

PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



7th March 2021 Third Sunday of Lent
Sunday B/Weekdays 1 Psalter week 3

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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.

MASSES IN PORTRUSH - STREAMED

Saturday vigil at 6pm, Sunday at noon

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

Thursday 9am, Friday 9am



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

THE POPE’S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MARCH

Evangelisation: Sacrament of Reconciliation

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

REST IN PEACE

ONE MONTH AGO: James Dixon

ANNIVERSARIES: Margaret Bradley, Tommy Mailey (5), Liam Donnelly, Fr Neil McCamphill, Joseph Wright (6), Michelle Platt (7), Mary Charley (9), Jack Donaghy, Maureen Forde, Vincent Fulton (10), Gerry Doherty, James McKeown (11), Theo Laverty, Brenda Paul, Johnny Ferris (12)

DECEASED MEMBERS OF APOSTOLIC WORK

Deceased members will be remembered at the Mass on **Wednesday 10th March** at 9.30am.

MEET A MONK

A virtual evening from Our Lady of Bethlehem Abbey, Portglenone – Thursday 11th March at 7pm

This online information session, followed by an opportunity for Q&A will provide some insights into this monastic way of living. It is an opportunity to take a first step in exploring a Cistercian vocation. bethlehemcistercianfamily@gmail.com for Zoom meeting details.

DIOCESAN VOCATION WEEKEND

Have you ever considered the possibility that God is calling you to the priesthood? This virtual retreat which takes place from the evening of **Friday 19th – Saturday 20th March** will create the time and space to help you discern God’s calling in your life. If you wish to register your interest in joining this retreat or for further information contact: Fr. Kevin McGuckien ☎ 90614567 or vocations@downandconnor.org



NOVENA OF HOPE FOR GOD’S PEOPLE

The Passionist Community at Tobar Mhuire Retreat Centre are holding an online **Novena of Hope** which will be streamed live at **7pm each evening from 19th - 27th March**, ending on the Saturday before Holy Week, at: www.facebook.com/tobarmhuirepassionists. Novena prayers and petition leaflets can be obtained from Tobar Mhuire (send sae) or online: www.tobarmhuirecrossgar.com

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY



Unity in Diversity: exploring and celebrating our commonality. Join Causeway Coast & Glens Good Relations Team on Zoom to mark International Women’s Day on **Tuesday 9th March at 7pm.** Bebhinn.McKinley@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk to register.



LECTIO DIVINA FOR LENT

An opportunity for a group of people to come together, pray with scripture and share their insights. 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** until **22 March** starting at **7.30pm** on Zoom. 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. **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 at *St Malachy’s Parish Coleraine* YouTube channel, parish website <https://coleraineparish.website> or Facebook page.

FROM COVID TO LIGHT – LENTEN TALKS 2021

‘The one who has hope lives differently; the one who hopes has been granted the gift of a new life.’ – Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI A Zoom Conference through the lens of Faith and the Gospels of Lent **each Tuesday at 8pm.** Each of the Talks are themed in light of Covid. The Guest speaker will reflect on the theme from their own context in light of their vocation and faith, but also in light of the Hope of this Easter and our journey through Covid, now that there is a vaccine to aid the control of this virus. This week Jim Deeds leads the session on **‘Covid Roadmaps to Recovery’.** lententalks@downandconnor.org to receive Link and Password for the talks which are **free** and open to all.



LIVING YOUTH LENTEN CHALLENGES

Get online to access weekly Lenten Challenges for young people aged 11-18 and their families. We will be exploring different themes throughout Lent and will have a host of engaging activities to get involved with. Visit: www.livingyouth.co.uk/lent-2021 for more information and to register.



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 **each morning LIVE on Facebook at 9am and in the evenings too.** Just click on: <https://www.facebook.com/CatholicMinute>

MARY’S MEALS: CRISIS IN ETHIOPIA

The people of Tigray are living in fear of imminent starvation. The brutal fighting has caused many to flee their homes. They are without food, without shelter, without medical supplies. Thanks to your support so far, we’ve been able to reach 3,000 children and vulnerable adults in Tigray, Ethiopia, with life-saving food parcels. But we urgently need to reach many more people in the coming weeks. Find out how you can help at: www.marysmeals.org.uk



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 and promoting peaceful coexistence between all the people of South Sudan. Lives have been torn apart by war. People have lost their homes. They struggle each day to survive. They are living in fear, and it is not just.

FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH CONFLICT

God of peace,

Show us how to put away the weapons of war and help us destroy the tools of destruction.

God of peace, may your kingdom come.

God of peace,

Teach us to follow the ways of justice and walk with us the paths of truth.

God of peace, may your kingdom come.

God of peace,

Challenge the weapons of war, and banish hatred and division, so that all your children may sleep secure.

God of peace, may your kingdom come.

Amen.



TRÓCAIRE BOXES are available from the Parish Office