

PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



5th September 2021

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Psalter week 3

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Star of the Sea Portstewart
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MASSES THIS WEEK

Saturday Vigil at 5pm, Sunday at 10am

Sunday 7pm Mass will recommence

on Sunday 19th September in Star of the Sea

Monday: No Mass in Star of the Sea

Tuesday: Mass at 7.00pm

Wednesday: Mass at 9.30am

The church will be open for private prayer on

Wednesday from 10am – 12 noon

Thursday – Saturday: No morning Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday

between 10am and 5pm.

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.

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Lil O’Connell (1), Owen Sweeney, Jean Loughrey (4), Colum Duddy, Susan McCorry, Sarah Sweeney, Hugh Tosh (5), Andrew Diamond (7), Patrick Duddy, Bobby Stuart (8), Nora Hickey (9), Maud Chambers (10), Margaret McCrory (10), Peter Doherty, Dorothy Ellis, Fearghal Devlin, Patrick McGarry (11)

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 it 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.

THE POPE’S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

Universal: An environmentally sustainable lifestyle

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.



Monday 6th September at 7.30pm.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82589559411?pwd=emZPeT ZSbHhlc9qUU9mRVFiRW1qdz09> All welcome.

DIOCESAN APPEAL FOR THE DOWN & CONNOR PRIESTS’ WELFARE FUND

“The Priests’ Welfare Fund exists to provide the stipend for each priest in active ministry. Your generosity over many years has ensured that the Fund had sufficient reserves to continue to provide a stipend even where parish offerings decreased significantly over the past 18 months.

On Sunday 19th September we are asking for your financial support towards the annual autumn voluntary collection for our priests.

We make this appeal in the light of the fact that during 2020 the level of giving across our diocese dropped on average by 35-50%. This decrease was experienced across all aspects of support for the many services provided including Pastoral Care, Sacramental Ministries, Living Church initiatives, Family Ministry, Vocations, Youth Commission and Living Youth, Safeguarding and Chaplaincies.

Together with the priests of the diocese, I thank you for your kindness and ongoing support and for your generous response to this appeal. I offer my prayerful good wishes to you and all those who are dear to you.” Bishop Noel Treanor

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.



SEASON OF CREATION: Restoring our common home Wednesday 1st September – Monday 4th October 2021

We are all encouraged in this season to read Pope Francis’ encyclical Laudato Si’: On Care of our Common Home. “The Lord was able to invite others to be attentive to the beauty that there is in the world because he himself was in constant touch with nature, lending it an attention full of fondness and wonder.” (LSi, 97) As a diocese we are blessed with so many areas of natural beauty and we are encouraged this week to take time to contemplate, with wonder and awe, the world in which we are blessed to live.



SEASON OF CREATION PRAYER
Creator of Life, at your word the Earth brought forth plants yielding seed and trees of every kind bearing fruit. The rivers, mountains, minerals, sea and forests ...

And throughout time the Earth has sustained life ...
In your wisdom, you granted a Sabbath ...
But these days our living pushes the planet beyond its limits ...

During this Season of Creation, we ask you to grant us courage to observe a Sabbath for our planet. Strengthen us with the faith to trust in your providence. Inspire us with the creativity to share what we have been given. Teach us to be satisfied with enough. And as we proclaim a Jubilee for the Earth, send your Holy Spirit to renew the face of creation.
Amen

adapted from the Season of Creation Celebration Guide

TASTE THE WORLD

Causeway Coast & Glens Good Relations Team are presenting a 4-week online cultural cookery course. Go on a food journey across the globe. Learn from others, understand different cultures, and eat well!



Tuesdays from 7-8pm
21st September: Indian
28th September: Chinese
5th October: Polish
12th October: Iranian

Open to all from the CCG Borough Council area. To register: ☎ 07714 393918 or email: Bebhinn.mckinley@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

INDEPENDENT MONITORING BOARD MEMBERS

The Department of Justice is seeking to appoint new members to The Independent Monitoring Board (IMB) for Northern Ireland to monitor the treatment of prisoners and the conditions of their imprisonment. The IMB is made up of unpaid volunteers who carry out their duties by

making regular visits to either Maghaberry Prison, Magilligan Prison or Hydebank Wood College and Women’s Prison. To find out more: <https://www.justice-ni.gov.uk/publications/recruitment-imb-members> Applications must be returned by Thursday 9th September.

STAR OF THE SEA PARISH CENTRE

Our Parish Centre is gradually re-opening after a long spell of closure. Some classes are back, although obviously with restrictions and social distancing enforcements which mean that some activities are still unable to take place. Unfortunately, bridge and whist sessions, and any others which require close contact, will not be possible at present. Definitely back for this term are:

KARATE on Monday evenings: juniors from 6.45 - 7.30 and seniors from 7.30 - 8.45 starting Monday 6th September
BOWLING CLUB on Tuesday 7.00 – 9.00pm and Thursday 7.00 – 10.00pm starting Tuesday 14th September
Both clubs actively welcome new members.

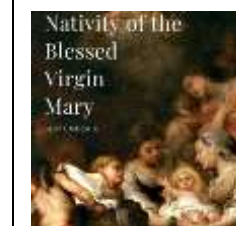
PARISH CENTRE		5 – 11 September
Sun:	Innova Irish Dance	1000 – 1700
Mon:	Art Class Karate	1030 – 1230 1845 – 2045
Tues:	U3A Pilates Innova Irish Dance	0800 – 1130 1530 – 1930
Wed:	Luna Yoga Innova Irish Dance Art Class	0930 – 1030 1530 – 1830 1930 – 2130
Thur:	Innova Irish Dance Pilates	1530 – 1815 1900 – 2200
Fri:	Luna Yoga	0930 – 1030
Sat:	Innova Irish Dance	1000 – 1700



THANK YOU

The family of Donal Roantree thank the parish community for their support, prayers & sympathy at the time of their recent bereavement. Thank you also to all who donated to the charity fundraiser in Donal’s memory. £5,231 has been raised and will go to AWARE NI and Marie Curie. Mass will be offered for your intentions.

SPECIAL DAYS IN THE CHURCH CALENDAR THIS WEEK



Wednesday 8th September:
The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Thursday 9th September:
St Ciaran, Abbot

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.