

PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community

26th January 2020

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

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Readings: Sunday A/Weekdays 2 Psalter: Week 3

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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.



SUNDAY 2nd FEBRUARY

Candles are available to buy from the Repository. They will be blessed at the 10am Mass next Sunday.

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.

REST IN PEACE

Anniversaries: Leo Tosh (25), Patsy O'Kane (27), Herbert Peter Keith (28), Michael & Jean McLaughlin (29), Alex O'Connell (30), Julia McGurk, May McAllister (1)


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.

ALPHA COURSE 2020

 You are invited to join the Alpha Course at the Anchor, Portstewart on **Monday evenings** from 7 – 9pm. This week the talk is: 'Who is Jesus?' Light refreshments provided. All welcome. Give it a try.

PARISH CELL GROUPS

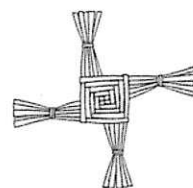
The Monday group meeting takes place on **Monday 27th January** at 2pm. Join us on a "come and see" basis or ☎ Mary 07769 885710/ 7083 6330 or Ernestine 7083 1000 or visit: portstewartparish.website/cells/

GRANDPARENTS' DAY IN ST COLUM'S

As part of Catholic Schools Week, all grandparents are invited to St Colum's Primary School on **Wednesday 29th January at 10.30am** for a special assembly and refreshments.

ST COLUM'S PRIMARY SCHOOL & PRESCHOOL Admissions for September 2020

The Education Authority Online Schools Admission System is now open for children starting Primary School or Preschool in September 2020. The closing date for preschool and Primary One applications will be 12 noon on **Thursday 30th January**. PLEASE NOTE places are NOT allocated on a first come, first served basis. Schools and playgroups will not consider applications until after the closing date. For guidance and further information contact the school office ☎ 7083 3010 or preschool ☎ 7083 5737 or www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions



ST BRIGID'S DAY CROSSES

Make your St Brigid's cross at Eoghan Rua Clubrooms on **Friday 31st January** from 6 – 7.30pm. Everyone is very welcome. Reeds and a cuppa will be supplied!

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)

RETROUVAILLE – A Lifeline for Married Couples

Do you want to improve the communication with your spouse? Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you hurt, frustrated or angry with your spouse? Does talking about it only make it worse? The Retrouvaille programme can help marriages at all stages. Next programme takes place on **7th – 9th February**. For information contact Tony & Anne (00353 1) 495 3536, or email info@retrouvaille.ie or visit www.retrouvaille.ie.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The parish youth club continues to grow and we are eager to recruit more youth volunteers, aged 14+. The kids are brilliant and it's a great way to have fun while building your skills and working as a team. If you are interested please get in touch: ☎ 07709 043921 flameclubportsewart@gmail.com or pop in and see us on a Friday evening.



PORTSTEWART LIBRARY

During the closure of the Town Hall, Portstewart Library will be relocating **every Tuesday** at the Warren

Pavilion. The mobile library will attend from 1.30 – 4pm and library activities will run in the Pavilion from 10am – 4pm. For further information ☎ 7034 2561 or check www.librariesni.org.uk

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**. To book: marriageencounter.ie ☎ 2763 8512

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. This service is available by referral from your GP or call Lorna ☎ 7034 4934

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.

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		26 Jan – 1 Feb
Sun:	Malawi Sunday Kitchen & Car Boot Sale Innova Irish Dance	0900 – 1400 1430 – 1900
Mon:	U3A Pilates (2 classes) Art Class Weightwatchers Karate University Bridge	1000 – 1200 1130 – 1330 1730 – 1830 1845 – 2045 1930 – 2200
Tues:	Legion of Mary Little Stars Parent & Toddlers U3A French U3A Whist Innova Irish Dance Bowling Club	1000 1030 – 1200 1400 – 1700 1415 – 1630 1700 – 1900 1900 – 2200
Wed:	U3A Bridge Beginners Practice Bridge Innova Irish Dance Art Class Portstewart Bridge	1415 – 1700 1415 – 1700 1700 – 1900 1930 – 2130 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 – 1230 1030 – 1130 1145 – 1245 1400 – 1700 1700 – 1800 1830 – 2030
Sat:	Innova Irish Dance	1030 – 1700

COLLECTIONS

Weekly Collection: £1392

Living Youth Collection: £681

Thank you for your generosity and support.

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

DATES FOR THE DIARY 2020

First Communion: Sunday 10th May at 11.30am

Confirmation: Wednesday 20th May at 5.00pm