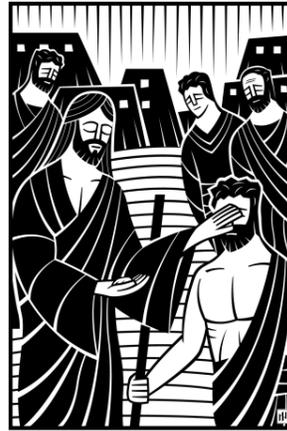




OPEN YOUR EYES TO JESUS

In today's Gospel we hear of a beautiful miracle. Jesus heals a man who has been blind all his life. The Lord not only gives him back his sight but gives him a fresh start in life. But the sad thing is how others can't see the good that Jesus has done. The pharisees are jealous of Christ and narrow minded in their religion. They refuse to see the good in Jesus. Now they are the ones who are really blind.

As we come to the half-way point of Lent we should ask ourselves how we're getting on with our prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Can we now see Jesus a little more clearly in our lives? Or do we need to open our eyes a bit wider? The good news is that we still have three weeks of Lent to grow in holiness.



THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 14th 5.30-5.50pm Confessions
6pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 15th 9.30am Mass
2pm Holy Hour in Dervock

MONDAY 16th 7.30pm Vigil Mass



TUESDAY 17th 10am Mass
St Patrick's Day
no Stations of the Cross today

WEDNESDAY 18th *no Mass today*

THURSDAY 19th 10am Mass
St Joseph's Day

FRIDAY 20th *no Mass or confessions today*

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

Helen Hegarty
Phyllis Gauci (née Wallace), Australia (formerly Westgate)

Anniversaries

John Devine, Fiona Genovese, Gerald Kelly, Grace Kelly,
Thomas-John Kelly, Annie McKinley, Annie O'Reilly,
Archie Osborne

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

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.

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 is Evening Prayer of the Church (Vespers) and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at **6pm** in **St Malachy's, Coleraine**.

st patrick's day

On Tuesday we celebrate the feast of St Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. It is a holy day of obligation.

Masses

The Vigil Mass for the feast will be on **Monday** at **7.30pm** and the Mass on **Tuesday** will be at **10am**. Refreshments will be served in the parish hall after Mass on Tuesday morning and remember it's a day off Lent!

Table Quiz

An early St Patricks Day table quiz will take place in the parish hall on **Saturday (14th)** at **7pm**. Free entry and light refreshments are provided, with any voluntary contributions being donated to St. Vincent De Paul society. If you don't have a team, you are welcome to join one of the others.

Indulgence

Because St Patrick is the patron of our parish church, we can gain a plenary indulgence by coming to Mass or visiting Our Lady & St Patrick's for private prayer on Tuesday.

This is granted on the usual conditions:

- That we reject sin
- That we go to Holy Communion.
- That we go to Confession (any time three weeks either side of Tuesday is permitted).
- That we pray for the Pope's intentions (an Our Father and Hail Mary would be sufficient).

ST JOSEPH'S DAY

Thursday (19th) is the feast of St Joseph. There will be Mass in Our Lady & St Patrick's at **10am**. As with St Patrick's Day on Tuesday and the feast of the Annunciation **next Wednesday (25th)** this is a day of celebration in the Church and a day off from our Lenten penances!

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HYMNS FOR MASS

Come and take the flesh of Christ
Which he gave to be our bread.
Drink the chalice of his blood
Which upon the cross he shed.

We who are redeemed and saved,
By his body and his blood,
Hail the saving sacred Host
Which he gave to be our food.

Giver of salvation, Lord
Christ, the Son of God most high,
Sacrificed to save the world,
Raised with him, we will not die.

Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
the one Eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

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

KNOCK PILGRIMAGE

Would you like to join the Down & Connor Annual Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine and stay overnight Saturday 13th to Sun 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

RASHARKIN CHARITY DANCE

Rasharkin Parish invite you to a St Patrick's night charity dance on **Tuesday** at **8.30pm** in **St Olcan's Hall** to raise funds for Rasharkin Community Family Support Hub. Music will be performed by Liam McLaughlin. A light supper will be provided. Admission £10 at the door.

MICHAEL ENGLISH CONCERT

Dunloy Parish are hosting an evening of faith, hope and inspiration with singer Michael English at St Joseph's church in Dunloy on **Friday 20th March** at **8pm** (doors open at 7). Tickets available online from **skiddle.com**, and from **Dunloy parish office**. For ticket enquiries or further information please contact **Oran** on **07729686440**

CALLED & GIFTED

Have you ever wondered what God would like you to do in your life? Called & Gifted is a course which helps us to discover what gifts God has given us - and then how we can use them to help others or share our faith. Next month we'll be starting the course in Ballymoney. It begins with a one day workshop to learn about the gifts and charisms God gives us and that takes place in our parish hall on **Saturday 18th April**. More information to follow in the coming weeks.