

# PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of **Lent** We prepare

21 March 2021 Fifth Sunday of Lent  
Sunday B/Weekdays 1 Psalter week 1

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### MASSES THIS WEEK - STREAMED

Sunday: Vigil 5pm, Sunday 10am  
& 7pm (starting on Palm Sunday)

Monday – Saturday: Mass at 9.30am

All Masses are streamed online on the parish website: [portstewartparish.website](http://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 26<sup>th</sup> March, the church will reopen for public Mass at 9.30am.

### MASSES IN PORTRUSH - STREAMED

Saturday vigil at 6pm, Sunday at noon

Monday 9am, Tuesday 9am, Wednesday 7pm,  
Thursday 9am, Friday 9.30am



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: Donal Roantree, Desmond Leslie, Helmut Scharf

ANNIVERSARIES: Sr Cecilia Diamond (17), Fidelma Burgess, John Kelly, Fr Colm McKeating, Alexander Rooney, Eileen Stuart (21), Shaun Carlin, Sadie Dempsey (22), Mary Devenney (24), Elizabeth McAleese, John McCotter, John McNally, Charles O’Neill (25), Katie Crossan, Maria Donnelly, Desmond McKenna, Madge Tracey (26), Anne Conway, Mary Keenan, Margaret McAuley, John McCurdy (27)

### ZOOM CONFERENCE FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Now, after a year of Covid, we are more and more conscious of the weight of the restrictions... and moreover the finishing line seems like a mirage always moving farther and farther away from us! The Catholic Young Adult Conference via Zoom on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March** from 5.30-7.30pm is a chance for young adults (18 – 40) wherever they are to come together online to build up their hope. The theme “**Hope Springs Eternal**” will be discussed in a great line up of short talks and testimonies mixed together with music and prayer. The Conference is free to attend - just log into Zoom: ID 847 1984 5205 Passcode: 771328 Come and get a powerful injection of hope! Newcomers especially welcome.

### DEFENDING THE FAITH WITHOUT RAISING YOUR VOICE: online on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 6.30 pm.

CK19, The Knights of St Columbanus at Queen's University Belfast, is presenting an online talk delivered by Michael Kelly, Editor of The Irish Catholic newspaper, which should give us an insight into how we can respond to Catholic hot-button issues when they arise in our lives. ✉ [council19.qub@gmail.com](mailto:council19.qub@gmail.com) or message us on social media (@KSCQueens)

### 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](http://www.facebook.com/tobarmhuirepassionists). Novena prayers and petition leaflets can be obtained from Tobar Mhuire (send sae) or online: [www.tobarmhuirecrossgar.com](http://www.tobarmhuirecrossgar.com)

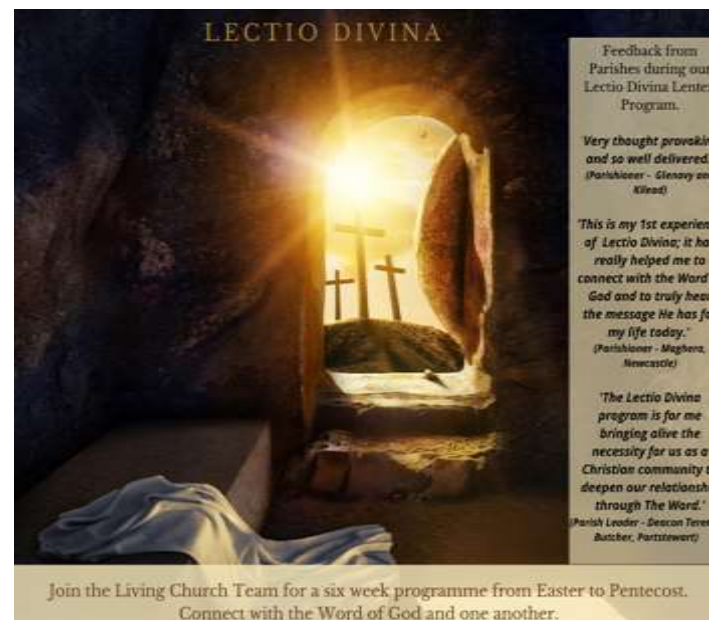
### CELEBRATING MARY’S “YES”

Solemnity of the Annunciation of The Lord

On **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March** a Service for Vocations will be broadcast from St Peter’s Cathedral at 7pm. We invite the Diocese to come together so that men and women who are considering a vocation to Priesthood, Diaconate or Religious Life may be granted that same openness of heart, that same readiness to respond “Yes” to the Lord’s call. . Mary had courage, placing her youth and enthusiasm in God’s hands. We

encourage you to set aside this time of prayer in your home and to unite with people across the Diocese. The link for St. Peter’s Cathedral is:

[www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral](http://www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral)



### 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. Please join online for the **last session on Friday at 7.30pm: 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** 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 Baroness Nuala O’Loan leads the session on **‘I have Glorified it, and I will Glorify it again’**. **Tuesday at 8pm on Zoom**. Link & Password: ✉ [lententalks@downandconnor.org](mailto:lententalks@downandconnor.org) Talks **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 you involved. Visit: [www.livingyouth.co.uk/lent-2021](http://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](http://prioryinstitute.com)

### 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 at: <https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions>



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### 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](http://www.downandconnor.org) – click on Job Vacancies.

Closing date for return of applications:

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 12.00 noon**

### WE’RE BACK! (well, some of us)

**Please book beforehand for Sunday Mass, starting on the vigil for Palm Sunday, either by phoning Emer (07709 043921) or using the app EVENTBRITE.** To use Eventbrite, just download the app, search for Portstewart Parish and book your place at the Mass of your choice. We will reserve 10 places at every Mass for people unable to avail of the technology, but if you can, please use the app. If you have any problems accessing the app or can only reserve your place via phone please call Emer or email [portstewartpastoralcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:portstewartpastoralcouncil@gmail.com) or speak to a steward at daily Mass. No booking is required for weekdays. We look forward to welcoming all who are able to attend Mass and remember the intentions of all who cannot yet be with us. Numbers are limited due to current guidelines. Please enter by the main door. Please wear a face mask when you come and 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.