

PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



22 August 2021

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday B/Weekdays 1

Psalter week 1

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Saturday Vigil at 5pm, Sunday at 10am

Monday: No Mass in Star of the Sea

Tuesday: Mass at 7.00pm

Wednesday – Saturday: Mass at 9.30am

The church is open for private prayer

from 10am-12 noon

on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday
between 10am and 9pm.

MASS IN PORTRUSH

Saturday Vigil at 6pm, Sunday at 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

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10am

REST IN PEACE

RECENT: Christina Passmore

ANNIVERSARIES: Edith O’Kane (17), David Murray, Jim O’Connor (21), William Cuning, Alice Duffy, Jean McIntyre, Sarah Monahan (22), Robert McKenna, Owen McWilliams (23), Dorothy Madeleine Diamond (24), Joseph Duffy (25), Kevin Conway, Krzysztof Kunkel, James Sweeney, Justin Murray (28)

Please book for all weekend Masses,
either by phoning Emer 07709 043921
or online at EVENTBRITE

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.

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.

FACE MASKS IN STAR OF THE SEA

Though the legal obligation to wear a mask throughout
Mass is no longer in place, **it will remain mandatory for
anyone attending Mass in our Church to wear a mask at
all times.** We have taken this decision in line with the
recommendation of the Diocese and in consultation with
our great team of volunteers who facilitate all our
Masses. We appreciate your continuing cooperation with
this act of kindness to fellow parishioners.

THE POPE’S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST

For Evangelisation – The Church

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from
the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform
herself in the light of the Gospel.

SEASON OF CREATION: Restoring our common home

The Season of Creation begins on Wednesday 1st
September. Pope Francis has invited the faithful to
participate in this annual season “to renew their faith
in the God of creation and join in prayer and work for
the care of our common home.” As a Diocese we will
mark the opening of the Season of Creation with a
service in St Peter’s Cathedral on Wednesday 1st
September at 7pm. Join us online:

www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral

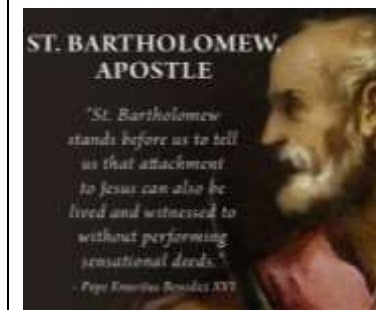


Monday 6th September at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Use this link to join:

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/8258959411?pwd=emZPeT.ZSbHhlcigqUU9mRVFiRW1qdz09>

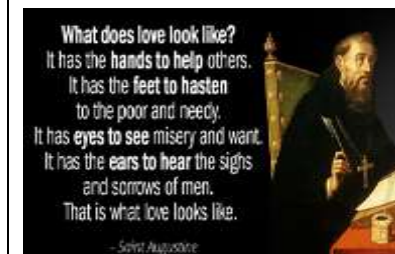
SPECIAL DAYS IN THE CHURCH CALENDAR THIS WEEK



Tuesday 24th August:
St Bartholomew



Friday 27th August: St Monica



Saturday 28th August:
St Augustine

LEGION OF MARY

Tuesday 7th September is the 100th
birthday of the parish Praesidium of the
Legion of Mary. Following the 9.30am
Mass on Wednesday 8th September, the
Rosary will be recited at the Grotto. All
welcome.



FORTHCOMING COURSES AT DRUMALIS

• Diploma in Pastoral Theology •

2 year part-time course, now enrolling for 2021-2023 intake

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. The closing date for receipt of
applications has been extended to 22 August.

• Pathways – Adult Faith Development Programme •

2 year part-time course, now enrolling for 2021-2023 intake

Have you ever thought about exploring your faith... or
wished that you could broaden your understanding of
your faith? Would you like to explore, discuss and reflect
upon issues and questions of faith, the Church, and how to
link faith to life? If the answer is “yes”, then Pathways
may be for you. The course runs one Saturday per month
(10 am – 4:30 pm) from October to June, either in-house at
Drumalis or online via Zoom.

• Certificate in Christian Thought •

2 year, part-time course commencing October 2021

The Certificate in Christian Thought aims to offer a space
where adults can explore, reflect upon, discuss and study
faith and how it relates to life in today’s world, both at a
personal and community level. It is possible to do the
course for validation by St Mary’s University College or for
personal development only. The course is offered either
in-house at Drumalis, Larne or online via Zoom.

• Growth in Prayer and Reflective Living •

Commencing Monday, 20 September

Living out faith isn’t easy against the backdrop of our fast-
paced, noisy and instantaneous culture. This course will
give you the tools and space to become attuned to God’s
voice in the midst of the clamour. The course will take
place over 21 Monday evening sessions from 7 – 9.30pm via
Zoom.

• Is that you, God? – Ignatian Discernment for our Day

Commencing 8 September 2021

If you would like to better recognise God’s loving presence
in your daily life, engage in making more Spirit-led
decisions and find more purpose and meaning in life, then
this course may be for you. This series will take place over
five Wednesday evenings from 7.15 pm – 8.30pm via Zoom
and will be led by Virginia Blass, an experienced retreat
giver and author from USA.

For further information on all these courses, or to
register, please contact Drumalis ☎ 28276455/28272196
or email maura@drumalis.co.uk Details also available on
Drumalis website: <http://www.drumalis.co.uk>

The LOUGH DERG PILGRIM PATH on the lough
shore is now open daily. The full route is a 12km
loop, with a shorter 8km option. Guided walks
available. For bookings and further information
email info@loughderg.org or ☎ 00353 71 9861518.
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Do you want to learn more about the Catholic faith?

Have you not yet received all the Sacraments?

Do you want to become Catholic?

Contact Fionnuala for more information on the Rite of
Christian Initiation of Adults programme ☎ 07702 073895
email: rcia@downandconnor.org

UPSKILLING FOR HOSPITALITY

Are you 16+ and interested in working in the hospitality
sector? Northern Regional College are offering free one-
day workshops focusing on customer service skills, basics
of hospitality and CV prep. 24th August: NRC Coleraine.
25th August: Flowerfield, Portstewart. Courses run from
10am – 4pm and include a light lunch. Contact:
Business.engagement@nrc.ac.uk for more information



Parish Facebook page and website

Star of the Sea Portstewart
portstewartparish.website

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.