

PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



10th October 2021

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday B/Weekdays 1

Psalter week 4

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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

RECENT: Liza Doherty

ANNIVERSARIES: Patsy Clarke (9), Rose McLaughlin,
Jimmy Sweeney (10), Martha Dillon, Malachy McBride (12),
Johnny Higgins, Henry McAllister, Anthony Watterson (13),
Leo Duffy, Kathleen McLaughlin, Tom Marron, Bernadette
O’Malley (14), Anthony Loughrey (15), Sean O’Hanlon

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 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

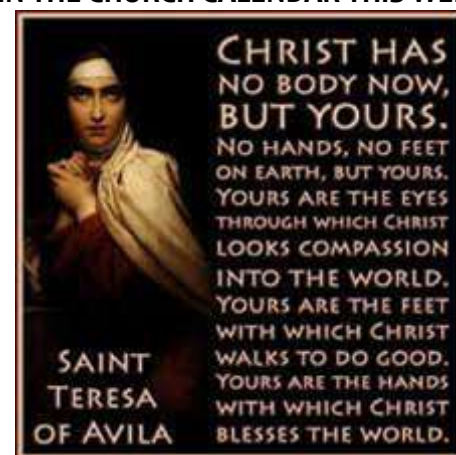
Though the legal obligation to wear a mask
throughout Mass is no longer in place,
**it will remain mandatory for anyone attending
Mass in our Church to wear a mask at all times.**

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.

IN THE CHURCH CALENDAR THIS WEEK



Friday 15th October: St Teresa of Avila

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 Sorrowful 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.

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
which continues on **Wednesday evenings
at 7.00pm**. 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.

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 Laudato 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



SYNOD: AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE

This weekend Pope Francis opens the pathway
for a Universal Synod that will take place in Rome in
2023. This Synod will be a gathering that takes place
after all the local Churches have shared their
contribution on the experience of journeying
together in Communion, Participation and Mission.

In our Diocese, of Down and Connor, we will have a time
of listening and sharing prayerfully through Advent.
During this time there will be an opportunity for you to
share your experience of what it is like to be a part of our
Church today. Bishop Treanor will launch our Diocesan
Phase of this Universal Synod on **Saturday 16th October at
5.30pm** at the Vigil Mass in St Peter’s Cathedral.
www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral



HOLDING COMPANIES TO ACCOUNT FOR HARMING PEOPLE & THE PLANET 15th Oct at 1.00pm - online

Join Trócaire, Christian Aid & Front Line Defenders at the
One World Festival to hear from human rights defenders
who stand up to big business, including an activist who
peacefully resists Latin America's largest open-cast coal
mine where well-documented human rights abuses occur
and which has links to the UK & Ireland.
Register at: oneworldfestivalni.com

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>

CELEBRATION OF MASS FOR THE DECEASED TEACHERS OF THE DIOCESE OF DOWN AND CONNOR

**On Tuesday 2nd November at 7.30pm in Good Shepherd
Church (Holy Rosary Parish) Ormeau Road, Belfast
and Wednesday 3rd November at 7.30pm in All Saints
Church, Ballymena** For the benefit of those unable to
attend, the Masses will be streamed live on 2nd November
at: Holy Rosary Parish Live Webcam Stream | iTech Media
Live Streaming Belfast (churchmedia.tv) and on 3rd
November at: www.facebook.com/ballymenacatholic/
Please forward **by Friday 29th October** the name and
school of any teacher of the diocese who has died during
the past twelve months to: Fr Edward McGee
Director of the Down & Connor Catholic Schools’ Support
Service ☎ 9049 1886
Email: dctrusteeservice@downandconnor.org

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.