

PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



2 May 2021 Fifth Sunday of Easter
Sunday B/Weekdays 1 Psalter week 1

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Star of the Sea Portstewart
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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 MORNING THIS WEEK

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

Mass in Portrush at 9.00am

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Colette Gaile, Seoirse McKinney (30), Olaf Bond (1), Hannah Martin, Pam McCorry (3), John Robinson (4), Barney Fitzpatrick, Jim and Kathleen McKeown (5), Ann Davies, Jean Flynn (6), Sammy Crerand (7), Jim Fitzpatrick, John McCorry and Kevin McFerran (8).

THE POPE’S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY

The world of finance: Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

POPE FRANCIS’ PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

LORD OF THE HARVEST,

BLESS young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call.

Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things.

INSPIRE all of your disciples to mutual love and giving – for vocations blossom in the good soil of faithful people.

INSTALL those in religious life, parish ministries, and families with the confidence and grace to invite others to embrace the bold and noble path of a life consecrated to you.

UNITE us to Jesus through prayer and sacrament, so that we may cooperate with you in building your reign of mercy and truth, of justice and peace.

AMEN

If you are thinking about the priesthood, we encourage you to phone or send an e-mail to Fr Kevin McGuckien, Diocesan Vocations Director ☎ 90614567 vocations@downandconnor.org

WELCOME BACK

We welcome all who are able to attend Mass and remember the intentions of all who cannot yet be with us. Please enter by the main door. 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.

We are delighted to be welcoming more people back to Mass and look forward to many more returning in the coming months. Please be aware that when we are busy you may be asked to sit in the gallery. If you are unable to do so please let us know in advance or arrive early to ensure a seat downstairs.

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

TRÓCAIRE’S LENTEN APPEAL

All donations 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.

Trócaire’s campaign this year focused on people trapped in long-running wars, such as those affecting places such as South Sudan and Somalia. Generations of people in these countries have been forced to live through conflict. Their resilience and determination to help each other is remarkable. By donating to our Lenten Appeal, you will be helping them to help themselves. If you haven’t yet returned your Trocaire box, please leave it back in the Parish Office as soon as possible. We will be sending on our parish contribution this week.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Total so far collected in Star of the Sea: £5966



ALPHA COURSE ONLINE

You are invited to Alpha online on Thursday evenings at 8pm. The course is an opportunity to explore questions around faith, life and meaning. Use this link to join:

<https://CFC.alpha.online> For more information, please ring Ernestine ☎ 7083 1000 All welcome!

LECTIO DIVINA FOR THE EASTER SEASON

Mondays at 7.30pm until 17th May



LECTIO DIVINA
Reading the Scripture
Reflecting on the Meaning
Responding through Prayer
Resting in God
Responding in Action

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 this Easter. To join, please e-mail: t.butcher@downandconnor.org for the zoom link. Or use: https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/tuK_CmEjQTj9jYSGyTIA?domain=uso2.web.zoom.us



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.

If you want to know more, visit www.vcvolunteers.ie or email: info@viatoreschristi.com

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Recently we were invited to participate in an initiative providing meals for members of our Parish community in partnership with the Portstewart community group who had secured some funding. We were asked to identify participants who we selected for various reasons. We are happy to say that it was a great success and helped us identify an immediate need in our community. Therefore we intend to continue providing meals once a week to anyone who will benefit by being included!

Would you like to get involved? We need to put a team together to help us prepare the meals in our kitchen in the parish centre and then deliver them. We also need your help to identify those who fulfil the broad criteria. If you can help in this extremely worthwhile enterprise please get in touch with Deacon Terence

☎ 07783 117077 or 7083 3548

Email: Terrence.butcher@btinternet.com

PARISH HYMN REQUESTS

If you have any particular favourites you would like to hear Bernard sing following the Sunday 10am Mass, please contact him: ☎ 07866 281826

DATES FOR THE DIARY



Portstewart Parish Confirmation:
Wednesday 26th May at 5pm

First Holy Communion:
Please choose a Sunday Mass from
29th May onwards or
Sunday 13th June at 12.30pm

Due to covid-19 protocols places are limited. You must contact the parish office to reserve your places for any of these events.

PARISH BULLETIN

If you have any item for inclusion in the parish weekend bulletin, email: secretary@portstewartparish.co.uk or contact the parish office ☎ 7083 2534 by 5pm on Thursday please.