

PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community

5th January 2020

Second Sunday of Christmas

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday: Epiphany Mass at 9.30am

Tuesday: Mass at 7.00pm

Wednesday - Friday: Mass at 9.30am

Saturday: Mass at 9.30am; Vigil Mass at 5pm

Sunday: Mass at 10am and 7pm

SUNDAY MASS TIMES IN THE OTHER TRIANGLE PARISHES

Coleraine: Vigil at 7pm and Sunday at 11am.

Portrush: Vigil at 6pm and Sunday at 12noon.

Bushmills: 5pm on the first Sunday of the month.



TRAVELLING SERVICE

Today Sunday 5th January

This annual ecumenical event on the first Sunday of the year starts at 11.30am at the Methodist Church, Heathmount, Portstewart, moves to the nearby Portstewart Presbyterian Church, then Agherton Church of Ireland and finally to Star of the Sea. It is a service of prayers, hymns and readings at each of the four churches in the town. The service ends around 12.30pm with refreshments this year in the Methodist Hall on the Prom. About 250 people turn up each year. Come along and swell the crowds.

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY

Promotion of World Peace: We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Thursday from 10am – 9pm in the Marian Hall. You are welcome to come for as long as you can.

REST IN PEACE

Recent: George McConnell, Michael Og McKenna, Kitty D'arcy

Anniversaries: Eddie McGuinness (29), Johnny Madden, Rose Trolan (2), Marie Kennedy (3), William Doherty, Lily O'Doherty (4), Vincent McAreavey (5), Michael Lagan (6), Alfred J Donnelly, Annie Gray, Ann Rimmington (7), Patsy McCrory (8), Luke Salters (9), Eileen Doone, Ian Madden, Mary McKeown, Alison O'Doherty (10)

PARISH CELL GROUPS

The Monday group will meet at 2pm on Monday 6th January and the Thursday group at 7.00pm on Thursday 9th January. Please note change of time for the Thursday group. We would like to invite you to come to one of our meetings on a "come and see" basis or ☎ Mary: 07769 885710/ 7083 6330 or Ernestine: 7083 1000. Further information is also available on our website: portstewartparish.website/cells/

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Back at the 10am Mass next Sunday 12th January for children aged 4 – 9.

LITTLE STARS PARENT & TODDLERS

Back in the Parish Centre on Tuesday 14th January.

MALAWI SUNDAY KITCHEN & CAR BOOT SALE

The Car Boot sale is on as usual in the Parish Centre today with stalls and refreshments.

DOMINICAN COLLEGE



Open Night/Morning

Wednesday 8th January (6.30 – 9pm)

& Thursday 9th January (9.30 – 11.30am)

Parents, Guardians and prospective pupils are all warmly invited to visit the school, meet students and teachers, see some of the work of the students and visit various departments. The Principal's address will be at 6.30pm on Wednesday and 9.30am on Thursday.

LORETO COLLEGE COLERAINE



Open Day

Saturday 11th January from 9.30am – 1pm.

The Principal's address will be at 9.30am for those who live West of the River Bann and 11am for those who live East of the River Bann.

All P7 pupils and parents are welcome



ALPHA COURSE 2020

You are invited to join the Alpha Course at the Anchor, Portstewart starting Monday 20th January from 7 – 9pm. Light refreshments provided. Give it a try. All welcome.

DIOCESAN LITURGY SEMINAR

The Word of God – Gift and Challenge

You are invited to St Brigid's Parish Centre, 38 Derryvolgie Avenue, Belfast on Saturday 25th January from 1.30 – 4.30pm (registration from 1pm). The seminar will be presented by Fr Albert McNally and the cost is £10.

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD – 26th January
 Pope Francis is passionate about the Word of God. He has declared a special Sunday dedicated to the Bible. All of us are invited to respond imaginatively and actively to this new Feast. Here in Portstewart Parish there will be an extra Sunday Mass at noon during which the Liturgy of the Word will include a time of discussion in small groups. The Mass will take longer than usual (about an extra 30 mins). The Feast marks the start of a year of increased engagement with the Word.

**PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE?
 Catholic Engaged Encounter**

A two day non-residential course will be held in Castle Community Centre, Ballymoney on **21-22 March 2020**. For Information/Booking: marriageencounter.ie
 ☎ 2763 8512

NURSES FOR LOURDES

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes are currently seeking volunteer registered nurses to work on the 2020 Pilgrimage (8-13 July). For more information or to register your interest, please email: Lourdes@downandconnor.org

STELLA MARIS

By now every household should have received a copy of the Christmas Stella Maris. If you have been missed, please let us know ☎ 7083 2534 The magazine is now also available on our website: portstewartparish.website
Thanks again to the volunteers who deliver the Stella Maris – your help is very much appreciated. We would like more people to join us to keep the lists manageable. If you could offer help (only 3 times a year) please contact the parish office.



PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE

We now have a new Parish Facebook page: **Star of the Sea Portstewart**. Please 'like' our page to receive updates and news about parish events.

PARISH CENTRE		5 – 11 January
Sun:	Malawi Sunday Kitchen & Car Boot Sale	0900 – 1400
Mon:	U3A Pilates (2 classes)	1000 – 1200
	Weightwatchers	1730 – 1830
	Karate	1845 – 2045
	University Bridge	1930 – 2200
Tues:	Legion of Mary	1000
	U3A Whist	1415 – 1630
	Innova Irish Dance	1700 – 1900
	Bowling Club	1900 – 2200
Wed:	U3A Bridge	1415 – 1700
	Beginners Practice Bridge	1415 – 1700
	Innova Irish Dance	1700 – 1900
	Portstewart Bridge	1930 – 2230
Thur:	U3A Pilates (2 classes)	1500 – 1700
	Innova Irish Dance	1700 – 1900
	Bowling Club	1900 – 2200
Fri:	Zumba Gold	1030 – 1130
	U3A Bridge	1400 – 1700
	Junior Legion	1700 – 1800
	Flame Club	1830 – 2030
Sat:	Zest Pilates	0915 – 1015
	Innova Irish Dance	1030 – 1700

SACRED HEART MESSENGER

If you would like to order the Sacred Heart Messenger delivered monthly to your home, priced £22 per year, please contact Sheila Conway ☎ 7083 6630 or Ann McConnell ☎ 7083 3889

DOWN AND CONNOR 2020 DIRECTORY

The new Directory for the diocese is now available in the Repository, price £4. It contains an up-to-date list of priests, parishes, church services, diocesan bodies and a full calendar for 2020.

INFORMATION FOR COELIACS

If you are gluten intolerant, please make yourself known in the Sacristy before Mass. Very low-gluten hosts are available. You may also receive from the chalice at weekend masses. **Those who wish to receive from the gluten-free chalice may do so at the left side of the Sanctuary (in front of the lectern).**

COLLECTIONS

Weekly Collection: £1600
Christmas Collection: £4015
Thank you for your generosity and support.

DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS 2019	
Living Youth	£1135
Sick & Retired Priests	£934
Needy Parishes	£805
Catholics in the Holy Land	£1035
Trocaire Lent Collection	£4164
Diocesan Students to the Priesthood	£852
Peter's Pence (Pope's Collection)	£760
Cathedral Fund	£670
World Mission Sunday	£2049
Bishop's Commissions	£650

DATES FOR THE DIARY 2020

First Communion: Sunday 10th May at 11.30am
Confirmation: Wednesday 20th May at 5.00pm

If your child is in P4 or P7 and not attending St Colum's Primary School and wants to take part in First Communion or Confirmation in 2020, please contact the parish office if you haven't already done so.
 ☎ 7083 2534

BULLETIN NOTICES

Any items for inclusion in the Sunday bulletin must be sent to the Parish Office **by 5pm on Thursday** please. ☎ 7083 2534 or email: secretary@portstewartparish.co.uk

