

PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community

19th January 2020

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Sunday A/Weekdays 2 Psalter: Week 2

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday: 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.

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children aged 4 – 9 are invited to join the Children's Liturgy group at the 10am Mass every Sunday.

REST IN PEACE

Anniversaries: Annie Canning, Seamus Kevin Cosgrove (17), Fr Seamus Clenaghan (19), Molly Higgins (20), Martha McGrath, Helen Robinson (21), Rose McGeough (22), Claire Hughes, Fr Brian Mullan, Sheila Rankin (24)

EOGHAN RUA GAC

*AGM Sunday 19th January at 1pm in the Clubrooms.

*Presentation of Awards evening at The Crannagh on Saturday 25th January from 7.30pm, £10 adults, £5 (16 - 18), light supper, pay at door. Live music from Hollow Wood from 10pm to late.

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.

FEBRUARY LECTORS' MEETING

A meeting for the February Readers will take place in the Marian Hall on **Tuesday 21st January** at 7.30pm with Deacon Terence. Please RSVP if you cannot attend.

☎ 07783 117077.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Coleraine Area Churches Forum invites you to a service for Christian Unity on **Tuesday 21st January** at 7.30pm in the C.R.U.N. Building, Brook Street, Coleraine.

The speaker is Dr Cathy Higgins. Everyone welcome.



The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed from 18th – 25th January – the octave of St. Peter and St. Paul. This year the theme is: 'Unusual Kindness' (Acts 28: 2). The week will be marked in our Diocese by a Service in St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast on **Tuesday**

21st January at 7pm and the speaker on the occasion will be Fr Tony Curren who is in charge of relations with Anglicans and Methodists at the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity. *Icon given by Patriarch Athenagoras I to Pope Paul VI during their historic meeting in Jerusalem in 1964. The icon symbolizes that theological dialogue only bears fruit when carried out in a spirit of brotherly love.*

PARISH CELL GROUPS

The Thursday group will meet at 7pm on **Thursday 23rd January** but the Monday group meeting is postponed until **Monday 27th January** at 2pm. Join us on a "come and see" basis or ☎ Mary 07769 885710/ 7083 6330 or Ernestine 7083 1000 or: portstewartparish.website/cells/

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.

BURNS BREAKFAST

You are invited to the Rotary Club Burns Breakfast at the Crannagh Restaurant, Portstewart Road on **Saturday 25th January** from 8.30 – 11am. Live music and Toast to the Haggis. Tickets £12. ☎ Rosemary 0714 151600

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND

The next (residential) weekend (Fri 8pm to Sun 4.30pm) will be held in Dromantine, Newry from **31st January - 2nd February**. For information and to book, visit our new website: www.marriageencounter.ie or ☎ 07702 812321 Tom and Madeline McCully with Fr. Seán Coyle (National Leadership team, Catholic Marriage Encounter)

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 – HELP NEEDED

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.

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.

SPRING SOCIAL PRESCRIBING

SSP is a Northern Ireland wide programme aimed at anyone who suffers from social isolation, low mood, mild depression, long term conditions or physical inactivity. The local Social Prescriber is Lorna O'Neill, CRUN, Brook Street in Coleraine. Lorna can help you to access a variety of support you may not otherwise have known about. This service is available by referral from your GP or call Lorna ☎ 7034 4934

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).**

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Copies of the February rota are now available in the Sacristy.

PARISH CENTRE		19 – 25 January
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 U3A French U3A Whist Innova Irish Dance Bowling Club	1000 1400 – 1700 1415 – 1630 1700 – 1900 1900 – 2200
Wed:	U3A Bridge Beginners Practice Bridge Innova Irish Dance Portstewart Bridge	1415 – 1700 1415 – 1700 1700 – 1900 1930 – 2230
Thur:	U3A Fun with Drums U3A Pilates (2 classes) Innova Irish Dance Yoga Bowling Club	1030 – 1130 1500 – 1700 1700 – 1900 1900 – 2000 1900 – 2200
Fri:	U3A Beginners Bridge Class Zumba Gold U3A Tai Chi U3A Bridge Junior Legion Flame Club	1000 – 1200 1030 – 1130 1145 – 1245 1400 – 1700 1700 – 1800 1830 – 2030
Sat:	Zest Pilates Innova Irish Dance	0915 – 1015 1030 – 1700

COLLECTIONS

Weekly Collection: £1554

Maintenance Collection: £292

Thank you for your generosity and support.



THIS WEEKEND – LIVING YOUTH COLLECTION

Living Youth is the youth commission for the diocese of Down and Connor. They organise a variety of programmes, events and leaders' training for different age groups throughout the year. Please support this annual envelope collection.

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