## PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community





14th March 2021 Sunday B/Weekdays 1 **Fourth Sunday of Lent** Psalter week 4

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## Parish Facebook page and website

Star of the Sea Portstewart portstewartparish.website Follow us for up to date information

#### **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**

**RECENT:** Bridie Mullan, James McCamphill ANNIVERSARIES: James Purdy (11), Johnny Ferris (12), Anna Dorrian, Brendan Fitzpatrick (14), Michael Boyle, John & Marleen King (16), James McCullagh, Danny McGonigle, Francis Edward McGurk (17), Elizabeth Carr, John Hughes, Gary McGowan (18), Karol Crawley, Brendan Loughrey, John Kirk More, Breige McGowan (19), Joseph & Mary McAvoy



Christ with me, Christ before me. Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me. Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me.

# ST PATRICK'S DAY MASSES - STREAMED

Portstewart: 9.30am St Malachy's Coleraine: 10.00am Portrush: 7.00pm

## **HEAR! HERE! CAINT, CEOL AGUS CRAIC** Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm



To mark Irish Language Week/Seachthtain Na Gaeilge CC&G Borough Council's Good Relations Team are hosting an evening of

discussion, music and dance, including virtual performances by Loughgiel School of Irish Dancing, An Corraíste and the Mooney Family. Register via **M** Bebhinn.mckinley@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk



## ST COLUM'S PRIMARY SCHOOL Admissions 2021

If your child is due to start primary school in September 2021, and you missed applying via the online portal,

you can still apply by paper application available from the School Office or download from: https://www.stcolumsprimaryschool.co.uk/admissions If you have any questions please contact the School Office 7083 3010. Further information on the EA website under the Admissions section at: https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions



#### **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 19<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> 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

#### **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 <a href="https://coleraineparish.website">https://coleraineparish.website</a> 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 Fr Conor Stainton-Polland leads the session on 'The Light has come into the World': God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved. To receive Link and Password: <u>Iententalks@downandconnor.org</u> Talks are **free** and open to all.



LOUGH RTE Studio Broadcast Mass on Sunday 21st DERG March at 11am will be celebrated by Msgr La Flynn, Prior of Lough Derg along with the Lough Derg Pastoral and Music teams. The Mass will be offered for the Lough Derg

pilgrim family near and far. Tune into RTE 1 Television or RTE Radio 1 Extra.

#### 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 you involved. Visit: www.livingyouth.co.uk/lent-2021 for more information and to register.





#### **PRIORY INSTITUTE HOLY WEEK ONLINE RETREAT**

Free open access online retreat reflecting on the Passion of Christ. Register now at prioryinstitute.com



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.

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.





TRÓCAIRE BOXES are available from the Parish Office



#### SACRISTAN/CARETAKER ST MALACHY'S COLERAINE

A vacancy has arisen for a part-time Sacristan/Caretaker (20 hours pw) Full details can be found on the Diocesan website:

www.downandconnor.org - click on Job Vacancies. Closing date for return of applications: Friday 26th March at 12.00 noon