

PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



14th February 2021

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday B/Weekdays 1

Psalter week 2

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MASSES THIS WEEK - STREAMED

Sunday: Vigil 5pm, Sunday 10am

Monday – Saturday: Mass at 9.30am

All Masses are 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.



During Lent we will have Stations of the Cross in the church every Friday at 3pm – watch online or listen on the parish radio.

MASS IN PORTRUSH - STREAMED

Saturday vigil at 6pm, Sunday at noon

Monday 9am, Tuesday 9am, Wednesday 7pm,

Thursday 9am, Friday 9am

portrushparish.website

During Lent there will be a recording of the Rosary 20 minutes before all Masses. Log on to the parish webcam to participate in this powerful Marian prayer.

REST IN PEACE

RECENT: Canon Brendan McGee, William O’Connell, Linda O’Hara, Michael Donaghy, Catherine McWilliams, Stephen Houston
ANNIVERSARIES: Gerald McAleese (12), Annie Beattie, Lisa Christopher, Jack Farrelly, Elizabeth Mulhern, Colette O’Neill, Margaret & Harry Sweeney (13), Paddy Conway, James McCartney, Angelo Morelli, Tilly Olphert, Danny O’Neill (14), Teresa Butcher, Evelyn Foster, Patrick Kelly (15), Patrick Keenan, Frankie & Liam McGurk, Sheila McGurk (16), Clare McGuckian, Carol Hamil, P J O’Kane (17), John McLaughlin (18), Anthony McManus

THE POPE’S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY:

Universal: Violence against Women

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

HEAR! HERE!

Different Tune, Same Rhythm?

Monday 15th February @ 7pm online

This session supported by Causeway Coast & Glens Council looks at the history, heritage and process of making and playing the fiddle, fife, Uilleann pipes and Lambeg and explores our rich and diverse tradition of music. To register please email:

Behinn.mckinley@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE?

Catholic Engaged Encounter

A 'Zoom' online Marriage Preparation course is planned for **27-28 March 2021**. This 2-day course is a positive way of preparing for Marriage where you will discover how you can enrich your future relationship. Information/Booking: marriageencounter.ie or ☎ 2763 8512



Friday 19th February

The diocese will mark this day with a Mass in St Peter’s Cathedral, Belfast, at 10 am. Watch online:

www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral

DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE

The virtual Divine Mercy Conference (2021) will take place on **19, 20, and 21 February**. It will be broadcast on our website www.divinemercyconference.com free of charge. It will also be available on www.RadioMaria.ie. The theme of this our 30th Conference is: *For Thine is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory* (Mt. 6:13). Speakers over the weekend include Sr. Briege McKenna, Fr. Hayden Williams, Fr. Colomba Jordan, Fr. Brendan Walsh, Rev. Dr. Eunan McDonnell, Fr. Eamonn McCarthy and Christy May.



ASH WEDNESDAY IS ON 17th FEBRUARY 2021



PARISH RESOURCES FOR LENT

Every household in the parish will be receiving through their door a Lenten pack containing prayers, readings, ashes and holy water. If yours hasn’t arrived **by Tuesday** please ring the parish office and let us know ☎ 7083 2534

Thank you to the members of the Pastoral Council and all the volunteers who have prepared, collated and delivered these packs – a huge undertaking.

LECTIO DIVINA FOR LENT

An opportunity for a group of people to come together, pray with scripture and share their insights. A deeper love for scripture opens the door to deepening our relationship with God. This year *Living Church* is providing resources for a **5-week online programme**. Each week the resource looks at the Old Testament readings with a teaching video and then a *Lectio Divina* with the Gospel passage. Sessions will be led by trained facilitators and are **open to everyone from across the North Connor Pastoral Community**. The Programme will run on **Monday evenings from 22 February to 22 March inclusive** starting at **7.30pm**. Use this link to join the Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3917526857?pwd=b3ZhaXJVa0FVejAxMWVpcFVsVHlRZz09> Meeting ID: 391 752 6857 Passcode: 3e70J2



VIA DOLOROSA

This is a special resource prepared by *Living Church* for use during Lent either at home or as part of a community celebration. Copies of the resource will be available each week in the Church. **Each Friday from 26 February to 26 March** there will be a short service from St Malachy’s Church, Coleraine beginning at **7.30pm**. This will include an Opening Prayer, Gospel reading, time for silent reflection and one decade of a Scriptural Rosary. Please join online by logging on to *St Malachy’s Parish Coleraine YouTube channel*, parish website <https://coleraineparish.website> or *Facebook page*.

FROM COVID TO LIGHT – LENTEN TALKS 2021

A Zoom Conference through the lens of Faith and the Gospels of Lent. Each Tuesday during Lent at 8pm, you are invited to join this Lenten journey. The speaker for the first session on **Tuesday 23rd February** is Fr James O’Reilly and the theme is ‘The Wilderness of Covid.’ To take part, email: lententalks@downandconnor.org to receive Link and Password for the talks which are **free** and open to all.

CATHOLIC MINUTE

“Where your treasure is, there you will find your heart.”

Do you sometimes feel as if you’re ‘swimming against the tide’? You want so much to find the sacred space within yourself where you can be with God, but the pull of the noise and distractions of popular culture make it sometimes seem like mission impossible! The team at Catholic Minute invite you to join with them for online prayer during the week so that together we can move towards that which will give us life. With daily Scripture reflections, the Rosary, intercessory prayer, and reflective music, you can be part of a community that wants to find our treasure in God. **There is prayer each morning LIVE on Facebook at 9am and in the evenings too.** Why not tune in this Lent for some spiritual time-out with God! Everyone is welcome to join, just click on:

<https://www.facebook.com/CatholicMinute>



This Lent, we learn more about the suffering of people who have lost their homes and loved ones to war, and how they are rebuilding their lives through love, friendship and solidarity.

South Sudan is the world’s newest country, having gained independence from Sudan in 2011 after many years of conflict. However, in December 2013 a civil war broke out between rival political factions. Almost four hundred thousand people – equivalent to every person in Kildare and Meath – were killed during this conflict. A peace agreement was signed in September 2018, but fighting continues in many parts of the country. About 3.8 million people in South Sudan – one in every three people – fled their homes and remain displaced within South Sudan or are living as refugees in neighbouring countries to this day.

Trócaire works with local partners in South Sudan to provide: Emergency aid such as food, water and sanitation and hygiene items; Seeds, tools and agricultural training to help people grow their own food; Counselling support to help people overcome the trauma they have experienced; Promoting peaceful coexistence between all the people of South Sudan.

Lives have been torn apart by a war they never wanted. This is the injustice of war. It is not just that people lost their homes. It is not just that they struggle each day to survive. They are supporting each other but they are living in fear, and it is not just.

TRÓCAIRE BOXES are available from the Parish Office