

PORTSTEWART PARISH

15th November 2020 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday A/Weekdays 2 Psalter week 1

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MASSES THIS WEEK

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

Monday: Mass at 9.30am

Tuesday: Mass at 7pm

Wednesday - Saturday: Mass at 9.30am

REST IN PEACE

ANNIVERSARIES: Charles Boylan (13), Mary Devlin, Kitty Gibson, William & Susan McCafferty, Kathleen McGuinness, Maura Tífa (14), Mary Christie, Laurence Robinson (15), Noel McQuillan (16), Kay Brankin, Matthew Doone (18), Eugene Campbell, Catherine Crawford, James Gray (20)

Please book beforehand for Sunday Mass

Use 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
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

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 to another day of the month of November. 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.

THE POPE’S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER: Artificial Intelligence

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



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



ANNUAL MASS FOR THE DEAD
Our Parish November Mass will be held on Tuesday 17th 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.

REMEMBRANCE MASS IN ST PETER’S CATHEDRAL

On Wednesday 18th November, Bishop Noel will celebrate Mass in Saint Peter’s Cathedral at 7pm, remembering all those who have died this year in the Diocese. This Mass will be streamed on the Cathedral webcam: www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral

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.

NOVEMBER RESOURCE FOR PRAYER AT HOME

Go online 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. Also available online at November-a-month-to-remember-npn

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".

HABITAT HAIRCUT & CHRISTMAS CARDS

Fiona Fitzpatrick would like to add her personal thanks to that of Fr Raymond following their highly successful Haircut for Habitat last month. Fiona joined Fr Raymond in their *Shave for Shelter* that has raised **more than £30,000**. Fiona wants to thank all her family and friends who were so generous towards this unique fundraiser.



HABITAT CHRISTMAS CARDS are currently on sale from the Parish Office: **£4 for pack of 10** - Contemporary and Traditional designs. All proceeds will help build houses, community and hope in Ethiopia. Thank you for your support.

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)

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

ADVENT SCRIPTURE COURSE (ONLINE)

Six video presentations and one online webinar entitled “Resilient Faith – Advent spirituality for a time of pandemic” are being offered by three Dublin-based lecturers, available from 23 Nov. Cost: E20. Contact: www.tarsusscriptureschool.ie

ADVENT DAY OF REFLECTION

Hosted by Drumalis via Zoom – led by Sr Pam Thimmes OSC. This Day of Reflection on Saturday 19th December from 10am – 4pm will allow us to bring the uncertainties of life in 2020 into focus and perceive anew Christ born among us and living among us. Cost: £20 per person or £30 per household. To book: ☎ 2827 2196 or email: drumalis@btconnect.com

THE PERMANENT DIACONATE IN DOWN AND CONNOR

The diocese is preparing to start work with a third group of students for the Permanent Diaconate. The programme will commence in September 2021. For more information about the ministry of Deacons, the formation programme and information on how to register your interest in applying, please speak to your parish priest or visit the Diocesan Website: www.downandconnor.org/living-church/diaconate.

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 ‘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 6.00pm 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.