



**STANDING UP TO TEMPTATION**

As Lent begins we hear the Gospel of Jesus being tempted by the Devil. The Lord had taken forty days in the wilderness to pray and fast, but the Devil tries to tempt him away from his mission. The first reading reminds us how Satan has been tempting humanity to sin from the very beginning - and usually he succeeded.

But Jesus is different - he is steadfast and faithful and he send the Devil packing. God's power is greater than any evil and he defeats the Devil's plans. If we want to reject evil and grow in holiness then we need to be more like Christ. That's why we take the forty days of Lent each year to do prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Like Jesus may we be firm in faith and stand up to the temptations and snares that the Devil tries to send our way.

**THIS WEEK**

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

<b>SATURDAY 21st</b>	5-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
<b>SUNDAY 22nd</b>	9.30am Mass 2pm Holy Hour in Dervock
<b>MONDAY 23rd</b>	10am Mass
<b>TUESDAY 24th</b>	7pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction
<b>WEDNESDAY 25th</b>	10am Mass 7pm Rosary
<b>FRIDAY 27th</b>	6pm Adoration & Confessions 7pm Mass
<b>SATURDAY 27th</b>	2pm Dementia Friendly Mass

*Our Lady & St Patrick's church is open every day for private prayer - usually from 10am to 4.30pm.*

**Other Sunday Masses in the Causeway Family of Parishes**

Saturday 4.30pm	-	Portstewart
Sunday 10am	-	Portstewart
Sunday 11.30am	-	St Malachy's, Coleraine
Sunday 12noon	-	Portrush
Sunday 5pm	-	St Malachy's, Coleraine

**OLD & NEW@No.5**

Our parish shop has all sorts of gifts on offer. Call with us at 5 Gate End, Ballymoney, open **Wednesday to Saturday, 10am - 4.30pm**. You can also see photos of our current stock on our Facebook page @oldandnewatno5

**WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

**Recently Deceased**

Margaret Magee

**Month's Mind**

Jean Rodgers

**Anniversaries**

Fr Daniel McBride PP, Denise Byrne, Winifred Connor, John Kelly, Josephine McKenna, James Mooney

**REQUIESCAT IN PACE**

**CONGRATULATIONS**

to the family of **Victoria Termonia & Luca Termonia** who were baptised this week.

**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 purple 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.**

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

We would like to remind you that SVP continue to support our local community, and we do this in the strictest confidence. Therefore, if you are in need and would like our help please do not hesitate to get in touch on **07860455549**.

**THE SEASON OF LENT**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Stations of the Cross and Benediction will be offered in Our Lady & St Patrick's each **Tuesday** of Lent at **7pm** (except St Patrick's Day), beginning **this week**.



**LENT VESPERS & BENEDICTION**

Each **Sunday** evening of Lent there will be Evening Prayer of the Church (Vespers) and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at **6pm** in **St Malachy's, Coleraine**.

**DERVOCK HOLY HOUR**

There will be an hour of **Eucharistic adoration** at Our Lady & St John the Evangelist's church in **Dervock** this **Sunday** from **2 to 3pm**.

**LENTEN PLEDGE**

Many people choose to give up alcohol for Lent. You can offer up this penance as a prayer for those who suffer through alcoholism. If you do, why not make this daily prayer:

*I promise in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to abstain from all alcoholic drink during Lent.*

**DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD**

This year's diocesan vocation retreat runs **6th-8th March**. It's for young men who are open to the question: "Is God calling me to be a priest?" This retreat is a chance to step away from the noise and busyness of everyday life. It's a time for prayer, silence, and honest conversation. There's no pressure to decide anything — just space to listen and reflect. For more information, contact **Fr Conor McGrath** [c.mcgrath@downandconnor.org](mailto:c.mcgrath@downandconnor.org)

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**HYMNS FOR MASS**

Jesus, remember me,  
when you come into your kingdom.

God of mercy and compassion,  
Look with pity upon me,  
Father let me call Thee Father,  
'Tis thy child returns to Thee. R.

*R. Jesus Lord, I ask for mercy;  
Let me not implore in vain;  
All my sins, I now detest them,  
Never will I sin again.*

See our Saviour, bleeding, dying  
On the cross of Calvary.  
To that cross my sins have nailed him,  
Yet he bleeds and dies for me. R.

**VACANCY: PARISH SUPPORT OFFICER**

We are seeking to recruit a **Parish Support Officer** to be based within Ballymoney & Derrykeighan Parish.

- The Parish Support Officer provides confidential, efficient, and professional administrative support to the Parish Priest.
- Ensuring the effective day-to-day running of the Parish Office by supporting parish life, communications, and the parish leadership structure. This role is parish-facing, office-based, and operational.

If you are an individual with excellent communication skills and the ability to deal with sensitive and confidential matters in a professional manner, then we see this as a unique opportunity for you to join the Down and Connor Diocesan Trust Team. The terms are based on a **permanent** appointment for **10 hours per week**. Work pattern to be agreed with the Parish Priest. Rate of pay: **£13.50 gross per hour**.

Full details relating to the vacancy can be found on the Diocesan website at [www.downandconnor.org](http://www.downandconnor.org) clicking on the tab: **job vacancies** and on the **Community NI** website, where terms and conditions relating to the role can also be accessed by way of a Role Profile and Employment Application form. Application Packs are also available from Ballymoney Parish Office.

We welcome applications from anyone who feels they meet the criteria as presented and are interested in playing an active role within the Diocese of Down and Connor. Closing date for applications will be **12noon on Tuesday 3rd March 2026**.

**DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE 2026**

The annual conference takes place in the RDS in Dublin on the **27th, 28th February** and **1st March**. Friday (free) 6-9pm, Saturday 10am-8pm (€35) and Sunday 10am-5pm (€25) or Weekend Price (€45). Our speakers for this year are: Fr James Blount SOLT, Fr John Keane, Fr Leon Pereira OP, Carol Nolan and Roisin Doherty. Tickets available online at [www.divinemercyconference.com/buy-tickets](http://www.divinemercyconference.com/buy-tickets)

**SHORT DAILY PRAYERS FOR LENT**

I believe in God, I hope in God,  
I love God.

I am sorry for having offended God.

Sacred Heart of Jesus  
I believe in your love for me.

Sacred Heart of Jesus  
I believe you love me now.

Sacred Heart of Jesus,  
I place all my trust in thee.

