

PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



3rd October 2021

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Psalter week 3

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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

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10am

Mass will be held in St Malachy’s Parish Centre
during church renovations

REST IN PEACE

ANNIVERSARIES: Michael Kerr, Paddy Mestrustry (2), Alex McCorriston (3), Ian Travers (4), Geoff Bradley, Mary Cuning, Thomas Duffy (5), Paddy Bannon, Patrick Coulson, Ellen McCullagh, Mary Mooney, Gwyn Roberts (7), Dermot Canning, Hugh O’Connor, Brigid Sweeney (8)

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.

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 OCTOBER

Evangelisation: Missionary Disciples

We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelisation, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.



DAY FOR LIFE 2021

This year’s Day for Life is celebrated today, Sunday 3rd October on the theme ‘The Good Samaritan: A Model of Compassion’. In the context of the recent proposal to

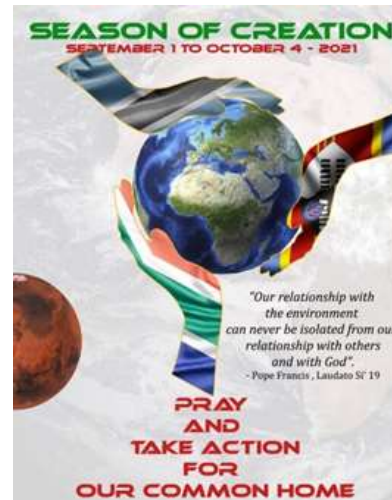
introduce assisted suicide, both in Ireland and the UK, Catholics are invited to consider a more positive and compassionate response to the care of people who are in the final stages of life. You can download this year’s message from www.councilforlife.ie

PARISH NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH



In this Year of St Joseph Pope Francis asks us to reflect on St Joseph as our model, our support and our intercessor. We invite you to join our parish novena of prayer, meditation and Benediction over the next nine Wednesdays starting on Wednesday 6th October at 7pm. There is a Jesse tree in the Sanctuary of the Church where you can name your novena intentions if you wish. The liturgy will be accessible on parish radio and via webcam for those unable to come to the Church.

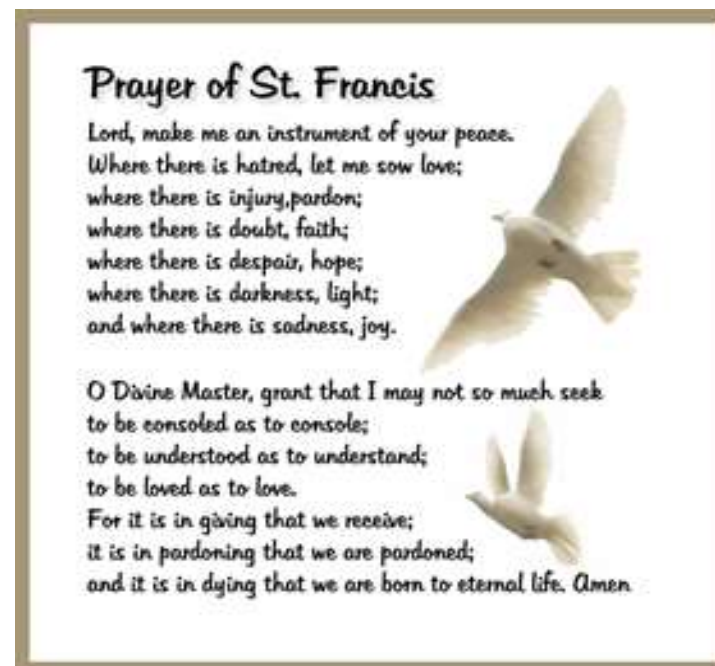
SEASON OF CREATION – Restoring our common home



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

The season of creation closes on Monday 4th October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. St Francis ‘was a mystic and a pilgrim who lived in simplicity and in wonderful harmony with God, with others, with nature and with himself. He shows us just how inseparable the bond is between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and interior peace.’ (LS,10) We encourage everyone to consider the personal actions that they will prayerfully commit to in caring for our common home and to ask for the intercession of St Francis.



LAUDATO SÍ READING GROUP

St. Colmcille’s Parish Ecology Group in association with Trocaire is hosting a free Laudato Sí reading group via Zoom starting Wednesday 13th October Each session begins at 7.30pm and will consist of a short presentation followed by a discussion and Q&A. If you would like to join, please email patriciakernaghan@btinternet.com A free downloadable copy of Laudatio Sí can be accessed via www.laudatosi.com

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

An opportunity to explore the bible and ask questions continues on Thursday evenings from 8pm to 9.30 by Zoom FREE. Basic format: ½ hour presentation; ¾ hour discussion groups. Email: tasteofbible@gmail.com or ☎ Ernestine 077 6064 7665

PATHWAYS – ADULT FAITH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Two-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. To register for Pathways, please contact Drumalis ☎ 28276455 or email maura@drumalis.co.uk Further information also available on Drumalis website: <http://www.drumalis.co.uk>

SPECIAL DAYS IN THE CHURCH CALENDAR THIS WEEK



Monday 4th October:
St Francis of Assisi

Thursday 7th October:
Our Lady of the Rosary



OCTOBER – THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

The Legion of Mary is inviting all families in the parish to pray a daily decade of the Rosary during October focusing on a set of mysteries each week.

This week: The Joyful Mysteries



GIVE BLOOD – SAVE LIVES

The next Blood Donation sessions will be held on Monday 11th October in Burnside Presbyterian Church from 12.30-4pm and from 5-7.30pm. Now by appointment only. ☎ 08085 534 653 to book.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND

5th – 7th November 2021. Restore Communication, Renew Commitment and Rekindle Romance. This is an online experience (using Zoom), starting on Friday evening at 8pm and ending on Sunday afternoon at 2:30pm. Details: <https://www.marriageencounter.ie>

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.