



Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

30th March 2025
Fourth Sunday of Lent
Laetare Sunday

REJOICE IN THE FATHER'S LOVE

Today we celebrate Laetare Sunday, a moment of joy midway through our Lenten journey. The rose vestments remind us that even in a season of penance, God's love brings light and hope. In the parable of the Prodigal Son, we see this divine love beautifully illustrated—a father who runs to embrace his wayward child, celebrating his return without question or condition.

This is how God loves each of us. Not waiting for perfection, not counting our mistakes, but always ready to welcome us home with open arms. As we continue our Lenten journey, let us rejoice in this truth: no matter how far we wander, we are always welcomed back. God's mercy transforms us into a "new creation," loved completely and unconditionally.



WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Recently Deceased

Rita McWilliams, Kilrea

Anniversaries

Thomas Carson, William Francis (Frankie) McAteer, Pat McConville, Winnie McCullagh, Alphonsus McErlain, Brigid McErlain, James McGreevy, Frances McKay, Kieran McKay, Ena McKendrey, John McSheffrey, Kathleen Montgomery, Mary Neman, Daniel O'Loan, Stephen Shiels, Martin Turner, Kathleen Wallace

REQUIESCAT IN PACE



CONGRATULATIONS

to the children who made their First Confession on Thursday.

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

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 view photos of some of our stock on our Facebook page [@oldandnewatno5](#)

FORTY HOURS

As part of our celebrations of the Jubilee year, our local family of parishes are 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.

Thursday 3rd April

7am Opening Mass
7.30am Opening Devotions & Benediction
10am Mass
7pm Penitential Service

Friday 4th April

3am Guided Holy Hour
7am Mass
10am Mass
7pm Guided Holy Hour with Stations of the Cross
10.30pm Closing Devotions & Benediction

The rest of the time will be for quiet prayer and adoration. You can call in at any time to spend as long or as short period of prayer as you wish. The most important thing to do is simply to come. If you are uncertain what to do or how to begin, just come. Christ is waiting to shower you with mercy and grace. You just have to show up to receive it! After entering the church, bless yourself with holy water; genuflect and kneel in a pew. Then quietly wait and allow the Lord to love you and minister to your needs.

Feel free to sit at any time. You can talk with Him, tell Him you love Him and thank Him. You can ask Jesus for help, or share your worries and your joys. You can read the Bible, pray a rosary, or do whatever type of quiet, prayerful devotion that suits you before Our Lord. You can just sit and say nothing, simply keeping him company. Don't let worries over how to pray stop you from coming, just being there will have an effect on you!



FIRST FRIDAY NOVENA

Our First Friday novena continues with Mass and novena prayers on **Friday at 7pm**. This month there will not be a Holy Hour beforehand due to the Forty Hours taking place in Coleraine.

MASS IN DERVOCK

Our monthly Mass in Our Lady & St John the Evangelist church in Dervock will be a week later than normal - **Saturday 12th April at 9.30am**. There will also be Mass in Dervock on Easter Tuesday.

TRÓCAIRE LENT APPEAL

There are still some Trócaire packs available at the back of the church. The pack contains a collection box plus details of how to give by cheque, phone or online. Trócaire boxes should be returned to the church on Holy Thursday evening (**18th April**).



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 18-30 year 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 **7.30-9pm** - and it begins with some food!

THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 29th 5.30-5.50pm Confessions
6pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 30th 9.30am Mass
4.30-4.50pm Confessions
5pm Mass

MONDAY 31st 10am Mass

TUESDAY 1st 7pm Stations of the Cross
& Benediction

WEDNESDAY 2nd 10am Mass
6pm Rosary

THURSDAY 3rd - FRIDAY 4th *Forty Hours at St Malachy's, Coleraine*

FRIDAY 4th 6.30-6.50pm 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

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**.



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HYMNS FOR MASS

Come and take the flesh of Christ
Which he gave to be our bread.
Drink the chalice of his blood
Which upon the cross he shed.

We who are redeemed and saved,
By his body and his blood,
Hail the saving sacred Host
Which he gave to be our food.

Giver of salvation, Lord
Christ, the Son of God most high,
Sacrificed to save the world,
Raised with him, we will not die.

Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
the one Eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.