimage includes the celebration of Masses, including at the Grotto; celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick and Reconciliation; participation in the Blessed Sacrament and Candlelight processions and the Way of the Cross. Pilgrims will have the opportunity to visit Bartrès (additional cost). There is plenty of free time for your own personal prayer, to relax, and to explore the town of Lourdes.

Young people aged between 17 and 24 are invited to join the Down & Connor Youth Team. Youth Team members take part in the pilgrimage and assist older pilgrims. It's a great opportunity to help others, grow in faith and to make new friends. Details as above.

BIBLE COURSE

An 8 week course on the Old Testament is starting on **Wednesday 10th April** for our local family of parishes. It will take place at St Malachy's Parish Centre in **Coleraine** from **7-8.30pm** each week.

This programme will provide an opportunity to:

- Dive into the rich stories and characters of the Old Testament
- Help our understanding of the Old Testament and its relevance

No prior study of Scripture is required and beginners are very welcome! For more information contact Kieran Hill: kc.hill@btinternet.com or 0796 4287 839.

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HYMNS FOR MASS

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.
*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting
*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Next Sunday (7th April) is the feast of Divine Mercy. The Church grants a plenary indulgence to those who venerate the Divine Mercy image on this day and who have both gone to confession recently and received Holy Communion.



The image of Divine Mercy will be venerated at both the **9.30am** and **5pm Masses** next Sunday. Our afternoon devotions will begin at **3pm** with the chaplet of Divine Mercy followed by a time of quiet adoration. At **4pm** we have **Vespers & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.**

Confessions will be available this week on Friday (**6-6.40pm**), Saturday evening (**5.30-5.50pm**), and next Sunday afternoon (**3.15-3.50pm** and after Benediction until **5pm** Mass).

How to pray the chaplet of Divine Mercy with rosary beads:

Begin with an Our Father, Hail Mary and the Apostles' Creed

Then on the large bead before each decade pray:

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

On the 10 small beads of each decade pray:

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

After all 5 decades of are complete finish by praying three times:

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

BROADCAST MASS

BBC Radio Ulster will be broadcasting our Sunday morning Mass on **April 28th.** Please note that on that day Mass will be at the later time of **10am.**

