



THE GIFT OF LIVING WATER

This Sunday's Gospel tells the story of a Samaritan woman who comes alone to a well at midday — an outcast, avoiding the company of her neighbours. Jesus meets her there, and in a remarkable conversation, he offers her something he calls "living water."

This living water is not something to drink. It is God's own life — refreshing, cleansing, and energising for the soul. It is, in fact, Jesus himself.

Lent is our invitation to rediscover how much we need this gift. Through prayer, fasting, and generous giving, we open our hearts again to all that God wants to give us. By Easter let's be ready to say yes to the living water Jesus brings.

THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 7th	5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
SUNDAY 8th	9.30am Mass 2pm Holy Hour in Dervock
MONDAY 9th	10am Mass
TUESDAY 10th	7pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction
WEDNESDAY 11th	10am Mass 7pm Rosary
FRIDAY 13th	6pm Adoration & Confessions 7pm 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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

If you are in need and would like our help please do not hesitate to get in touch on 07860455549.

WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Anniversaries

William Connolly, Irene Coyles, Patrick Coyles, Patrick Darragh, James Doherty, Eamon Fitzpatrick, Elizabeth McCloy, Sean McCloy, Patricia O'Mullan, James O'Reilly, Mary O'Reilly, Kathleen Quigg, Ellen (Nellie) Rodgers

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

CONGRATULATIONS

to the family of **Oisín Reid** who was 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.**

TABLE QUIZ

An early St Patricks Day table quiz will take place in the Ballymoney parish hall **next Saturday (14th) at 7pm**. There are prize hampers for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, and a not so great prize for the table that comes last. Free entry and light refreshments are provided, with any voluntary contributions being donated to our St Vincent De Paul conference. If you don't have a team, you are welcome to join one of the others.



THE SEASON OF LENT

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.

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**.

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 TALK

Rasharkin parish invite you to a parish talk on **Tuesday** evening (**10th**) at **7pm** in **St Olcan's Hall**. Among the speakers will be **John Pridmore**, a former London gangster turned Catholic evangelist who now travels the world telling people about God. Doors open at 6.30pm.

CATHOLIC MEN'S RETREAT

A morning retreat for Catholic men will take place at **Portglenone Monastery next Saturday (14th)** from **9am to 1pm**. The theme will focus on spiritual warfare and remaining steadfast in faith during Lent, with a talk by Fr Martin Graham, along with testimonies from Catholic laity. The morning includes the Rosary, Holy Mass, and refreshments. To register or learn more visit: catholicminute.co.uk/mens-retreat

MASS ATTENDANCE CENSUS

For the fourth year we have run a count of people attending weekend Masses in our parish during the month of February. The average weekend attendance in 2026 is **338** (the equivalent of **15%** of Catholics living in the parish).

Last year's figure was **447** but that was when we had three Sunday Masses and the total included visitors from other parishes who used to join us for the Sunday evening Mass. If we compare just the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses, last year we had an average of **295** attending so this year's equivalent figure (**323**) is an increase on that.

It should be noted that there is much variation from week to week - the lowest attendance last month was **297**, while the highest was **431**.

Average attendances at the individual Masses were:

Saturday 6pm 167
Sunday 9.30am 156

In addition **45** people attended the **Dementia Friendly Mass** in February. On **Ash Wednesday 298** attended Mass here. **40** people attended the first **Stations of the Cross & Benediction** for Lent.

We have a lot to be thankful for in our parish and we appreciate the loyal support of so many parishioners. But we clearly have a lot of work to do to reach out to the **85%** of Catholics in Ballymoney - including some of our own family and friends - who don't come to Mass, not to mention those who aren't yet Catholic! May the Lord help us to share his Good News more effectively.

KNOCK PILGRIMAGE

Would you like to join the Down & Connor Annual Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine and stay overnight from **Saturday 13th to Sunday 14th June?** A bus is going from Loughguile and the price will be dependent on numbers - approx £140 pps. If interested, please contact **Denise 07595224715**

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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.

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.

