



THE HOLIEST WEEK OF THE YEAR

This week we once again follow Jesus and Mary through the events of his passion, death and resurrection. Our ceremonies help us feel close to the Lord. When we wave our blessed palms on Sunday we are like those who welcomed Jesus to Jerusalem. When we receive Holy Communion on Thursday we are among the apostles at the Last Supper. When we venerate the cross on Friday we are like Our Lady, St John and the women who stayed with Jesus as he died. And on Saturday night we celebrate the resurrection as the light of Christ defeats the darkness of death.

May God help us to participate fully in the ceremonies so that the saving love of Jesus can touch our hearts as deeply as possible.

WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Recently Deceased

Brendan Rafferty
George O'Kane, Armoy

Anniversaries

Thomas Carson, John Doherty Joseph Donaghy,
Paddy Kelly, Pat McConville, Winnie McCullagh,
Alphonsus McErlain, Brigid McErlain, Bridget McGinty,
Danny O'Connor, Daniel O'Loan, Mary Newman,
Stephen Shiels, Martin Turner

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 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.**

CONGRATULATIONS

to all the children of the parish who made their First Confession this week.

PARISH OFFICE

We warmly welcome our new Parish Support Officer, **Joanne Scally**, who started this week. The parish office hours will be **Mondays and Wednesdays 10am-2pm** from now on. We also thank **Bridgeen McNicholl** who has been providing administrative support for the last eighteen months. Bridgeen will now be working as secretary for the parishes of Portrush, Portstewart and St Malachy's, Coleraine.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

If you need our help please call us confidentially on **07860455549**. Our conference would like to thank those who supported the recent parish quiz - **£335** was donated to SVP.

TRÓCAIRE LENT APPEAL

Thank you for supporting the Trócaire Lent appeal. Please return your Trócaire box or donation envelope at Mass on **Thursday evening** or by going online to **www.trocaire.org**

GOOD FRIDAY FAST & ABSTINENCE

Good Friday is a Day of Fast and Abstinence for all Catholics in good health aged between 14 and 60. Those who are younger or older are encouraged to keep the fast and abstinence as far as possible on this solemn day.

- We **fast** by eating just one normal meal (and also one or two small snacks if necessary).
- We **abstain** by not eating meat at all.

GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNITY SERVICE

Once again Ballymoney Methodist Church are hosting a community prayer service on **Good Friday at 1pm**. Fr Damian and clergy from other churches will take part. Everyone is welcome to pray with our fellow Christians on this special day.

EASTER DAWN MASS

There will be a Dawn Mass on **Easter Sunday at 6am at Star of the Sea church in Portstewart**. Breakfast will be served after Mass and all are welcome to attend.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER CEREMONIES

Times for services and confessions in Ballymoney are found overleaf. The schedules for the other churches in our Causeway Family of Parishes can be found on our website.

HOLY WEEK 2026 AT OUR LADY & ST PATRICK'S

SUNDAY 29th MARCH PALM SUNDAY

9.30am Mass
*with procession led by
the the Do This In Memory children.*



MONDAY 30th MARCH 10am Mass

TUESDAY 31st MARCH
6-6.50pm Confessions
7pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction

WEDNESDAY 1st APRIL SPY WEDNESDAY

12noon Chrism Mass
*at St Peter's Cathedral in Belfast.
celebrated by Most Rev. Alan McGuckian,
Bishop of Down & Connor*

THURSDAY 2nd APRIL HOLY THURSDAY



7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
followed by watching at the Altar of Repose until 10pm.

Compline (Night Prayer) at 9.50pm

FRIDAY 3rd APRIL GOOD FRIDAY

DAY OF FAST & ABSTINENCE

1pm Community Prayer at Ballymoney Methodist

3pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion

*with the reading of St John's Passion
the Veneration of the Cross
and Holy Communion*



6-6.50pm Confessions

7pm Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY 4th APRIL HOLY SATURDAY

12noon - 1pm Confessions

9pm The Easter Vigil

*with the lighting of the Easter Fire
the blessing of Holy Water
and the First Mass of Easter.*



SUNDAY 5th APRIL EASTER SUNDAY

9.30am Solemn Mass
of the Resurrection



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HYMNS FOR MASS

Ride on! ride on in majesty!
Hark! all the tribes hosannas cry;
Thy humble beast pursues his road
With palms and scatter'd garments strowed

Ride on! ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquer'd sin

Ride on! ride on in majesty!
The angel armies of the sky;
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes
To see th' approaching sacrifice.

Hail Redeemer, King divine!
Priest and Lamb, the throne is thine;
King, whose reign shall never cease,
Prince of everlasting peace.

*Angels, saints and nations sing :
"Praise be Jesus Christ our King;
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary!"*

King most holy, King of truth,
guard the lowly, guide the youth;
Christ the King of glory bright,
be to us eternal light.

