

PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



Sunday A/Weekdays 2

Psalter week 2

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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

MASS FOR DECEASED LEGIONARIES

Our Tuesday evening Mass this week will be offered for all deceased members of the Legion of Mary.

Due to current government Covid restrictions, there will be no public Masses for two weeks from Friday 27th November. All Masses will be streamed online on the parish website:

portstewartparish.website ‘Watch Live’ and on YouTube. Masses are recorded and can be watched on the website 45 minutes after Mass has ended. You can also listen on our parish radio.

From Friday 27th November, the church will not be opened for private prayer.

MASS IN PORTRUSH

Saturday vigil at 6.00pm, Sunday at noon, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 9.00am and Wednesday at 7.00pm. **These Masses will be broadcast online at the usual time** on the Portrush Parish website during the lockdown period.

REST IN PEACE

RECENT: Larry Conway

ANNIVERSARIES: Jenny Wych (19), Catherine Crawford, Eugene Campbell (20), Pat Curran (21), Colm Coulson, Patricia Donnelly, Maisie McCormack, Dan O’Connor (22), Patrick McAteer, Vera Rooney (24), Gerard Bradley, Mary Heneghan, Declan Leonard, James Loughrey (25), Edward Eustace, Reece Meenan, Christopher Trolan (26), Cabhán Keenan, Gerard McCloskey, Nan McNamee, Lily Mullen, Dan O’Connor (27)

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.

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.



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 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](http://www.portstewartparish.website/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"

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)

WEEK OF WITNESS 25th November – 1st December

The Week of Witness is an initiative of Aid To The Church In Need Ireland, created in recognition of the rising persecution of Christians in today’s world. We invite the Irish faithful to stand in solidarity with the persecuted Body of Christ, who, across the world, are tortured, imprisoned and murdered every day for the same faith in Jesus Christ that we profess at every Holy Mass. This year, please join us in prayer from the comfort of your home on our ACN Ireland website at acnireland.org/witness, where we will be livestreaming a number of interviews with lay and religious Catholics who are committed to raising

awareness of Christian persecution. We will livestream the celebration of Holy Mass with Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan at 10.30am on Red Wednesday 25th November. **We will also livestream the celebration of a Liturgy of Witness with Archbishop Eamon Martin from St Patrick’s Cathedral, Armagh at 7.30pm on 25th November.** This is a beautiful opportunity for the faithful to gather as a community of witnesses and pray not only for persecuted Christians – but also for the persecutors of Christians.

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 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.tarsuscriptureschool.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.



Feast of Christ the King

NOVEMBER 22, 2020