

PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



19th September 2021
Twenty-fifth 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 and 7pm

Tuesday: Mass at 7.00pm

Wednesday – Saturday: Mass at 9.30am

Confessions on Saturday from 12.00 – 1.00pm.
Please call at the Parochial House

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.

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 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: Derek Davis

ANNIVERSARIES: Anne McDonald, Susan Haughey, Aaron Lundy (18), William & Winifred Baird, Anna McMullan, Tony O’Connor (19), Margaret McKeague (20), Harry O’Neill (22), Daniel Davies, Noreen Doherty, Patricia Farren, Maurice McConnell, Jean Mullan, Kathleen Quigley (23), Brendan Henry, Elizabeth McWilliams (24)

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.

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.

This 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
 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; ¼ hour discussion groups. Email: 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 is a critical moment for Catholics to lift up the voices of the most vulnerable and advocate on their behalf ahead of the important summits, the UN Summit on Biodiversity (COP 15) in October and the UN Climate Summit in November (COP 26). Bishop Treanor invites you to join advocacy initiatives such as the *Healthy Planet, Healthy People* Petition urging for bold action to protect creation in addition to other initiatives calling for new paths forward together. To sign the petition visit www.thecatholicpetition.org



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 Si*

SPECIAL DAYS IN THE CHURCH CALENDAR THIS WEEK



Monday 20th September
Saints Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang & companions, martyrs

Tuesday 21st September:
St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist



Thursday 23rd September
St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)



DOWN AND CONNOR DIOCESAN TRUST – JOB VACANCY

YOUTH WORKER – 3 YEAR FIXED TERM CONTRACT: Triangle Parishes Project- Coleraine/Portstewart/Portrush

We are seeking to recruit a motivated and talented individual who will be responsible for the implementation of the Triangle Parishes Project (TPP,) for the purpose of impacting the lives of children and young people. This entails four key areas for the development of projects and initiatives:

1. Faith development initiatives.
2. Community relations initiatives.
3. Work in Youth Centres.
4. Community services such as job creation and skills development.

The post will be based within Portstewart Parish Office with a reporting line to the Triangle Parishes Committee. We see this as an excellent opportunity and challenge for an experienced Youth Worker to join our Diocesan Team. Terms are based on a 3-year Fixed Term Contract appointment requiring 37.5 hours attendance each week. Flexibility in work pattern in respect of evening and weekend working will also be a requirement of this role. Salary: £24,000 gross per annum.

If interested in making an application for this post, more details can be found on the Diocesan website at: <http://www.downandconnor.org/job-vacancies/>, on the Community NI website and on nijobs.com. Application packs can also be obtained from Coleraine, Portstewart or Portrush Parish Office.

Closing date for applications will be 12 noon on Friday 1st October 2021

PARISH CENTRE		19 - 25 September
Sun:	Innova Irish Dance	1000 – 1700
Mon:	Art Class	1030 – 1230
	Weightwatchers	1700 – 1830
	TTS Theatre	1700 – 2030
	Karate	1845 – 2045
Tues:	U3A Pilates	0800 – 1130
	Innova Irish Dance	1530 – 1845
	Bowling Club	1900 – 2100
Wed:	Luna Yoga	0930 – 1030
	Innova Irish Dance	1530 – 1830
	Art Class	1930 – 2130
Thur:	Innova Irish Dance	1530 – 1815
	Bowling Club	1900 – 2200
Fri:	Luna Yoga	0930 – 1130
Sat:	Innova Irish Dance	1000 – 1700

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.**