

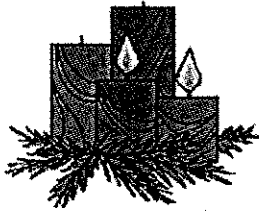
PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community

8th December 2019

Second Sunday of Advent

Readings: Sunday A Psalter: Week 2



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MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday: Mass at 9.30am – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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.

CHRISTMAS PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Star of the Sea: Tuesday 17th December at 7.30pm

St Malachy's Coleraine: Monday 16th December at 7pm

Portrush: Friday 20th December at 7.30pm

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.

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER

We pray that every country may determine to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

REST IN PEACE

Anniversaries: Sarah Doherty, Ernie McKinney (7), Liam Moore (8), Sean Kelly, Elizabeth McNeill, Patricia Wych (9), Joe D'Arcy, Chris Findlay, Neal McCaughan, Pat McKinley (10), George Coulson, Margaret Coulson, Martha Diamond, Hugh Kelly, Joe McGuigan (12), Sheila Hennessey (13), Mollie Davies, William Doherty (14)

CAROLS IN STAR OF THE SEA

ST COLUM'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thursday 12th December at 6.30pm



CANTEMUS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Cantemus Choir will be singing in the Church again this year on **Friday 13th December**. Tickets are now available from the Repository or ☎ Emer 07709 043 921. Cost £7.50, including refreshments in the Parish Centre after the concert.

JOINT ST COLUM'S & PORTSTEWART PRIMARY PS

Wednesday 18th December at 10.30am

DOMINICAN COLLEGE

Wednesday 18th December at 7.30pm



LECTORS' MEETING

A meeting for the Readers on the December Rota will take place in the Parochial House on **Monday 9th December** at 7pm. Please RSVP if you cannot attend ☎ 07783 117 077

CHOIR PRACTICE FOR CHRISTMAS



Christmas is coming and choir practices are taking place on **Tuesday evenings after 7pm mass**. We would especially welcome new members of all abilities, all we ask for is enthusiasm! So come along and use your gift to enhance Christmas in our parish.

SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The annual SVP Lunch will be held on **Wednesday 11th December** at 12 for 12.30pm in the Cromore Halt.

CHRISTMAS CARD DELIVERY SERVICE



Bring your Christmas cards (Portstewart addresses only) to Morelli's on either

Friday 13th or Saturday 14th December between 9am and 5pm. The cost is only 35p (2nd class post is currently 61p) and all money raised goes to Cancer Research UK.

ECUMENICAL CAROLS AT THE WINDOW



Please join together with people from all Portstewart churches to sing carols outside the window in the Diamond (beside Bud's) at 7.30pm on **Saturday 14th December** followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the Methodist Hall on the Prom.

CORRYMEELA CHRISTMAS OPEN DAY

Sunday 15th December from 1-4pm. Santa, Christmas Market, local performances, festive refreshments and much more. Admission: £3 adult, £1 child. Collection of non-perishable items for Ballycastle food bank.

STELLA MARIS DISTRIBUTORS



The Christmas edition is now in the Parochial House ready for delivery. If you haven't already done so, please collect your bundle as soon as possible so we can get it out in good time. Thank you.



SUPPORT A LOCAL NEED

Morelli's Portstewart is hosting a Thai Red Curry Night on **Wednesday 18th December** from 6pm - 9pm with a curry, rice and glass of wine/juice for £5. All proceeds will be donated to the Zachary

Geddis Break the Silence Trust which aims to bring awareness of the topics of mental health and suicide in Northern Ireland.



LIVE CRIB AT ST MARY'S

Visit The Live Crib at St. Mary's Grotto, Chapel Lane, Belfast - opening **Friday 13th to Tuesday 24th December** and from

Saturday 28th December to Monday 6th January from 10.30am to 6pm and on **19th and 23rd December** until 8pm.

Come along and meet Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus, the shepherds and the animals. The three wise men will arrive on 5th January. Schools groups, choirs and carol singers welcome. Proceeds to Tuesday's Child Following Yonder Star Christmas Appeal for children in Gaza, Syria, Kenya and Sudan. Prayers at the crib each day for peace for every child, born and unborn. Contact 07545 452 362.

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**. Information/Booking: marriageencounter.ie ☎ 2763 8512



LIVING YOUTH

Summer Pilgrimage 2020 - Youth Festival at Medjugorje Join more than 50,000 other young people from around the world to celebrate our

Catholic Faith. Staying at the Medjugorje Palace Hotel we will take part in the youth festival and also visit the Waterfalls of Kravice, the capital Mostar and the Shrine of Vepric at Makarska. **29th July - 7th August, for those aged 17 - 25** Cost £799 ☎ 9023 2432 or email: info@livingyouthni.org

IS YOUR P4 OR P7 CHILD NOT ATTENDING ST COLUM'S PRIMARY SCHOOL?

ARE YOU HOPING TO TAKE PART IN FIRST COMMUNION OR CONFIRMATION THIS YEAR?

If YES to both these questions, it's time to contact the parish office ☎ 7083 2534 email: secretary@portstewartparish.co.uk and put your child's name on the list for our parish-based classes being held shortly in the Marian Hall. The classes will be led by Mrs Geraldine Doherty on a day and time which suit the parents and children. Deacon Terence will be offering an 'adults only' exploration of our faith during the time of the children's instructions.



PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE

We now have a new Parish Facebook page: **Star of the Sea Portstewart**. Please 'like' our page to receive updates. We'll have regular news about parish events and for Advent we'll have some daily acts of kindness, questions to ponder and short reflections to help us prepare for the great Feast of Christmas as a parish.

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).

PARISH CENTRE		8 - 14 December
Sun:	Malawi Sunday Kitchen & Car Boot Sale Innova Irish Dance	0900 - 1400 1430 - 1900
Mon:	U3A Pilates (2 classes) Weightwatchers Karate University Bridge	1000 - 1200 1730 - 1830 1845 - 2045 1930 - 2200
Tues:	Legion of Mary Little Stars Parent & Toddlers U3A Whist Innova Irish Dance Bowling Club Apostolic Work	1000 1030 - 1200 1415 - 1630 1700 - 1900 1900 - 2200 1930
Wed:	U3A Bridge Beginners Practice Bridge Innova Irish Dance Portstewart Bridge	1415 - 1700 1415 - 1700 1700 - 1900 1930 - 2230
Thur:	U3A Pilates (2 classes) Innova Irish Dance Bowling Club	1500 - 1700 1700 - 1900 1900 - 2200
Fri:	Zumba Gold U3A Tai Chi U3A Bridge Junior Legion Flame Club Cantemus Supper	1030 - 1130 1145 - 1245 1400 - 1700 1700 - 1800 1830 - 2030 2030
Sat:	Innova Irish Dance	1030 - 1700

COLLECTIONS

Weekly Collection: £1451

Monthly Collection: £730

Thank you for your generosity and support.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

SVP CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Our annual church door collection takes place after all Masses this weekend. Each year our Conference visits families and people in need in this community. The funds raised will be spent in this community helping those who need it most with heating, food and education costs. We rely almost totally on the support of you, the parishioners of Portstewart. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

DATES FOR THE DIARY 2020

First Holy Communion: Sunday 10th May at 11.30am

Confirmation: Wednesday 20th May at 5.00pm

THANKS

Carmel McGeown would like to thank everyone who sympathised and sent cards on the occasion of her brother's death. Your thoughts and prayers are much appreciated.

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