

PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



24th October 2021

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

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Psalter week 2

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Today 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.

This worldwide papal collection is a lifeline for struggling missionaries and the communities they serve across Africa, Asia and Latin America, where over 1,100 mission dioceses are found. As these dioceses form and grow, so do their needs. On top of this, mission dioceses are often in remote areas devastated by war and natural disasters, or where suppressed communities are just opening to the life-saving message of Jesus Christ. We respect all cultures and traditions by treating everyone as brothers and sisters under one loving God.

Because of your kindness, we can support overseas missionaries serving in some of the most impoverished areas of the world through their challenges, struggles and hardships.

REST IN PEACE

ANNIVERSARIES: Bronagh Murray (22), Eamonn Crerand, Patrick Joseph Murray (24), Anthony Hayter, Mary McAllister, Teresa Trolan (27), Jonathan Cuning, Margaret Frances Keith (28), Jim McCormick (29), Phelim Connolly, Brigid Kelly (30), Pat and Leo McDonnell

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 2.30pm and 5pm – please note time change for this week only

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

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.



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 Mysteries of Light

APOSTOLIC WORK

Meeting in the Parish Centre on **Monday 25th October** at 7.30pm. All committee members are invited to attend.



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.

Watch the recording of Bishop Treanor’s Vigil Mass last Saturday 16th October where he launched the Synod pathway at www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral

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 ☎ 9049 1886 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

12.00noon on Friday 29th October 2021

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PARISH BULLETIN

If you have any item for inclusion in the parish weekend bulletin, email: secretary@portstewartparish.co.uk or ☎ 7083 2534 **by 5pm on Thursday please.**