



Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

23rd March 2025
Third Sunday of Lent

GOD'S COVENANT WITH US

In the first reading today we hear about one of the most crucial moments in the Old Testament - when Moses first met God. Moses' attention was grabbed by a burning bush that was aflame and yet was not being burnt up. When he went closer he heard the voice of God and he discovered that the Lord is someone who can be known and loved.



And at this time God reveals to Moses his plan - he will save his people Israel and they in turn will worship him. This is the covenant, the great 'deal' that God gives Israel. But this is only a preparation for the new covenant that Jesus comes to bring. He offers all people the chance to become the children of God. He promises he will save us through his death and resurrection. And all he asks of us is our faith, hope and love. Lent reminds us of God's offer - let's make sure we accept it!

THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 22nd	5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Vigil Mass
SUNDAY 23rd	9.30am Mass 4.30-4.50pm Confessions 5pm Mass
MONDAY 24th	10am Mass
TUESDAY 25th The Annunciation	7pm Mass & Benediction
WEDNESDAY 26th	10am Mass 6pm Rosary 7pm Service of Light 8pm Taizé Prayer
THURSDAY 27th	11am First Confession
FRIDAY 28th	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

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

Brian McGothigan

Anniversaries

Joseph & Ethel Deeney, John Doherty, Joseph Donaghy, Genevieve Elizabeth (Joan) McAteer, Pat McGarry, Gerry McGuigan, Daniel O'Connor, Marie & Sean Scullion, Eric Turner

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

Lots of our rabbits, hares, stags, ducks and dogs (including a pair of our large standing dogs) have all got exciting new homes this week and others hope it'll be their turn soon!

Check out our highland cow wall art, our pairs of bamboo tables, and a selection of beautiful old tea sets. We also have a nice selection of crystal, small tables, pictures, doultons and other ceramics so if you get a chance, give us a call this week!

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

NEW GROUNDSKEEPER

We welcome **Mario Burns**, our new parish groundskeeper, who took up his appointment this week. We wish him all the best for his employment.

FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Tuesday is the feast of the Annunciation when we celebrate the visit of the Angel Gabriel to Mary, her willingness to become the Mother of God and the conception of Jesus. We will have **Mass and Benediction at 7pm on Tuesday** (and don't forget that it's a day off Lent too!)

SACRAMENTS

This week our children who will be making their confirmation in April will be celebrating their preparatory **Service of Light** on **Wednesday**. On **Thursday** the Primary 3s will be making their **First Confession**. We keep all the children and their families in our prayers at this time.

TAIZÉ PRAYER

On Wednesday at 8pm we will have another Taizé prayer service for Lent. This is a time of prayer with scripture readings, periods of silent meditation and simple chanted hymns. It is a chance to experience a more reflective style of worship.

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 this week.

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.

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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.

FORTY HOURS

As part of our celebrations of the Jubilee year, our local family of parishes will be holding Forty Hours of Eucharistic Adoration. Organised jointly by the parishes of Coleraine, Ballymoney, Portrush and Portstewart, it will run from **7am on Thursday 3rd April to 11pm on Friday 4th** at St Malachy's, Coleraine. The Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist will be exposed continuously for private prayer and adoration day and night. You're welcome to call in to St Malachy's for prayer at any time during the forty hours and you can stay as long or as short a time as you wish. There will also be special Masses and opportunities for confession.



To help organise this Forty Hours of prayer we need volunteers who will agree to be in St Malachy's for an hour at a time so that there is no point when the Blessed Sacrament is left unattended. If you can commit to an hour at any point during the forty hours, please contact Portstewart Parish Office on 02870832534 between **10am-3pm** on a **Monday, Thursday or Friday** to sign up for one of the hours.

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.

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. 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.

