

10th March 2024 Divine Mercy Sunday



THE DIVINE MERCY OF JESUS

On the eighth day of Easter, the Church continues to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus who died to save us from our sins. Now that he has risen, he shares his forgiveness with us through the Sacrament of Confession. On Easter night the Lord appeared to the apostles and gave them the authority to forgive sins in his name. This is why we go to confession so that we might receive God's mercy and absolution.

Since the year 2000, this Sunday after Easter has been celebrated as the feast of Divine Mercy. Many people have a devotion to the Divine Mercy picture or to the prayers and novena of mercy. We will honour the Divine Mercy at Masses on Sunday and there will be devotions as well. To those who take part a special plenary indulgence is granted.

THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 6th 5.30-5.50pm Confessions

6pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 7th 9.30am Mass

3pm Divine Mercy Devotions

5pm Mass

MONDAY 8th 10am Mass

TUESDAY 9th 7pm Easter Reflection

No Masses or Confessions on Wednesday or Friday this week.

SATURDAY 13th 5.30-5.50pm Confessions

6pm Vigil Mass

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

Other Sunday Masses in the Causeway 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

WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Anniversaries

Angela Doherty, Christopher Dunlop, Winnie Fleming, Joseph Getty, Jerry McAllister, James McGreevy, Ella McKendry, Gerard McKenna, Dan McKinley, Kathleen Montgomery, Daniel Osborne, Sean & Marie Scullion

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

CONGRATULATIONS

to the family of **Ada Lewsley** who was baptised this week and to **Tom McCormick** who was received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

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.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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.

EASTER REFLECTION

There will be a time of prayer and reflection on **Tuesday** evening at **7pm** to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus on and the season of Easter. It will include readings, hymns and prayers. All welcome!

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.

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**.

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. Thank you for your ongoing support.

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**

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.

EASTER THANKS

A huge thank you to everyone who helped to make our celebrations of Lent, Holy Week and Easter so beautiful this year -

- To Noel and Peggy, our sacristans, and Sean our groundskeeper.
- To the readers, servers and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion.
- To the choir and musicians.
- To those who helped with flowers.
- To those who clean the church.
- To everyone who supported the Lent devotions, reflections and the Dementia Friendly Masses.
- And to everyone who supports the parish through your prayers, your financial offerings and your good wishes and encouragement.

May God bless us all in this Easter season.

REGINA CAELI

During the Easter season the Regina Caeli prayer is prayed instead of the Angelus at 12noon and 6pm.

Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia. For he whom thou didst merit to bear, alleluia, Has risen as he said, alleluia. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

It is also chanted in Latin at the end of many liturgies.

Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia; Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia, Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia: Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

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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.