

# PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



17th October 2021

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sunday B/Weekdays 1 Psalter week 1

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[portstewartparish.website](http://portstewartparish.website)

## 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: Eileen Mullan

ANNIVERSARIES: Annie McCullagh (18), Sean Bradley,  
Breige McKeefry, Sean Gallagher, Alice Gribbin, Jack  
Sloane (19), Roisin McGowan (20), Frank Trainor (21),  
Jimmy & Mary Crerand (22), Patrick Begley, Daniel Davies  
(23)

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

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



Monday 18th October:  
St Luke, Evangelist



## 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 Glorious Mysteries



## TAKEAWAY COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 23rd October  
from 10.30am – 1pm

in the Guide Hall, Portstewart

In line with Covid restrictions, we can’t do our normal  
indoor coffee morning, but you can still support  
Action Cancer by taking away your box of treats and  
tea/coffee. **Saving lives, supporting people**



## NEXT WEEK Sunday 24th October WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

This is the one Sunday in the year  
when the entire global church  
comes together in support of  
mission. We pray for and

remember all our sisters and brothers around the world  
who gather to celebrate Mass often in difficult  
circumstances, sometimes facing oppression or  
persecution. All donations from this worldwide papal  
collection support churches, hospitals, schools and  
vocations in countries where the churches are too new,  
young or poor to sustain themselves fully.



## 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.

## SYNOD: AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE



Last week Pope Francis  
opened a new pathway  
of listening to the  
People of God that will  
culminate in a Synod in  
Rome in 2023. This is an  
important time as we  
pray and think together  
on Communion,  
Participation and  
Mission in the Church.

Bishop Treanor invites  
us all to enter into a time

of prayer so that we too in our Diocese may be attentive  
to our experience of Church and how the Holy Spirit is  
prompting and guiding us as we journey on our pathway  
into the future.

We ask you to pray that the Holy Spirit will guide the  
Church at this time and we look forward to opening a  
forum of listening in Advent.

## 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/](http://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

☎ 9049 1886 [dctrusteeservice@downandconnor.org](mailto: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>



Our Parish recently received £16,370  
in Gift Aid.

Thank you to all who use parish

envelopes to make their contributions and have signed gift  
aid forms. If you would like to start donating in this way,  
please contact the Parish Office.



## DOWN and CONNOR DIOCESAN TRUST

PARISH CENTRE CARETAKER

[JOB SHARE – 2 POSTS]

PORTSTEWART PARISH

The postholders’ responsibilities will include:

\*Ensuring the Parish Centre and grounds are maintained to  
the highest standard, are safe, secure, and welcoming to all  
who use them.

\*Opening and closing the Parish Centre and reporting all  
maintenance issues identified to the Parish  
Administrator/Parish Priest.

The terms are based on a permanent appointment of 2 part  
time officials on a job share arrangement which will be  
made up of

- Role 1: 15 hours per week over Monday to Sunday – work  
pattern to be agreed with the Parish Priest.
- Role 2: 15 hours per week over Monday to Sunday – work  
pattern to be agreed with the Parish Priest.

From time-to-time flexibility will be required in relation to  
attendance and hours worked, in order to meet the  
business needs within the Parish and provide cover for the  
job share partner. Rate of Pay £8.91 gross per hour.  
Full details relating to the vacancy and application form can  
be found on the Diocesan website at:

<http://www.downandconnor.org> and clicking on the tab:  
JOB VACANCIES or on the Community NI website.

Application packs can also be obtained from Portstewart  
Parish Office. We welcome applications from anyone who  
feels they meet the criteria and is interested in playing an  
active part in the Parish. **Closing date for applications will  
be 12.00noon on Friday 29th October 2021**

Down and Connor Diocesan Trust is an  
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## 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  
☎ 7083 2534 by 5pm on Thursday please.