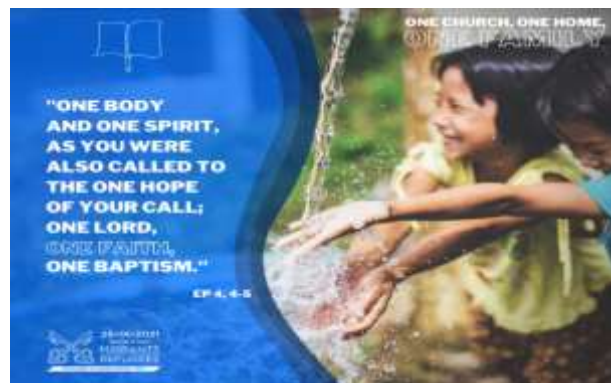


# PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



26th September 2021

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Sunday B/Weekdays 1

Psalter week 2

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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.

## 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

No Mass in Coleraine this Monday

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10am

Mass will be celebrated in St Malachy’s Parish

Centre during church renovations

from Tuesday 28th September

## REST IN PEACE

RECENT: Teresa McCloskey

ANNIVERSARIES: Harry O’Neill (22), Noel Foster (25), Jane Frances McKinney, Eileen Cushnahan, Eileen Kelly, Vera McKeague, Fr Felix McLaughlin, Doreen Stewart (27), Barry Liddy (29), Terry O’Keeffe, John Roberts (30), Martha Begley, Mary Scullion (1), Michael Kerr, Paddy Metrusty (2)

All Masses are streamed online on the parish website: [portstewartparish.website](http://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.

Please book for all weekend Masses,  
either by phoning Emer 07709 043921  
or online at [EVENTBRITE](https://www.eventbrite.com)

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.

## 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.



## DAY FOR LIFE 2021

This year’s Day for Life will be celebrated in Ireland on Sunday 3rd October on the theme ‘The Good Samaritan: A Model of Compassion’. In the context of the recent proposal to introduce

assisted suicide, both in Ireland and the UK, this year’s Day for Life message invites Catholics to consider a more positive and compassionate response to the care of people who are in the final stages of life. See [www.councilforlife.ie](http://www.councilforlife.ie) for more.

**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; ¾ hour discussion groups. 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 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](http://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*

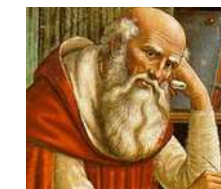
## SPECIAL DAYS IN THE CHURCH CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday 27th September:

St Vincent de Paul



Wednesday 29th September:  
Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael,  
Archangels



Thursday 30th September:

St Jerome, priest and doctor of the church

Friday 1st October:

St Thérèse of the Child Jesus



Saturday 2nd October:

The Guardian Angels



## 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		26 September – 2 October
Sun:	Innova Irish Dance	1000 – 1700
Mon:	Art Class	1030 – 1230
	Yoga	1530 – 1630
	Weightwatchers	1700 – 1830
	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
	Luna Yoga	1900 – 2000
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](mailto:secretary@portstewartparish.co.uk) or contact the parish office ☎ 7083 2534 by 5pm on Thursday please.