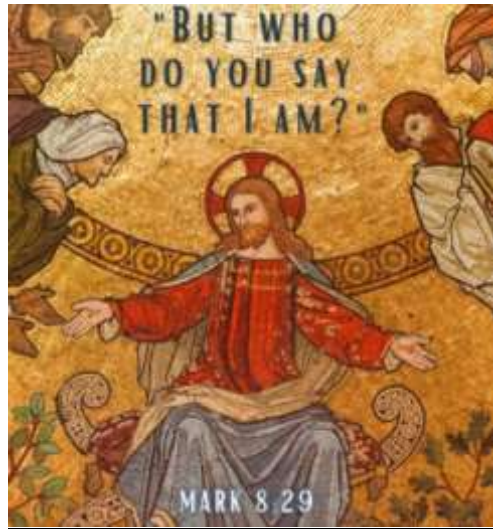


# PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



12th September 2021

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Psalter week 4

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## MASSES THIS WEEK

Saturday Vigil at 5pm, Sunday at 10am

**Sunday 7pm Mass will recommence  
next Sunday 19th September in Star of the Sea**

Tuesday: Mass at 7.00pm

Wednesday – Saturday: Mass at 9.30am

The church is open for private prayer  
on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday  
from 10am – 12 noon

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
on Thursday between 10am and 5pm.**

## MASS IN PORTRUSH

Saturday Vigil at 6pm, Sunday at noon

**No Mass on Monday and Tuesday this week**

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:** Seamus O’Neill (Clonoe), Elizabeth Watton (née McCafferty)

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Paddy McGarry (11), Mary Ann McCrory (12), Susan McGarry (14), Patrick Campbell, Nan McCorrison, Patricia McElhill (15), Jackie McCloskey, Joseph McGarry (16), Edward Gilmore, Aaron Lundy (18), Nora Hickey, Marjorie Davies

**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.**

## 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.

## DIOCESAN APPEAL FOR THE DOWN & CONNOR PRIESTS’ WELFARE FUND 19th September 2021

“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*

## A TASTE OF THE BIBLE: An Introduction to Mark’s Gospel

Pope Benedict XVI: “All the faithful should read the bible every day.” An opportunity to explore the bible and ask questions on **Thursday evenings from 8pm to 9.30** by Zoom FREE for 10 weeks starting 30th September. Basic format: ½ hour presentation; ¾ hour discussion groups. For further information email: [tasteofbible@gmail.com](mailto:tasteofbible@gmail.com) or ☎ Ernestine 077 6064 7665

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



The Season of Creation continues and we encourage everyone across the Diocese to take time in prayer and reflection. We are encouraged to reflect on all that the earth provides for us and to pray this grace before meals:

**Generous God,  
you embrace all of creation,  
and bless us with gifts of life.**

**As we break this bread,  
we praise you for your goodness,  
we give thanks to those who grew our food,  
and we remember those who are hungry.  
May we be moved by the Holy Spirit  
to share these gifts as one family,  
and so catch a glimpse of your Kingdom  
of justice, peace and love. Amen.**

## A PRAYER FOR OUR EARTH



All powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace that we may live as

brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with each creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

*Pope Francis, Laudato Sí*

## 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.

| PARISH CENTRE |   | 12 – 18 September                         |
|---------------|---|---|
| Sun:          | Innova Irish Dance                                | 1000 – 1700                               |
| Mon:          | Art Class<br>Weightwatchers<br>Karate             | 1030 – 1230<br>1700 – 1830<br>1845 – 2045 |
| Tues:         | U3A Pilates<br>Innova Irish Dance<br>Bowling Club | 0800 – 1130<br>1530 – 1845<br>1900 – 2100 |
| Wed:          | Luna Yoga<br>Innova Irish Dance<br>Art Class      | 0930 – 1030<br>1530 – 1830<br>1930 – 2130 |
| Thur:         | Innova Irish Dance<br>Bowling Club                | 1530 – 1815<br>1900 – 2200                |
| Fri:          | Luna Yoga   | 0930 – 1130                               |
| Sat:          | Innova Irish Dance                                | 1000 – 1700                               |

## SPECIAL DAYS IN THE CHURCH CALENDAR THIS WEEK



**Monday 13th September**  
St John Chrysostom, Bishop and  
Doctor of the Church

**Tuesday 14th  
September:**  
The Exaltation of  
the Holy Cross



**Wednesday 15th September:**  
Our Lady of Sorrows



**Thursday 16th September:**  
Saints Cornelius, pope, and  
Cyprian, bishop, Martyrs

## 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.**