

# PORTSTEWART PARISH


Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



18 April 2021 Third Sunday of Easter  
Sunday B/Weekdays 1 Psalter week 3

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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

Sunday: Vigil 5.00pm, Sunday 10.00am & 7.00pm  
Monday: See below  
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.

## MONDAY MORNINGS

At 9.30am on Monday mornings there will be a  
**Service of the Word** (Lectio Divina) with  
distribution of Holy Communion led by Deacon  
Terence.

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

RECENT: Anne Brolly  
ONE MONTH AGO: Catherine Kelly  
ANNIVERSARIES: Annie Moore, Rosanna McMullan  
(16), Neil Sweeney (17), Sarah McCann, Colum  
McKenna, Harry McLaughlin (19), Pat Doherty, John  
Doyle, Francis McCrory (20), Thomas Ferris, Rose  
Mullan (21), Sr Margaret Eustace, Johnnie Martin  
(22), Angela Doherty

## THE POPE’S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR APRIL

### 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.

### WELCOME BACK

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.

## ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Lord Jesus,  
I believe that you are really present in your people  
gathered together. You, the Word made flesh, are  
really present when the Living Word is proclaimed.  
You are really present in the Most Holy Sacrament  
of the Eucharist as we share in the One Bread and  
One Cup. I love you above all things. You already  
abide all days in the heart and soul of each of your  
people and we abide in you.

I cannot at this moment gather with your people  
to celebrate the Eucharist, nor receive you in the  
sacrament of the Eucharist. I look forward to the  
time when this is again possible. I ask that you  
strengthen my awareness and appreciation of your  
abiding presence at all times. I embrace you now  
already present. By your Spirit, unite me more  
fully in communion with you and with your Father,  
with all the members of your body as we look  
forward to sharing in the eternal banquet for the  
kingdom, the power and the glory are yours  
forever and ever.

Amen

## 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.

## 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

## LECTIO DIVINA FOR THE EASTER SEASON



Join our Team for a 6 week programme of Lectio Divina  
through the Easter season to Pentecost! Lectio Divina  
offers an opportunity to gather together to pray with  
Scripture, share insights and to deepen our personal  
relationship with God through contemplating His Word.  
Deacon Terence, Frank and Curtis will be facilitating a new  
program of Lectio Divina. To join please e-mail:  
[t.butcher@downandconnor.org](mailto:t.butcher@downandconnor.org) and we will send you the  
zoom link. Or alternatively join us on the link below on  
Mondays at 7.30pm beginning on Monday 12th April until  
Monday 17th May. All welcome  
[https://protect-  
eu.mimecast.com/s/tuK\\_CmEjQTjgjYSGyTIA?domain=uso2  
web.zoom.us](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/tuK_CmEjQTjgjYSGyTIA?domain=uso2web.zoom.us)



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 16<sup>th</sup> May will be matched  
pound for pound by the UK  
government, up to £2m.



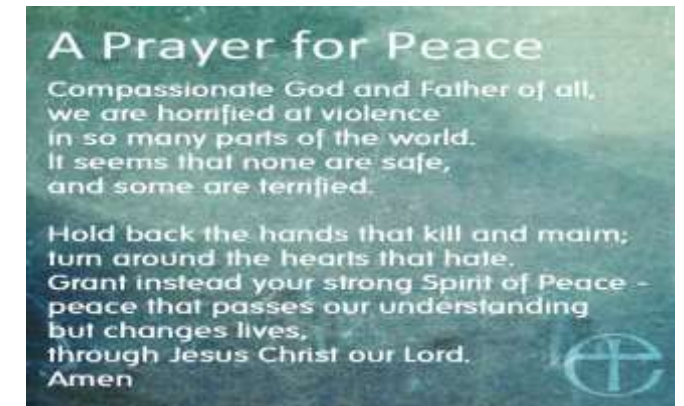
Supporters who sign up for a monthly gift, or increase  
their monthly gift before the 16<sup>th</sup> May deadline, will have  
three instalments matched. These matched funds will help  
thousands of people in South Sudan. The more funds we

can raise by 16<sup>th</sup> 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: £5591

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.



## VIATORES CHRISTI Overseas Volunteers Training Course September 2021

Viatores Christi, a faith-based development  
organisation has specialised in the recruitment, training  
and deployment of overseas volunteers since 1960. VC runs  
an online volunteer preparation course covering  
Community Development, Health, Global Awareness,  
Mission, etc. This is open to all. Once completed,  
participants can be considered for volunteer roles through  
VC EU Aid Volunteers #EUAVI programmes. If you want to  
know more, visit the News section of our website  
[www.vcvolunteers.ie](http://www.vcvolunteers.ie) or email: [info@viatoreschristi.com](mailto:info@viatoreschristi.com)

## DATES FOR THE DIARY



Portstewart Parish Confirmation:  
Wednesday 26th May at 5pm  
First Holy Communion:  
Sunday 13th June at 12 noon