



Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

23rd APRIL 2023
Third Sunday of Easter



THE LORD WALKS ALONGSIDE US

In the Gospel today we hear the beautiful account of how the risen Jesus appeared to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. These men had left Jerusalem because they couldn't face staying on following the death of Jesus. They had heard stories about the empty tomb, but they didn't believe.

The Lord, however, was walking right there beside them in their sadness, though they couldn't see it was him. But when they listened to him speak in the scriptures, and saw him break the bread for them, they finally recognised he was with them. Jesus wants to reassure us too that he walks beside us all through our lives. And when we listen to his Word and share in his Eucharist at Mass we realise that the Lord is indeed always with us.

THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 22nd 5.30-5.50pm Confessions
6pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 23rd 10am Mass
4.30-4.55pm Confessions
5pm Mass

MONDAY 24th 10am Mass

WEDNESDAY 26th 10am Mass

FRIDAY 28th 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

WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Recently Deceased

Brigid Baird
David Durkan, Belfast

Anniversaries

Joan Beckett, Leo Coyle, Kathleen Dallat, Eileen Doherty, Emma Douglas, Catherine Havlin, Bobby McAuley, Martin McAuley, Frank McKenna, Lorna McLaughlin

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

CONGRATULATIONS

to the family of **Anna Whiteford** who was baptised last weekend,

and to the **Primary 7 children** who celebrated their **Service of Light & Commitment** on Thursday in preparation for receiving their Confirmation in two weeks time.



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.**

OLD & NEW@NO.5

Following the success of last week's launch of our new range of garden planters, benches, wall art and tin plate figurines, we are promoting them again this week in the shop! Call in and see for yourself why they are proving so popular!

Of course, as always there's a new range of pre-loved spring clothing, ceramics and lots of other new products!

We're open Wednesday- Saturday 10.00am-4.30pm and you'll find it at 5 Gate End, Ballymoney. Check them out on Facebook too @oldandnewatno5

MAY COURSE - THE SEVEN JOYS OF MARY

During May, the month of Mary, the parish will be running a course called *The Seven Joys of Mary*. Over **five weeks**, this programme will give us a chance to reflect on the joys of Mary's life and how we can draw comfort from them and make a connection between our own faith journey and Our Lady's.

The Seven Joys of Mary are:

- The Annunciation & Visitation
- The birth of Jesus
- The adoration of the Magi
- The resurrection of Jesus
- The Ascension of Jesus into heaven and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost
- The Assumption of Mary into heaven.
- The crowning of Mary as Queen of heaven.

Each week we'll reflect on what scripture says about these mysteries and learn how to pray about them more deeply. We'll finish by praying a decade of the rosary together.

The course begins on **Wednesday 3rd May** and will run each Wednesday evening of the month at **7pm**. It will take place at Our Lady & St John the Evangelist's church in Dervock.

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.



BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

The loss of a partner through death, separation or divorce is devastating. Beginning Experience is offering a programme of bereavement support in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Ave., Belfast on three Saturdays (April 29th; May 27th and June 24th 2023) Booking essential. To find out more, contact Phil: 02890 207645 or Marie 07896119669 or email belfastbe@yahoo.com.

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REGINA CAELI

During the Easter season the *Regina Caeli* 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.

DOWN & CONNOR LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will run in July this year. 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. There is plenty of free time for your own personal prayer, to relax, and to explore the town of Lourdes.

Five night pilgrimages (**12th-17th July**) cost **£769** and six nights (**11th-17th July**) **£829**. Fares are inclusive of return flights from Belfast International Airport, transfers from and to Lourdes Airport, full-board accommodation, courier services and other taxes. A deposit of **£200** per person is required at the time of booking, with the balance payable approximately 8 weeks before departure.

To request a booking application, or with further queries, please contact the Pilgrimage Office on (028) 9077 0162 or email us: lourdes@downandconnor.org

The **Lourdes Associate Members** will be having a collection at Masses on the weekend of **May 13th/14th**.

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.*