

PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



9 May 2021

Sunday B/Weekdays 1

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Psalter week 2

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MASSES THIS WEEK

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

Monday: Mass at 9.00am

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Sammy Crerand, Lorenzo Quinn (7), Mary Maggie O'Connor (11), Edward McKeown, Madeline McNally (12), Margaret and James Burns, Marian Matuszewski, Derek McKinney (13), Mary Davies (14), Patrick and Kathleen Farrell, Mary Morgan, Gemma O'Connell (15)

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

We are hoping to restart our weekly day of Eucharistic Adoration in the Church on Thursdays. If you were previously on the rota you will be contacted over the next couple of days to check if you would like to continue as before. However, we would love to hear from **new volunteers** who could commit to a regular slot on the rota. Alternatively we would also like to hear from anyone who would be happy to be on a standby list of those willing to be contacted in the event that a regular rota member was unable to cover their slot. If you would like to join us please phone Helen ☎ 07765 014681.

VOCATIONS

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.



Total collection sent to Trócaire from Star of the Sea this week: £7401.

Thank you for your generosity.



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



LECTIO DIVINA

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

Mondays at 7.30pm until 17th May

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=us02.web.zoom.us

“THE HEALING POWER OF POETRY”

hosted by Drumalis via Zoom from 10:30 am – 12:00 noon (20 & 27 May and 3 June)

Focusing on the poets Patrick Kavanagh and Seamus Heaney, these three sessions led by Sr Una Agnew will look at some of the ways in which poetry offers an alternative mind-set to experiences of social unrest, self-questioning, isolation, failure, and personal loss and gifts us instead with moments of perspective, meaning, transcendence and spiritual healing. Suggested Donation: £30 per person. For further details or to book a place, please contact Drumalis during office hours (Mon-Fri, 9 am – 5 pm) ☎ 2827 2196/2827 6455 or email: drumalis@btconnect.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.**