

MAYOBRIDGE PARISH BULLETIN

Sunday 9th March 2025

First Sunday of Lent Cycle C



Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there.

Luke 4:1-13

DAY/ DATE March	TIME	ANNIVERSARIES All Masses streamed live from the Church Webcam	READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Sat 8 th	6.00pm	Mickey Burns, St Anne's Park Patrick Burns, Lisburn	Roisin Woods	Bridghe McPolin Laura McPolin
Sun 9 th	10.30am 8.00pm	Patrick McGlade, Cullion Road STATIONS OF THE CROSS John Paul 11 Group	Darran Rooney	Lena Smyth Veronica Ward
Mon 10 th	7.30pm	Perpetual Novena to St Anne		
Tues 11 th	10.30am	Patsy Magee, Mayo Road		
Wed 12 th	10.30am	Sr Perpetua McArdle		
Thur 13 th	7.30pm	Hugo McClorey, Whinnbloom Villas		
Fri 14 th	10.30am	Mass		
Sat 15 th	6.00pm	Declan Small, Mayo Road John, Mary Ann & Paddy McKevitt, Carnmeen Mary & Paul Heard, England	Mary Gallagher	Goretti Gallagher Sr Rosemary
Sun 16 th	10.30am 7.00pm	Michael & Margaret McNally & Deceased Family, Riverside Terrace STATIONS OF THE CROSS Rosary & Prayer Groups	Ann Fitzpatrick	Mary O'Hare Sally Gribben

⇒ **Because of the Concert on Sunday 9th March, Stations of the Cross will be at 8pm instead of 7pm.** ⇨

PARISH OFFICE - Open Monday & Thursday 9.00am to 3.00pm.

028 3085 0270 Answering Service & Email available.

To book Anniversaries contact Parish Office or mayobridgeparish@dromorediocese.org

Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals phone **Monsignor Hugh Connolly 07990096724**

Fr Zeb Obasi MSP 07570342290

Bulletin News to [Parish Office](#) by Wednesday

Parish Website: www.mayobridgeparish.com Parish Webcam available here.

Information for parish website email: website@mayobridgeparish.com

Baptisms will be every 4th Sunday of the month at 12.30pm

RECENTLY DECEASED We pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Peggy Keenan, Bavan Road** and **Eileen Rooney, Rostrevor**, wife of the late Frank, Ballyvalley, and for **Anne Smith, Flagstaff Road**, sister of Lily Fegan. May they rest in peace.

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT. Thank you for your support of the Parish for last week Sunday 2nd March £724.51. The number of Envelopes and/or Direct Debits returned were 108. The number of Envelopes allocated is 310. Envelopes can be returned to Convent Front Door. Thank you sincerely for your generosity to your parish whether by weekly envelope, Direct Debit, Contactless payment or covenant.

Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament



Monday & Thursday
during Lent
from 6.15pm to
7.15pm

Holy Hour Novena in honour of **Jesus Divine Mercy** in Mayobridge Chapel on Sunday 9th March at 3pm.

CYSTIC FIBROSIS TRUST

Fundraising Evening on Saturday 15th March from 7.30pm in Mayobridge Social Club. All proceeds to CFT.
Contact *Brian McVeigh* 07821434446

GRAVEYARD NOTICE Before any work may commence on any grave you are required to contact the Parish Office.

Forget-Me-Not Dementia Cafe at the Whistledown Hotel.

An invitation sponsored by the Whistledown Hotel is given to people with memory loss, their families and carers. Come along for refreshments, entertainment and activities in a safe environment. **If you are living alone and would like to join us please feel free to come.** The next gathering will take place on Tuesday March 11th from 2.30 – 4pm. All welcome. Please just turn up on the day.

