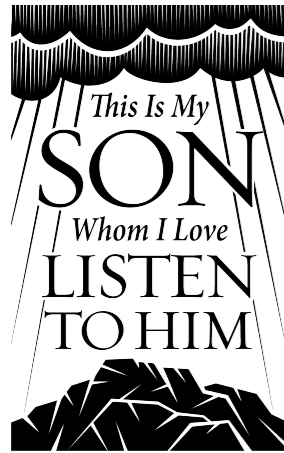




Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

16th March 2025
Second Sunday of Lent



THE TRANSFIGURATION

In today's Gospel Jesus revealed his divine glory to Peter, James, and John on the mountaintop after foretelling his suffering and death. This glimpse of his divinity gave them hope amid their fears.

The Church gives us this Gospel during Lent to remind us that our struggles are temporary. Whether we're facing simple Lenten sacrifices or life's heavier burdens Jesus offers us hope. We find this hope in prayer, especially before the Blessed Sacrament, and in serving others despite our own troubles. When we help others, God's light increases for everyone, and we receive more hope than we've given. Let's stay close to Jesus as we carry our crosses, trusting that he leads us toward eternal joy.

THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 15th	5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
SUNDAY 16th	9.30am Mass 4.30-4.50pm Confessions 5pm Vigil Mass
MONDAY 17th	10am Mass St Patrick's Day
TUESDAY 18th	7pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction
WEDNESDAY 19th	10am Mass St Joseph's Day 6pm Rosary
FRIDAY 20th	6-6.40pm Confessions 7pm 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

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.



WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Recently Deceased

Irene Coyles
Patrick McSeveney

Anniversaries

John Devine, Fiona Genovese, Brendan Kearney, Winifrid Lagan, Annie McKinley, Brigid McNamee, Bernadette Muldoon, Annie O'Reilly, Mary O'Reilly

REQUIESCAT IN PACE



On Monday we celebrate the feast of St Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. It is a holy day of obligation.

Masses

The Vigil Mass for the feast will be on **Sunday at 5pm** and the Mass on **Monday** will be at **10am**.

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!

Indulgence

Because St Patrick is the patron of our parish church, we can gain a plenary indulgence by coming to Mass or visiting Our Lady & St Patrick's for private prayer on Monday.

This is granted on the usual conditions:

- That we reject sin
- That we go to Holy Communion.
- That we go to Confession (three weeks either side of next Sunday)
- That we pray for the Pope's intentions (an Our Father and Hail Mary would be sufficient).

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

Not only do we have a nice choice of hares in the shop this week but there are lots of other items in this week, from lamps, pictures, figurines and small furnishings including a small couch and button back chair!

Check out our new range of metal ducks and owls our large X and Os sets and our selection of miniature enamel boxes.

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

LENT DEVOTIONS

Stations of the Cross and Benediction will be prayed on Tuesday at 7pm.



EARLY MORNING MASS IN COLERAINE

Each **weekday of Lent** an early morning Mass is celebrated at **7am** in **St Malachy's** in **Coleraine**. This Mass is being organised jointly by the priests of Coleraine, Ballymoney and Portstewart. Fr Damian will be saying the Mass on Tuesday and Thursday this week.

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HYMNS FOR MASS

Jesus, remember me,
when you come into your kingdom.

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.

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.

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.

TRUTH RECOVERY INDEPENDENT PANEL

If you or a family member have been affected by a Mother and Baby Home Institution, Magdalene Laundry, or Workhouse, the Truth and Recovery programme would like to hear from you. For more information please speak to Fr Damian or check: www.independentpanel.truthrecoveryni.co.uk

DO THIS IN MEMORY

We welcome the First Holy Communion children and their families at **9.30** on Sunday for our monthly *Do This In Memory* Mass. After Mass the children and their families are invited over to the parish hall for arts and crafts activities and refreshments. The next *Do This In Memory* Mass will be on **Sunday 13th April** (Palm Sunday) at **9.30am**.

YOUNG ADULT COURSE

Sycamore is a five-week programme for 18-30yr-olds, discussing our faith and helping us to move from being mere spectators to being fully committed disciples of Jesus. This Tuesday they will be looking at theme 'The Existence of God'. It takes place each Tuesday during Lent in the Marian Hall, at Star of the Sea church in Portstewart from 7.30-9.00pm - and it begins with some food!

SHORT DAILY PRAYERS FOR LENT

I believe in God, I hope in God,
I love God.

I am sorry for having offended God.

Sacred Heart of Jesus
I believe in your love for me.

Sacred Heart of Jesus
I believe you love me now.

Sacred Heart of Jesus,
I place all my trust in thee.

