

2nd APRIL 2023 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

Anniversaries

James Donnelly, Winnie Fleming, Joseph Getty, Ann Gillan, James McGreevy, Frances McKay, John McSheffrey, May McWilliams, Patricia Maxwell, Marie & Sean Scullion, Stephen Sheils, Teresa Stewart (Olphert), Martin Turner, Bobby Wallace, Kathleen Wallace

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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 Lent early Masses continue 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. Thanks to everyone from our local parishes who have supported these Masses this Lent.

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.

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

For 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.

DIVINE MERCY

The Sunday after Easter is known as Divine Mercy Sunday. Many people have a devotion to Divine Mercy and the Church grants special indulgences on that day. We will have a holy hour of **adoration** from **3pm** on **Sunday 16th** followed by **Vespers & Benediction** at **4pm**.

--- HOLY WEEK AT OUR LADY & ST PATRICK'S ----

SUNDAY 2ND APRIL PALM SUNDAY

10am Mass 4.30-4.50pm Confessions 5pm Mass



MONDAY 3rd APRIL

10am Mass

TUESDAY 4th APRIL

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

WEDNESDAY 5th APRIL
SPY WEDNESDAY

12noon Chrism Mass at St Peter's Cathedral in Belfast.

THURSDAY 6th APRIL
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 7TH APRIL
GOOD FRIDAY

DAY OF FAST & ABSTINENCE

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 8th APRIL
HOLY SATURDAY

11am-12noon Confessions

9pm The Easter Vigil

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



SUNDAY 9TH APRIL
EASTER SUNDAY

10am Mass

4pm Easter Vespers & Benediction

5pm Mass

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HYMNS FOR MASS

Ride on! ride on in majesty!
Hark! all the tribes hosannas cry;
Thy humble beast pursues his road
With palms and scatter'd garments strowed

Ride on! ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die; O Christ, thy triumphs now begin O'er captive death and conquer'd sin

Ride on! ride on in majesty! The angel armies of the sky; Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes To see th'approaching sacrifice. 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.