Scripture Reflection - There will be a meeting of the Prayer Group to reflect on the Sunday Gospel every Wednesday night during Lent at 7.30pm in the Convent. It will begin March 12th for the next 5 weeks and end on April 9th. Please bring your Bibles. *Everyone is welcome and we always welcome new members.*

Mayobridge GAC Five Year Strategic Plan

Mayobridge GAC invites all members of our community to attend the unveiling of their **Five Year Strategic Plan** – a vision for the future of our club and community, this **Tuesday 11th March at 7pm in Mayobridge Social Club.** We will be honoured to have **GAA President, Jarlath Burns** launch this exciting initiative. *Everyone welcome.*

Parish Hall Bookings:

Thomas Gallagher 07831 272638

SAFEGUARDING: Designated person for Dromore

Diocese Mr Stephen Sherry 07301246329

safeguardingdirector@dromorediocese.org

PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE – Goretti

Gallagher 028 30850270

Action on Elder Abuse: Helpline 0808088141.

www.elderabuse.org/northernireland

THE CHOIR STUDIO presents an evening of uplifting harmonies in St Patrick's Church on Sunday 9th March at 5pm in Memory of our own Kayden McKeown. All donations appreciated.

NINE DAY NOVENA in honour of St Patrick starts at the 6pm Mass on Saturday 8th March

TROCAIRE BOXES available in the Porch

Happy Birthday. Tom O'Hare had another Birthday

CROCHET CLASS on Thursdays at 10.30am. Home baking treats available. Everyone welcome.

Confirmation 4th April 4pm & Communion 10th May 11am

A Lenten Initiative this Jubilee Year, Pilgrims of Hope. A 7:30am Mass will be celebrated each weekday throughout Lent in **Mary Queen of Peace Church, Warrenpoint.** Mass will be unadorned - without additional prayers or music and thus tailored to those who need to continue promptly afterwards to their work, schools or daily schedule of activities. **Why not make this your Lenten commitment in this the Jubilee Year!**

DROMORE DIOCESAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Monday 10th March 2025: @7:30pm in Newry Parish Centre, As every March, the Society marks St Patrick's Day with a lecture on some aspect of the national Saint. This year, Dr Thérèse Cullen, whose doctoral research focused primarily on how people publicly ritualised and memorialised St Patrick, and who is an authority on St Patrick and the Patrician tradition will give a talk entitled **"St Patrick - The Man, the Myths and the Legends"** on Monday 10th March 2025@7:30pm in Newry Parish Centre, The Mall. All members and non-members very welcome.

CHAPEL CLEANING ROTA Thanks to volunteers **Veronica & Jacqui Ward** who will clean the Church on a two-week rota beginning Sunday 2nd Sunday 9th March.

LENT 2025 Stations of the Cross on each Sunday during Lent at 7pm will be led the various Parish Groups. First Sunday **9th March** will be led by our John Paul 11 Group at **8pm.**

LOOKING NEW ENVELOPES Lovely to see a number of people asking for boxes of envelopes, especially those who have recently commenced work. Let us know if you need a box! Maybe you would consider paying by standing order/direct debit? You can divide your donations across all the collections through the year into one monthly sum.

We pray for more vocations to priesthood in our diocese. For more information or guidance if you think you could be called to be a priest, please contact our vocations director, Fr Brian Fitzpatrick, 028 3834 1901 pp.moyraverty.seagoe@gmail.com

PARISH PRIEST

Monsignor Hugh Connolly 07990096724

Fr Zeb Obasi MSP 07570342290

Confessions will be available on Saturdays 5.30pm to 5.45pm
Confession is also available at other times by direct appointment with the Parish Priest & Fr Zeb

First Sunday of Lent C

Words of Welcome.

Penitential Rite.

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You came to call sinners:

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Collect

Let us pray,

Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall then take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God.

Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement: *"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord the God of our fathers.*

The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' **R/**

2. Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you have commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. **R/**

3. They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. **R/**

4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory. **R/**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are

the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, *Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'* Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, *'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.'* But Jesus answered him, *'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'* Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. *'If you are the Son of God,'* he said to him *'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: "He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you,"* and again, *"They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'* But Jesus answered him, *'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'* Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily.

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the Faithful

Prayer over the Offerings

Give us the right dispositions, O Lord, we pray, to make these offerings, for with them we celebrate the beginning of this venerable and sacred time.

Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Eucharistic

Communion Rite.

Communion Antiphon

One does not live on bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray,

Renewed now with heavenly bread, by which faith is nourished, hope increased, and charity strengthened, we pray, O Lord, that we may learn to hunger for Christ, the true and living Bread, and strive to live by every word which proceeds from your mouth.

Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Final Blessing

