



**THE FEAST OF GOD'S MERCY**

On the evening of the first Easter Sunday, the risen Jesus appeared to his frightened disciples who had locked themselves away in fear. He showed them his wounds — the marks of the nails and the lance — as proof of his love and the guarantee of his mercy. Then he breathed the Holy Spirit upon them and gave them the power to forgive sins in his name, laying the foundation of the sacrament of confession.

This is why we celebrate the feast of Divine Mercy today. The wounds of Jesus are the very source of that mercy, and the sacrament of confession is how we receive it. Jesus promised St Faustina that his greatest miracles take place in that sacrament. Let us make it a regular part of our lives.

**THIS WEEK**

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

<b>SUNDAY 12th</b>	9.30am Mass
Divine Mercy Sunday	
<b>MONDAY 13th</b>	no Mass today
<b>WEDNESDAY 15th</b>	10am Mass 7pm Rosary
<b>FRIDAY 17th</b>	no Mass or Confessions today
<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**

James McClements, Dunloy

**Anniversaries**

Christopher Dunlop, Christina Durkan, Catherine Greene, Joseph Greene, Veronica Greene, Jimmy McGreevy, Dan McKinley

**REQUIESCAT IN PACE**



**CONGRATULATIONS**

to the family of **Sady Kelly** who was baptised here last Sunday.



**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.**

**OPENING HOURS**

Now that the hour has gone forward **Our Lady & St Patrick's** church is usually 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.

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Just a reminder that any names for the bulletin should be posted through the front door of the parochial house or sent in by email or Facebook message. Please don't leave notes in the church as these are liable to get lost or end up in the wrong place!

To request an anniversary Mass on a particular date please speak to Fr Damian in the sacristy before or after Mass a few weeks in advance so that we can check the diary and confirm the date.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

This Sunday is **Divine Mercy Sunday**. A plenary indulgence is granted on Sunday when the Divine Mercy image is venerated at Mass and the priest preaches about God's mercy. The indulgence carries the usual conditions:

- That we reject and regret our sins.
- That we go to Confession within three weeks either side of today.
- That we go to Holy Communion.
- That we pray for the Pope's intentions (an Our Father and Hail Mary would suffice).

When we receive the indulgence with a sincere heart our sins are not only forgiven but all the penance and justice they deserve is forgotten by God. We become as pure as we were on the day of our baptism once again.

Indulgences are granted on different occasions throughout the year. Often the only thing that prevents us from receiving them is that we haven't made a good confession recently. If you need help making confession we have a guide on our website - just check this QR code.



**DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR**

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

**OLD & NEW@No.5**

Our parish shop has all sorts of gifts on offer. This week we've everything from Staffordshire figurines, large crystal jugs, lovely tea sets and Doulton figurines to boxing hares, tin men and bunny rabbits!

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**. Thank you to everyone who supports our collections throughout the year.

**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! Divine Mercy weekend is the perfect time to take that step. Fr Damian can help you with that too - feel free to get in touch.

**EUCCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK**

Next **Sunday (19th)** the National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock takes place. The day includes opportunities for adoration and confession, religious talks and Mass with a Eucharistic procession and Benediction. A special programme for teenagers is also available. Further details on **www.eucharisticadoration.ie**

There will be a number of buses leaving from our diocese to Knock for the pilgrimage, Ring **Una** for a place on the bus leaving Toome on **07743575969** or for buses from Belfast ring **Patricia** on **07972103130** or **Patrick** on **07963581543**.

**PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS**

Mondays & Wednesdays 10am-2pm.

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**HYMNS FOR MASS**

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!	Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!	endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!	angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!	kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.
	<i>Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,</i>
Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!	<i>endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.</i>
Unto Christ, our heavenly king, Alleluia!	
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!	Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!	lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
	let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing
But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!	for the Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!	<i>Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,</i>
Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!	<i>endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.</i>
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!	