

# PORTSTEWART PARISH

1<sup>st</sup> November 2020

Feast of All Saints

Sunday A/Weekdays 2

Psalter week 3



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## MASSES THIS WEEK

Sunday Masses: (vigil) 5pm, 10am and 7pm

Monday (All Souls Day): Mass at 9.30am & 7pm –

**please book for these masses**

Tuesday: Mass at 7pm

Wednesday - Saturday: Mass at 9.30am

## STREAMED FROM THE CATHEDRAL TONIGHT . . .

At 7pm tonight Bishop Treanor will lead a prayer service for the Faithful Departed. All the bishops of Ireland are doing likewise today, either at 3pm or in the evening. [churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral](http://churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral)

## REST IN PEACE

RECENT: Patrick McKenna

ONE MONTH AGO: Terry O’Keeffe – Month’s Mind Mass Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 9.30am

ANNIVERSARIES: Anna Harvey, Daniel Davies, Matthew Kilfeather, Jane Sibley (1), Elizabeth Armstrong, Maureen Kilfeather, Willie McLaughlin, Louis Sweeney (2), Tom McCurdy, Micheal O’Connor (2), Clare Gottschalk, John Madden (3), John McCaughan, Mary McGlade (4), Thomas McGlade, William Begley, Roy Loughrey (5), Grainne McConnell, Ann Smyth (6) and Henry James Diamond (7).

## INDULGENCES DURING NOVEMBER

The plenary indulgence for those who visit a cemetery and pray for the dead even if only mentally, can be transferred to other days in the month of November at the choice of the faithful.

The plenary indulgence of November 2 established on the occasion of the commemoration

of all the faithful departed for those who visit a church or an oratory and recite the "Our Father" and the "Creed" there, can be transferred not only to the Sunday before or after or on the day of the solemnity of All Saints, but also on another day of the month of November, at the free choice of the individual faithful.

In respect of those who are housebound, the elderly, the sick and all those who for serious reasons cannot leave the house, for example due to restrictions imposed by the competent authority for the time of a pandemic, in order to avoid numbers of faithful crowding into sacred places, will be able to obtain the Plenary indulgence provided that, spiritually uniting with all the other faithful, completely detached from sin and with the intention of complying as soon as possible with the three usual conditions (sacramental confession, reception of the Eucharistic and prayer for the Holy Father’s intentions) recite prayers for the dead dearest to the faithful in front of an image of Jesus or of the Blessed Virgin Mary, or meditate on a reading of one of the Gospel passages proposed by the liturgy for the dead, or carry out a work of mercy.

### ALL SOULS’ DAY PRAYER

Lord God, whose days are without end  
and whose mercies beyond counting,  
keep us mindful that life is short  
and the hour of death unknown.

Let your Spirit guide our days on earth  
in the ways of holiness and justice,  
that we may serve you

in union with the whole Church,  
sure in faith, strong in hope, perfect in love.

And when our earthly journey is ended,  
lead us rejoicing into your kingdom,  
where you live for ever and ever.

Amen

## NOVEMBER RESOURCE FOR PRAYER AT HOME

Go on-line to our parish webpage or ask the office for a printed copy of NOVEMBER, an 8 page full-colour help to personal and family prayer during this month of the Holy Souls.

**Please book beforehand for Sunday Mass** by using the app **EVENTBRITE**. Just download the app, search for Portstewart Parish and book your place at the Mass of your choice. Otherwise call Emer ☎ 07709 043921 or e:[portstewartpastoralcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:portstewartpastoralcouncil@gmail.com) No booking necessary for weekday Masses.

## MASS IN PORTRUSH

Saturday vigil at 6.00pm, Sunday at noon, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 9.00am and Wednesday at 7.00pm. Bookings ☎ 07799 065931

## THE POPE’S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER: Artificial Intelligence

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

## NOVEMBER DEAD LISTS

Please pick up a list from the back of the church and return your envelope to the parochial house. All names on the lists will be included in Masses during the month of November.



### ANNUAL MASS FOR THE DEAD

Our Parish November Mass will be held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm. The Mass will be celebrated for all our deceased parishioners, recent or long ago, and special remembrance will be made for those who have died in the past year. Due to current regulations, booking is essential. The Mass will also be available to watch online.

## NOVEMBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

Many people choose to abstain from alcohol during November and offer up their sacrifice for their deceased relatives and friends. You can do likewise.

Please consider taking the short term **Pledge for**

**November** and say the prayer daily -

"I promise in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary to abstain from all alcoholic drink during November".



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

CACCC is a voluntary organisation which creates a safe space for children to have a relationship with a parent or important family member when no other options are currently available, often due to high conflict parental separation. Due to Covid-19, more sessions are required for the families who wish to use the service. CACCC urgently needs volunteers who can give at least one session a month on a Tuesday afternoon or Saturday morning. Male volunteers are especially welcome. Training and full preparation is provided. E:[colerainechildcontactcentre@protonmail.com](mailto:colerainechildcontactcentre@protonmail.com) or ☎ Emma 07899 792948 for more information and an application form. Completed applications must be submitted by 6<sup>th</sup> November.

## MASS FOR DECEASED TEACHERS OF DOWN & CONNOR

Streamed live on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm from the Church of Mater Dei, Belfast via: 'Diocese of Down and Connor - YouTube' channel at: [www.youtube.com/channel/UCEHEomhU03Y91gGFQu2-JYA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEHEomhU03Y91gGFQu2-JYA) Please forward by Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November the name of any teacher from the Diocese who has died during the past twelve months for inclusion in the Mass to Fr Edward McGee, D & C Catholic Schools' Support Service ☎ 9049 1886 or E: [dctrusteeservice@downandconnor.org](mailto:dctrusteeservice@downandconnor.org)

## HAIRCUT FOR HABITAT

Father Raymond again thanks everyone who contributed to this appeal which raised an amazing £26.7K. This means as well as covering the cost of 6 houses in Kombolcha, we can now help secure a vital water supply as part of this exciting new Habitat project. This fundraising page will

remain open until this Sunday. To make a donation please use the following link. <http://habitatni.enthuse.com/pf/ramond-haircut-for-habitat> Ameseginalehu!

**THE APOSTOLATE OF ADORATION** invites you to adoration, prayer & fasting on the four Fridays in November for: Renewal of the Catholic Faith in Ireland, Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary, The Suppression of the Pandemic, The Holy Souls, Preparation for Advent and for the Birth of Jesus (see website for full details [www.eucharisticadoration.ie](http://www.eucharisticadoration.ie))

## THE ENCYCLICAL “FRATELLI TUTTI”

Is available on-line and ready for your reflection and study: [http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco\\_20201003\\_enciclica-fratelli-tutti.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20201003_enciclica-fratelli-tutti.html)

The Parish Pastoral Council are hoping to have a facilitated on-line discussion of the document. Stay tuned!

We welcome all who are able to attend Mass and remember the intentions of all who cannot yet be with us. Please enter by the main door.

**It is a legal requirement to wear a face mask when entering and leaving the church and we would strongly prefer that you keep your mask on when inside.**

Please follow the directions of the stewards regarding sanitizing your hands and choosing a seat. For your safety, the toilets remain closed. If you think you might need to use the toilet during Mass please notify a steward or let Emer know when you are booking.

**If you’re vulnerable for any reason please continue to pray at home – the Sunday obligation remains suspended.**

**Follow Mass online at: [portstewartparish.website](http://portstewartparish.website)** ‘Watch Live,’ watch it on YouTube or listen on the parish radio. Recordings are available on the website 45 minutes after the end of Mass.

**Please let the PP know if you have been tested positive for Covid-19 and you recently attended Mass.**

Your information will be held in strict confidence unless you instruct otherwise. Please follow the Public Health Authority’s advice to self-isolate and do not welcome non-family members into your home. Also, if you have visited the home of someone who has tested positive please exclude yourself for the 2 week quarantine period, and inform the PP.

**The church is open for personal prayer from after the morning Mass until noon most weekdays – on Tuesdays from 2.00pm until Mass time at 7.00pm. On Sundays the church is open from 5.00pm until Mass time at 7.00pm.**

When your visit to the church has ended please observe social-distancing guidelines outside in the church grounds (2 metre distance). Please use the hand-sanitizer available at the exit door (side door) and clean your hands for the length of a Hail Mary.