



**JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY!**

Death has been defeated. The darkness of grief, sin and suffering has been pierced by the light of Christ. Jesus is alive, and he lives forever - alleluia!

At Easter, the Church gives us two beautiful symbols to help us grasp this extraordinary truth. The first is light – the Easter candle which represents Christ, the light of the world, piercing every darkness. And the second is water – the holy water blessed and sprinkled at Mass, symbolising the new life Jesus won for us.

These are not just Easter symbols. They were shared with each of us at our baptism too. Easter is our story as much as his. This Easter, say a fresh yes to the risen Lord. He is alive, and he wants you to live with him forever.



**THIS WEEK**

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

<b>SUNDAY 5th</b> Easter Sunday	9.30am Mass	
<b>MONDAY 6th</b>	10am Mass	
<b>WEDNESDAY 8th</b>	no Mass today 7pm Rosary	
<b>FRIDAY 10th</b>	6pm Adoration & Confession 7pm Mass	
<b>SATURDAY 11th</b>	5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass	

*Our Lady & St Patrick's church is open every day  
for private prayer - usually from 10am to 7pm.*

**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

**WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

**Recently Deceased**

Sheila Mulholland

**Anniversaries**

Joseph Getty, Frances & Kieran McKay, John McSheffrey,  
Patricia Maxwell, Kathleen Wallace, Robert (Bobbie) Wallace

**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.**

**EASTER VESPERS & BENEDICTION**

On **Easter Sunday evening** there will be Evening Prayer of the Church (Vespers) and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at **6pm** in **St Malachy's, Coleraine**. This is a lovely way to bring the Easter Triduum to a prayerful end.

**THANK YOU**

to the readers, ministers of Holy Communion, servers, choir members, florists, cleaners, photographers and everyone who helped make our Holy Week ceremonies so beautiful. Special thanks to our sacristan **Noel Burns** for all his good work.

**OPENING HOURS**

Now that the hour has gone forward **Our Lady & St Patrick's** church will usually be open for private prayer **until 7pm** on evenings when there is no Mass. On Fridays and Saturdays the church closes after Mass.



During the spring and summer months **the cemetery closes at sunset**. For reasons of safety and security the cemetery is closed during the hours of darkness. Please respect this and do not enter the cemetery at night.

**PARISH OFFICE**

The parish office will be **closed** on **Easter Monday** but will be **open** as usual on **Wednesday** from **10am-2pm**.

**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**

**CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP**

A Drama & Wellbeing Workshop for children aged 6-11 is being held in the parish hall on Thursday this week run by Harmony Arts and Wellbeing and Be Unique Drama and Dance School.

What children will enjoy:

- Fun drama games & creative acting
- Confidence and self-expression activities
- Friendship, teamwork & wellbeing skills
- A safe, welcoming and supportive environment

It takes place in the parish hall on **Thursday 9th April** from **10am-12noon**. The cost will £20 per child.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

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

**GOING TO CONFESSION**

All Catholics should go to confession at least once a year during the Lent or Easter seasons. But we can sometimes be nervous about it - especially if we haven't been for a while. There's no need to be afraid though! We have an **easy guide to going confession** on our parish website. Scan this QR code to read it.



**PARISH OF BALLYMONEY & DERRYKEIGHAN**

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**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.*

**COMING HOME TO THE CHURCH**

Easter is a time when many people come home to the Church. The Good News that Jesus has died for our sins and risen again, and that he wants to share his life with us through his Church is an invitation to everyone to come and be part of our parish family.

If you are someone who doesn't normally pray or worship with us we want to welcome you here today. If you would like to find out more about becoming a Catholic come and have a word with Fr Damian or contact the parish by email, phone or Facebook. If you are a Catholic who wants to start practicing again it's as easy as making a good confession and coming back to Mass each weekend! Fr Damian can help you with that too - feel free to get in touch.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

Next Sunday (12th) is **Divine Mercy Sunday**. A Holy Hour will take place that afternoon at **St Malachy's in Coleraine** at **2pm** (with confessions available) followed by a special **Mass** at **3pm**.

**REGINA CAELI**

During the Easter season the *Regina Caeli* prayer is traditionally prayed instead of the Angelus at 12 noon 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.