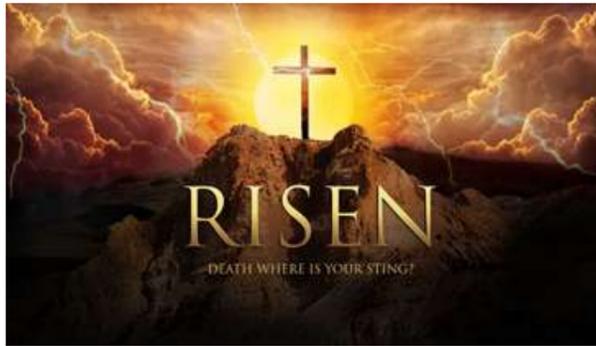


PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



4 April 2021 Easter Sunday
THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
Sunday B/Weekdays 1 Psalter week 1

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Sunday: Vigil 5.00pm, Sunday 10.00am & 7.00pm

Monday: Mass at 9.30am

Tuesday: Mass at 7.00pm

Wednesday – Saturday: Mass at 9.30am

Please book for all weekend Masses,
either by phoning Emer 07709 043921
or online at EVENTBRITE

No booking is required for weekdays.

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

Saturday vigil at 6pm, Sunday at noon

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

Thursday 9am, Friday 9.30am

REST IN PEACE

ONE MONTH AGO: Donal Roantree – Month’s Mind
Saturday 10th April at 11am

Desmond Leslie – Month’s Mind Mass Saturday 10th
April at 5pm

ANNIVERSARIES: Mollie & Tony McDonnell (27),
Catherine Laverty (3), Michael Harvey, Winnie
McFaul, Susan McGowan (4), Jim Loughrey, Detta
O’Neill (5), Dymrna Farrelly, Jimmy McDonnell,
Ignatius Carson (6), Bernard and Alice Loughrey (7),
Martha McGonigle (9)

We welcome all who are able to attend Mass and remember the intentions of all who cannot yet be with us. Numbers are restricted under 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.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,
I believe that you are present in the most
Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things,
and desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive you sacramentally,
please come spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you now as if you were already there
and I unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen.

The church is open for private prayer from
10am-12 noon on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday,
Friday and Saturday mornings.

Please observe social-distancing guidelines, sanitise your hands on entry and exit, and sanitise any hard surface you have touched.

THE POPE’S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR APRIL

Universal: Fundamental Rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

The Divine Mercy Novena is prayed for nine days, commencing Good Friday (2nd April) until the first Saturday of Easter (10th April) in preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday (11th April). There are many opportunities to follow the Novena online, including on Facebook with Catholic Minute or on Radio Maria.



Trócaire would like to thank parishes across Ireland for their fantastic support of our 2021 Lenten Appeal in what is an unusual year for us all.

Trócaire’s Lenten Appeal will still be active for a period of time after Easter and all donations to the appeal from the public in NI made before 16th May will be matched

pound for pound by the UK government, up to £2m.

Supporters who sign up for a monthly gift, or increase their monthly gift before the 16th May deadline, will have three instalments matched. These matched funds will help thousands of people in South Sudan to grow enough food to feed their families. It will also support strong women like Awut and Ajak – the women featured on this year’s Trócaire Lent Box – in having their voices heard in decisions affecting them. The more funds we can raise by 16th May, the more we are able to help families hurt by conflict to survive and thrive.

Thank you once again for your continued support.



JOURNEY WITH THE GOSPELS THROUGH THE EASTER SEASON TO PENTECOST!



Over Lent people from across the Diocese joined in an online programme to learn the method of praying with

scriptures known as *Lectio Divina* – Divine Reading. This Easter season, we invite you to join us again online. There are two groups available, facilitated on Zoom by Aisling and Louise from the Living Church team, starting on Monday 12th April or Thursday 15th April at 7pm.

Let us connect with one another and to the Word of God. To take part livingchurch@downandconnor.org and you will be sent the log in details for your session. We look forward to welcoming you!



PARISH SECRETARY ST MALACHY’S COLERAINE

A vacancy has arisen for a part-time Parish Secretary (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 16th April at 12.00 noon

A PRAYER ON EASTER SUNDAY

Light a candle and pause for a few moments to become aware of God’s presence. Make the Sign of the Cross, as you pray:

Lord of all life,
You are our hope and our joy,
our source of true happiness.
We have journeyed to Easter
and in the most difficult of trials
we have renewed our baptism
and proclaimed your resurrection.
We embrace with gladness
the new life to which you call each one of us.
Bless us, our families and all the world,
with your constant presence and protection.
May we give you thanks every day and share
the good news of our faith with all we meet.
And may the light of our Easter faith
guide our footsteps in your ways
of love, peace and truth.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.
In Easter joy we proclaim, Christ is risen!
Alleluia, alleluia!

If you have Holy Water, use it to bless yourself as you make the Sign of the Cross. Place your candle safely somewhere prominent in your home as a reminder of the Light of Christ amongst us.

May the risen Christ
fill your heart with joy,
bring you new hope,
and bless you with peace. Amen.

Happy Easter!

CHRIST THE LORD
IS RISEN TODAY!