



# Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

2nd March 2025  
Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

## TEMPERANCE SUNDAY

In Ireland the Sunday before Lent starts is traditionally *Temperance Sunday*. As we consider what we'll be giving up for the six weeks of Lent, we pray for those who are suffering through alcohol or substance addiction and their families and friends.

But nowadays there are other things which can trap us in bad habits or compulsions that are hard to break (these include gambling and pornography). And technology has introduced new issues as well. We can find it difficult to turn off phones, computers or TVs. Lent is a good time to go off or at least limit our use of the things that distract us from what really matters - love of God, love of others, and care for ourselves.



## THIS WEEK

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

<b>SATURDAY 1st</b>	5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
<b>SUNDAY 2nd</b>	9.30am Mass 4.30-4.50pm Confessions 5pm Mass
<b>MONDAY 3rd</b>	10am Mass
<b>TUESDAY 4th</b>	7pm Holy Face Novena
<b>WEDNESDAY 5th</b> Ash Wednesday	10am Mass 6pm Rosary 7pm Mass
<b>FRIDAY 7th</b> First Friday	6pm Holy Hour with Confessions 7pm Novena Mass

*Our Lady & St Patrick's is open every day for private prayer - usually from 10am to 4.30pm.*

## Other Sunday Masses in the Causeway Family of Parishes:

Saturday 5pm	-	Portstewart
Saturday 6.30pm	-	St Malachy's, Coleraine
Sunday 10am	-	Portstewart
Sunday 11am	-	St Malachy's, Coleraine
Sunday 12noon	-	Portrush

## WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

### Anniversaries

James Doherty, Eamon Fitzpatrick, John Kelly, Nellie Kelly, Arthur McConville, Shaun McVeigh, Ann Martin, Patricia O'Mullan

## 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.

## OLD & NEW@No.5

There are lots of new and popular items in this week and lots of nice pre-loved items too! Our Parish Shop is open **Wednesday to Saturday 10am-4.30pm** at 5 Gate End Ballymoney. You can also keep in touch with us and see photos of our current stock on our Facebook page @oldandnewatno5

## HOLY FACE NOVENA

This Tuesday marks the final session of our novena to the Holy Face of Jesus which has been running for the last nine months. All welcome in the church at 7pm on Tuesday for the novena and a time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Many thanks to Peter Burns for organising this novena.

## ST PATRICK'S EVE CONCERT

As part of our parish bicentenary celebrations, there will be a St Patrick's concert on **Sunday 16th March** at 7pm in the parish hall. A wee taste of Irish stew will be served too! Come and join us for an evening of music and celebration for our patron saint!



## THE SEASON OF LENT

During the next six weeks we are invited to take up extra prayer, fasting and almsgiving so that we can grow spiritually and be ready to celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus at Easter.

## ASH WEDNESDAY

Our Masses in Ballymoney will be at **10am** and **7pm**.

Wednesday is a **Day of Fast and Abstinence** for all Catholics in good health aged between 14 and 60.

- 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.

Masses in our neighbouring parishes on Wednesday:

7am	St Malachy's, Coleraine
9.30am	Portstewart
10am	St Malachy's, Coleraine
10.30am	Portrush
1.30pm	University (E102B - Riverside Suite)
7pm	St Malachy's, Coleraine
7pm	Portstewart



Ashes will also be available (without Mass) from the chapel of the Causeway Hospital from 12.30-1.15pm.

## EARLY MORNING MASS IN COLERAINE

Each **weekday of Lent** (beginning this Wednesday) an early morning Mass will be celebrated at **7am** in **St Malachy's in Coleraine**. This Mass is being organised jointly by the priests of Coleraine, Ballymoney and Portstewart. Why not come regularly as part of your Lenten commitment?

## TRÓCAIRE LENT APPEAL

Please pick up a Trócaire pack at Mass. The pack contains a box plus details of how give by cheque, phone or online.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross and Benediction will be prayed in Our Lady & St Patrick's each Tuesday of Lent at **7pm**, beginning **next Tuesday (March 11th)**.

## LENTEN PLEDGE

Many people choose to give up alcohol for Lent. You can offer up this penance as a prayer for those who suffer through alcoholism. If you do, why not make this daily prayer:

*I promise in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to abstain from all alcoholic drink during Lent.*

## TAIZÉ PRAYER

There will be a time of prayer and meditation on the scripture with reflective music on **Wednesday 12th March** at **7pm**.

## ONLINE BIBLE COURSE

The Book of Genesis is a fascinating book, with some of the most memorable characters and stories in the Bible. This Lent **Kieran Hill** invites you to join him in looking at these stories and characters to help us understand God and His relationship to Humanity. We will be using the new book *Reading Genesis* by Marilynne Robinson as our guide.

The course runs on **Thursdays** during Lent beginning **6th March**. It will take place **online** from **7-8.30pm**. To register for the course and order the book please contact Kieran Hill [kc.hill@btinternet.com](mailto:kc.hill@btinternet.com) or **07964 287 839**.

## DUNLOY MISSION

Dunloy & Cloughmills Parish are hosting a Healing Mission with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal next month. The mission runs **Monday 10th - Thursday 13th March**. Each day there will be Mass at **6.15am** and **10am** with a mission session each evening at **7pm**. All services take place at St Joseph's church in Dunloy.

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Our parish SVP conference continues to support our local community, and we do this in the strictest confidence. If you are in need and would like our help please do not hesitate to get in touch on **07860 455 549**.

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## HYMNS FOR MASS

Be still for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy One, is here.  
Come bow before Him now  
with reverence and fear.  
In Him in no sin is found,  
we stand on holy ground.  
Be still for the Presence of the Lord,  
the Holy One is here.

Be still for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around.  
He burns with holy fire,  
with splendour he is crowned.  
How awesome is the sight,  
our radiant King of light.  
Be still for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around.

Holy God, we praise thy Name!  
Lord of all, we bow before thee;  
All on earth thy sceptre claim,  
All in heav'n above adore thee;  
Infinite thy vast domain,  
Everlasting is thy reign.

Hark! the loud celestial hymn  
Angel choirs above are raising;  
Cherubim and Seraphim  
In unceasing chorus praising,  
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord!