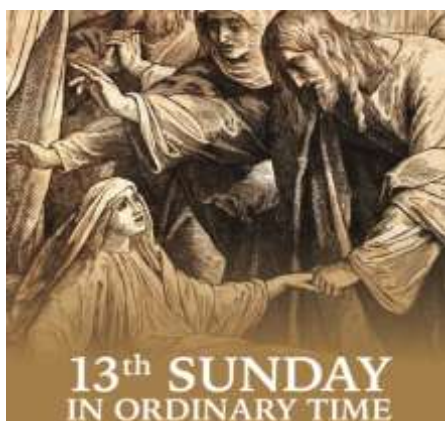


PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



27 June 2021

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday B/Weekdays 1

Psalter week 1

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Sunday: Vigil 5.00pm, Sunday 10.00am

Please note that today 27th June is the last Sunday 7pm Mass until September

Monday: No Mass in Star of the Sea

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.

MASS IN PORTRUSH

Saturday Vigil at 6pm, Sunday at 12 noon
Monday 9am, Tuesday 9am, Wednesday 7pm,
Thursday 9am, Friday 9.30am

MASS IN ST MALACHY’S, COLERAINE

Saturday vigil at 6pm, Sunday at 11am
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10am

REST IN PEACE

RECENTLY DECEASED: Pauline Convery
ANNIVERSARIES: John McCloskey (21), John Madden (27), Edelle McClade (28), Eugene Burke, Vincent McMacken, Patrick Torney (29), Fr Michael Dillon (30), James Davies, Agnes Hepburn, Laurence and Pauline Higgins (2)

THE POPE’S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JUNE

The beauty of marriage: Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

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 Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held in the Church every Thursday between 10am and 9pm.**

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



‘DO LOUGH DERG WHEREVER YOU ARE’
Saturday 3rd July – Monday 5th July 2021
Join Fr La and Team members for the Three Day Pilgrimage – Registration is open.

The traditional Three Day Pilgrimage and the Autumn Day Retreats on Station Island will remain suspended for a second year in a row. We are deeply conscious of the many pilgrims who are missing their annual visit to Lough Derg. Therefore, The Prior, Fr La, invites you to join him on Saturday 3rd July – Monday 5th July to **‘Do Lough Derg from wherever you are’**. Fr La and three companions will do the pilgrimage on the Island during these days. At the same time, some of the Lough Derg staff will be doing the pilgrimage in St. Mary’s Church in Pettigo, with a link available by webcam to wherever you are. Many people at home found this support invaluable last year. To find out more or to register, email: info@loughderg.org
The Lough Derg Pilgrim Path on the lough shore is open daily to those who wish to come and walk it in a prayerful pilgrim spirit. Last August/September we piloted a new experience of a guided Pilgrimage on

the Lough Shore, and we plan to offer that again this year on two weekend dates in July, and also in September – details later. Fr La adds, “Remember that God is never outdone in generosity. Even if you can’t take on the full pilgrimage, perhaps you would join us in some moment of prayer those days. I will certainly be praying for you. Slán go Fóill”.



DIPLOMA IN PASTORAL THEOLOGY

Drumalis Retreat Centre, in association with St Patrick’s Pontifical College, Maynooth, invite

applications for this two-year, part-time, intensive course which begins in September 2021. Further information available at <http://www.drumalis.co.uk>, by emailing maura@drumalis.co.uk or ☎ 28272196/28276455.

RALLY FOR LIFE

There will be ‘Life Chains’ in towns and cities throughout Northern Ireland on **Saturday 3rd July** from 2-4pm. For information on a ‘Life Chain’ near you please contact Precious Life ☎ 9027 8484 or email: info@preciouslife.com



SUMMER SINGING SCHOOL FOR BOYS

Monday 9 August – Friday 13 August 2021

St Dominic’s Grammar School, Dominican Convent, 135 Falls Road, Belfast BT12 6AE
The scheme is aimed at boys aged 8–16 who want to improve their singing voice and

musical skills. It is ideal for boys who have a passion for music and want to take their singing training to the next level. Applications available from Saint Peter’s Cathedral House or email: schola@downandconnor.org



ST COLUM'S PRIMARY SCHOOL YEARBOOK 2021

Celebrating 85 years

St. Colum’s PTA are delighted to present this lovely keepsake tracing the history of the school featuring articles from past pupils from every decade since the school was opened in 1936. All current St Colum’s students are featured and an insight into what each class has been getting up to in this very unusual year is given. £10 per copy, all proceeds go to the PTA whiteboard fund. Copies available from the school office ☎ 70833010 and the Church Repository.



— DOWN & CONNOR —

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, Apostolic Work are unable to hold their annual Church Door collection this year. If anyone would like to donate, please ☎ Teresa Fitzpatrick 07544 738801, Mary McKenna 07761 625509 or Margaret Lynch 07519 040316. Apostolic Work supports some of the poorest people in the world and those who minister to them. Please help us to make a difference.



Parish Facebook page and website

Star of the Sea Portstewart

portstewartparish.website

Follow us for up to date information

REPOSITORY

The Church Shop is open after the 10am Mass on Sundays. During the week, Mass cards are available from the parish office.

GDPR – PHOTOGRAPHS

The photographs from Fr Austin’s celebration Mass last weekend will shortly be available on Facebook and the Parish website, and on display in the church. If you were there and do not wish any photos of yourself to be uploaded, please contact Emer ☎ 07709 043921

FROM FR AUSTIN -

Words are inadequate to express how I feel about how I have been treated these past few days, but I’ll have a go. I knew there was the “big date” coming up, fifty years since I was ordained a priest in St Teresa’s Church, Glen Road, Belfast 19th June 1971 (Bishop Philbin could have ordained the two of us in St Colmcille’s East Belfast, but Fr Gerry Patton won the toss to have it in his parish). I knew that the current restrictions would mean that there couldn’t be the usual celebrations which parishes do on such occasions and was glad in a way that the thing would come and go, quietly, with just a nod and a wink. What happened was a series of well-disguised but delightful surprises, a tribute to the people who thought up and carried out these surprises. There is a career waiting for them in MI6 if they ever give up being parishioners. The first surprise was on Friday morning Mass on 18th when I spotted by brother, PJ and my sister-in-law, Aileesh during communion. They don’t usually get up that early, leaving north Belfast at 8.15am. Of course everybody else knew they’d be there. We had a great day together. Then I was told that Bishop Noel Treanor would be celebrating the 5.00pm Vigil Mass on Saturday and Fr Raymond was taking care of the homily. We were joined by my good friends Fr John Forsythe and Fr Nedeesh. More surprises came in the shape of a Papal Blessing from Ruth, a book of memories and Facebook comments compiled by Emer and a very generous injection to my bank balance from parishioners here, Coleraine and Portrush. Cards, gifts, words of appreciation and all of the above have left me grateful to God for the gift of vocation and very grateful to you.

