



Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

6th April 2025
Fifth Sunday of Lent

THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS

We have reached the fifth Sunday of Lent and the beginning of Passiontide, the last part of this penitential season. Our thoughts increasingly turn to the death and resurrection of Jesus. In the Church our statues and crosses are veiled until the great Easter Vigil ceremony.

One vital preparation for Easter is to make sure we've been to confession and had our sins forgiven. In the Gospel Jesus teaches the Jews how God's mercy extends both to those who have sinned publicly (like the woman caught in adultery) and those whose sins are in their hearts (like the pharisees). God knows how we too have sinned and he longs to forgive us and restore us to holiness. Let's receive the grace he offers us in confession so that we can be holy and happy for Easter!



WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Anniversaries

Winnie Fleming, Joseph Getty, Paddy Kelly, Mary McClements, Bridget McGinty, Dan McKinley, Mavis McVeigh, Patricia Maxwell, May McWilliams, Bobby Wallace

REQUIESCAT IN PACE



CONFIRMATION

We pray for the Primary 7 children of our parish who will be receiving the **Sacrament of Confirmation** on **Friday morning**.

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.

LENT DEVOTIONS

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



On **Wednesday** at **7pm** 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.

MASS IN DERVOCK

Our monthly Mass in Our Lady & St John the Evangelist church in Dervock will be on **Saturday 12th April** at **9.30am**.

EARLY MORNING MASS IN COLERAINE

Each **weekday of Lent** an early morning Mass is celebrated at **7am** in **St Malachy's** in **Coleraine** for our Causeway Family of Parishes. 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

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**).



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!

PALM SUNDAY

Next Sunday (**13th**) is **Palm Sunday**. Our 9.30am Mass is the monthly *Do This In Memory* Mass and we invite all the children present to take part in the palm procession at the start of Mass. After Mass children and their families are invited over to the parish hall for easter arts and crafts (and there will be refreshments for parents and family too!).

PARISH BICENTENARY EVENTS

2025 marks the two hundredth anniversary of the founding of Ballymoney parish. During the year we will be marking this milestone in a number of ways. These include:

Crowning Our Lady with Good Deeds

From Easter weekend on we are inviting everyone in the parish to do a special extra good deed to help others in honour of Our Lady. You can choose something that seems appropriate to you. When you've done it we'll ask you to write it down on a special tag which will be added to the crown which we will use for our May crowning of Our Lady's statue. More details soon!

May Pilgrimage to Moneyglass

By popular request we're organising another pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Moneyglass on the evening of **Friday 30th May**. This time parishioners from Coleraine, Portrush and Portstewart will be joining us for an evening of prayer in that beautiful shrine.

Bicentenary Mass

Bishop Alan McGuckian will be visiting the parish on the evening of **Friday 13th June** to celebrate a special Mass to mark our bicentenary.

A number of other events and projects are being planned for later in the year as well. Thank you to the members of the Parish Pastoral Council and other volunteers who are coordinating these special events.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to all our Ballymoney parishioners who took part in the **Forty Hours** devotion for our Causeway Family of Parishes last week. We had two beautiful days in St Malachy's in Coleraine and it was great to see so many of our own parishioners attending the Masses, holy hours, the penitential service or just calling in to spend some time in quiet prayer. Some people have already shared about prayers and intentions being answered after taking part. There will no doubt be many more blessings to come!

THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY 5th 5.30-5.50pm Confessions
6pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 6th 9.30am Mass
4.30-4.50pm Confessions
5pm Mass

MONDAY 7th 10am Mass

TUESDAY 8th 7pm Stations of the Cross
& Benediction

WEDNESDAY 9th 10am Mass
6pm Rosary
7pm Taizé Prayer

FRIDAY 11th 10.30am Confirmation
6-6.40pm Confessions
7pm Mass

SATURDAY 12th 9.30am Mass in Dervock

Our Lady & St Patrick's is open every day for private prayer - usually from 10am to 7pm.

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

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.

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.

