



Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

5th MARCH 2023
Second Sunday of Lent



THE TRANSFIGURATION

In the second week of Lent we hear the Gospel of the Transfiguration of Jesus. In a wonderful moment at the top of a mountain Jesus was briefly transfigured. He shone with the glory of God, the voice of the Father was heard, and the saints of the Old Testament appeared. Truly Christ was the Son of God!

But this moment soon passed. Soon Jesus and his friends descended and found the other apostles trying to deal with a difficult situation. And in a short while, Jesus would be heading to Jerusalem where his passion and death awaited him. The point of the Transfiguration was that it would be a source of hope amidst the difficulties of normal life. As we face the difficulties of our lives, let's ask God to give us hope for the future and a glimpse of his divine love.

THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 4th	5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
SUNDAY 5th	10am Mass 4.30-4.50pm Confessions 5pm Mass
MONDAY 6th	10am Mass
TUESDAY 7th	7pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction
WEDNESDAY 8th	10am Mass
FRIDAY 10th	6-6.40pm Confessions 7pm Mass

Our Lady & St Patrick's is open every day from 10am to 4.30pm.

Other Sunday Masses in this area

Saturday 5pm - Portstewart
Saturday 6pm - St Malachy's, Coleraine
Sunday 10am - Portstewart
Sunday 11am - St Malachy's, Coleraine
Sunday 12noon - Portrush

WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Anniversaries

Deacon Hugh Robinson, Portrush

Anniversaries

James Doherty, Eamon Fitzpatrick, James Kearney, Gerald Kelly, John Kelly, Thomas-John Kelly, Nellie Kelly, Arthur McConville, Johnnie McConville, James Mooney, Elizabeth Mulvenna, Patricia O'Mullan, Edward O'Neill, Kathleen Quigg, Ellen (Nellie) Rogers

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.**

LENT DEVOTIONS

Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be celebrated each **Tuesday** of Lent at **7pm**.

MASS IN DERVOCK

There will be no First Tuesday Mass in Dervock during Lent. Instead there will be a special Mass on Saturday March 25th at 10am, the feast of the Annunciation. More details to follow...

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

If you need our help please call us confidentially on **07860455549**. For more information about the work of our conference you can speak to any of our members. We would like to thank parishioners for your very generous ongoing support.



OLD & NEW@NO.5

Our parish shop is open Wednesday- Saturday 10.00am-4.30pm and you'll find it at 5 Gate End, Ballymoney. Check them out on Facebook too @oldandnewatno5

EARLY MORNING MASS IN COLERAINE

On the weekdays of Lent an early morning Mass is celebrated at **7am** in **St Malachy's, Coleraine**. This Mass is being organised jointly by the priests of Ballymoney, Portstewart, Portrush and Coleraine, (Fr Damian will be celebrating the Mass on **Tuesday** this week). Why not come along as part of your Lenten commitment?

LENT SCRIPTURE PRAYER IN PORTSTEWART

Portstewart parish are offering a time of prayer with the scriptures (*Lectio Divina*) on **Thursday evenings** at **8pm** in the Marian Hall behind the Star of the Sea church (access through side door of the church).

A second prayer session takes place on **Friday mornings** at **10am** (after 9.30am Mass) using music, images and prayer to help us reflect on the Word of God for each of the Sundays in Lent.

RALLY FOR LIFE

Please join us and be a voice for the unborn child as we march for life on next Saturday (**11th March**) gathering in Custom House Square, Belfast, at **2pm**. Buses to the Rally leaving from various locations. For further information please contact Precious Life on 07592280522 or 02890278484. Email info@preciouslife.com

A Mass for Life will be celebrated in St Patrick's Church, Donegall Street, Belfast on Saturday at **12.30pm**, in advance of the Rally for Life at **2pm**.

TRÓCAIRE LENT APPEAL

Trócaire provides support to areas in great need around the world, empowers peoples in these areas to develop skills and abilities to cope with crises, and creates greater awareness of global issues in Ireland. With your donation to their Lenten campaigns, Trócaire can continue its life-changing work and bring hope and joy to those with whom they are privileged to work.

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DOWN & CONNOR LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will run in July this year. Our pilgrimage includes the celebration of Masses, including at the Grotto; celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick and Reconciliation; participation in the Blessed Sacrament and Candlelight processions and the Way of the Cross. There is plenty of free time for your own personal prayer, to relax, and to explore the town of Lourdes.



Five night pilgrimages (**12th-17th July**) cost **£769** and six nights (**11th-17th July**) **£829**. Fares are inclusive of return flights from Belfast International Airport, transfers from and to Lourdes Airport, full-board accommodation, courier services and other taxes. A deposit of **£200** per person is required at the time of booking, with the balance payable approximately 8 weeks before departure.

There are special arrangements for sick pilgrims and those needing assistance. Young adults aged between 17 and 24 are invited to join the Youth Team (**£690**).

For more information speak to Fr Damian after Mass. To request a booking application, or with further queries, please contact the Pilgrimage Office on (028) 9077 0162 or email us: lourdes@downandconnor.org

Appeal for Nurses

The Down & Connor Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes is seeking volunteer registered nurses for our pilgrimage from **12th** to **17th July**.

Working with other volunteer doctors and nurses in a specially designed care setting, you will be part of a very special and faith filled community.

For more information, please email your contact details to lourdes@downandconnor.org

HYMNS FOR MASS

Forty days and forty nights
Thou was fasting in the wild;
Forty days and forty nights
Tempted, and yet undefiled.

Shall not we thy sorrow share
And from earthly joys abstain,
Fasting with unceasing prayer,
glad with thee to suffer pain?

And with satan vexing sore
Flesh or spirit should assail,
Thou his vanquisher before
Grant we may not faint or fail!

So shall we have peace divine;
Holier gladness ours shall be;
Round us, too, shall angels shine,
Such as ministered to thee

God of mercy and compassion,
Look with pity upon me,
Father let me call Thee Father,
'Tis thy child returns to Thee. R.

*R. Jesus Lord, I ask for mercy;
Let me not implore in vain;
All my sins, I now detest them,
Never will I sin again.*

See our Saviour, bleeding, dying
On the cross of Calvary.
To that cross my sins have nailed him,
Yet he bleeds and dies for me. R.