

# PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



16 May 2021 **The Ascension of the Lord**  
Sunday B/Weekdays 1 **Psalter week 3**

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## MASSES THIS WEEK

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

**Monday: Lectio Divina & Eucharist at 9.30am**

**Tuesday: No Mass this week**

**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:** May Gaffrey (16), Laurence McElhill, Mary Neely, Paddy McPeake (17), Albert & Creina Chiappe, Jeen McDonald, Nellie McKinley, Nuala Quinn, Nora Sloan (18), Elizabeth Hayter, Hugh Johnston, Annie O’Murchu (19), Charlotte Downey, Seamus Lynch (21), Bernard Sherlock

## 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.



We are hoping to restart our weekly day of Eucharistic Adoration in the

Church on Thursdays. If you were previously on the rota we will contact you to check if you are able 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.

## WELCOME BACK

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.**

Please enter by the main door.

**We remember the intentions of all who cannot yet be with us.**

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

## 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



## TRÓCAIRE’S LENTEN APPEAL

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

Thank you for your generosity.

## LECTIO DIVINA FOR THE EASTER SEASON

**Mondays at 7.30pm until 17th May**

Last session this week. To join, please e-mail:

t.butcher@downandconnor.org for the zoom link.



## 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

## LANGUAGE CAFÉ



**Would you like to learn about the culture, traditions and language of your European neighbours?**

The Causeway Multicultural Forum is hosting **free** Zoom classes for beginners in Polish, Spanish and Italian. **Polish:**

Tuesdays starting 18th May. **Spanish:** Wednesdays starting 19th May. **Italian:** Thursdays starting 20th May. All classes run from 7.30-8.30pm. To register: ☎ 07867 690820 or email: [causewaymcf2019@gmail.com](mailto:causewaymcf2019@gmail.com)

## IRISH CATHOLIC BISHOPS’ CONFERENCE - SYNOD



On 10 March 2021, the Irish Catholic Bishops’ Conference announced a new Synodal Pathway for the Catholic Church in Ireland leading to the

holding of a National Synodal Assembly within the next five years. Bishops are mindful of the challenges and opportunities that provide a context for a synodal pathway leading to a National Synod at this pivotal time for the Church on our island, which are outlined here:

- **Solidarity, Outreach to the Peripheries and the Promise of a New Pentecost**

Pope Francis’ Apostolic Exhortation *The Joy of the Gospel (Evangelii Gaudium)*, together with his encyclicals, *Laudato Si’* and *Fratelli Tutti* offer a challenging framework for the Church of today and tomorrow – calling us in particular to solidarity with the poor, the excluded and those “on the peripheries”, who yearn for the Good News. This calling also includes initiatives of social friendship in favour of our sisters and brothers in other continents. Speaking at the end of the World Meeting of Families in Phoenix Park, Dublin 2018, Pope Francis encouraged the people of Ireland to be open to the work of the Holy Spirit “who constantly breathes new life into our world, into our hearts, into our families, into our homes and parishes. Each new day in the life of our families, and each new generation, brings the promise of a new Pentecost, a domestic Pentecost, a fresh outpouring of the Spirit, the Paraclete, whom Jesus sends as our Advocate, our Consoler and indeed our Encourager. How much our world needs this encouragement that is God’s gift and promise!”

- **Listening to what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church in an Ireland faced with rapid transformation**

Before embarking on the consultation itself, between Easter (5 April) and Pentecost (23 May), 2021, bishops are seeking submissions on what methods to adopt in these

coming two years of conversations. **For more information, please visit:** [www.catholicbishops.ie/synod/](http://www.catholicbishops.ie/synod/)

As we embark on the synodal pathway, Bishops ask for prayers that this may be a time of renewal, reform and new hope for all the People of God in Ireland.

## SCHOOL PLACEMENTS ABROAD

Placement opportunities are available to qualified teachers and young men aged 16-25 at St Peter’s International College, France (a private Catholic boarding school). Anyone interested in the opportunities below should contact the school using the contact details provided. **September 2021:** Teachers in Maths, English, EFL, Science, History and MFL. Pastoral support (not necessarily a teacher but a younger person to help with sports and the pastoral side)

**May 2021 (6 weeks placement):** English Literature Teacher and Pastoral support worker. [www.stpetersfr.com](http://www.stpetersfr.com)

Email : [enquiries@stpetersfr.com](mailto:enquiries@stpetersfr.com)

Phone : 00 33 6 41 80 53 01

## 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 space is 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](mailto:secretary@portstewartparish.co.uk) or contact the parish office ☎ 7083 2534 **by 5pm on Thursday please.**

## NEW TEAM IN COLERAINE PARISH

**We welcome the appointment of Fr Needish to St Malachy’s Church. Fr Needish is from Kerala, India, and will be starting his ministry in Coleraine on Saturday 22nd May.**

**Also welcome to Coleraine Parish are Parish Secretary Paula Priestley and Sacristan Gregory Diamond. We wish them all well in their new positions.**

**St Malachy’s telephone no: 7034 3156**