

PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



11 April 2021 **Second Sunday of Easter**
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
Sunday B/Weekdays 1 **Psalter week 2**

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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.

GOOD NEWS!

We are now permitted to allow larger numbers to attend weddings and funerals in the church – up to our maximum (Covid-restricted) capacity.

MASSES IN PORTRUSH

Saturday vigil at 6pm, Sunday at noon
Monday 9am, Tuesday 9am, Wednesday 7pm,
Thursday 9am, Friday 9.30am

REST IN PEACE

RECENT: George Hadfield
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: John Diamond (5), Matilda McAleese, Kathleen Weir (10), Hilary Magowan, Padraic (4) and Seamus Harley (11), Dominic Mullan, Berna McCartney (12), Dick Hughes (14), Thomas McGeogh (15), Annie Moore (16)

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.

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.*

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.

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.

PARISH HYMN REQUESTS

Bernard is resuming his parish music request slot after the 10am Mass on Sunday mornings. If you have any particular favourites you would like to hear, please contact him: 📞 07866 281826



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.



Total so far collected in Star of the Sea: £5260

If you haven’t yet returned your Trocaire box, please leave it back in the Parish Office as soon as possible. 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!

Lectio Divina sessions led by trained facilitators are running on Monday evenings starting at 7.30pm on Zoom. Meeting ID: 391 752 6857 Passcode: 3e70J2

A Prayer for Peace

Compassionate God and Father of all, we are horrified at violence in so many parts of the world. It seems that none are safe, and some are terrified.

Hold back the hands that kill and maim; turn around the hearts that hate. Grant instead your strong Spirit of Peace – peace that passes our understanding but changes lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



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