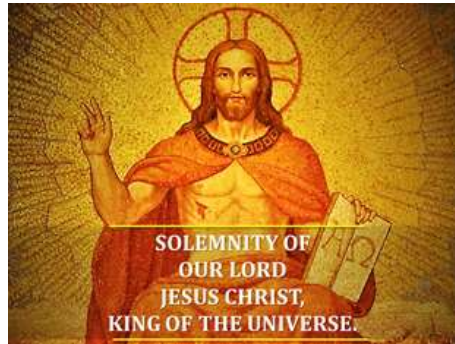


PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



21st November 2021

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Saturday Vigil at 5pm, Sunday at 10am and 7.00pm

Tuesday: Mass at 7.00pm

Wednesday: Mass at 9.30am

This week only:

Mass on Saturday 27th November at 9.00am

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 10.00am and 5.00pm

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



KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBANUS

The Annual Mass for deceased Knights of Columbanus will be held on **Tuesday 23rd November** at 7pm in St Malachy’s.

REST IN PEACE

RECENT: Jacqueline Wilson

ONE MONTH AGO: Leonard Davis – Month’s Mind

Saturday 27th November at 5.00pm

ANNIVERSARIES: Catherine Crawford, Eugene Campbell (20), Pat Curran (21), Colm Coulson, Patricia Donnelly, Maisie McCormack, Dan O’Connor (22), Patrick McAteer, Vera Rooney (24), Gerard Bradley, Mary Heneghan, Declan Leonard, James Loughrey (25), Edward Eustace, Reece Meenan, Christopher Trolan (26)

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](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

It remains mandatory for anyone attending Mass in our Church to wear a mask at all times.

THE POPE’S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER

Universal: People who suffer from depression

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.



THANK YOU

for your generosity in donating to the special collection last weekend and helping to support Trócaire in providing life-saving aid to vulnerable communities in East Africa and DR.

To date our parish has collected £2690 towards this appeal.

For more information see www.trocaire.org

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH



Our PARISH NOVENA of prayer, meditation and Benediction continues on **Wednesday evenings at 7.00pm.**

You are warmly invited to a **PARISH EVENT FOR MEN** on **Saturday 27th November from 9.30 to 11.30am.** at the Anchor Bar. A cooked breakfast and coffee will be provided. Further information & to book a place please contact: Paul Gilmore ☎ 078 9986 4524 or Brian Taylor email: bj.taylor@ulster.ac.uk



TODAY – SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

Sunday 21st November 2021

‘This year, as Bishop of the Diocese, I have designated Sunday 21st November as ‘Safeguarding Sunday’. This is an opportunity for all the parishes to come together and acknowledge the dedication of hundreds of parish volunteers who serve in the ministry of Safeguarding across the Diocese. During the celebration of the Sunday liturgy, we will renew our commitment to the pastoral care of victims of sexual abuse as well as children, young people, and adults in our parishes.

On Sunday 21 November at 3pm, I will lead a Prayer Service from St Peter’s Cathedral. Everyone is welcome to join online with me and diocesan representatives of Safeguarding for this Prayer Service via Church Services TV. Follow the links to the Cathedral webcam: <http://www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral/>

+ Noel Treanor Bishop of Down and Connor

SAFEGUARDING IN PORTSTEWART PARISH

Safeguarding within our Church community is about making our Church a safe, welcoming and enriching place for children, young people and adults and those who may be at risk of harm.

In Portstewart, as in all parishes in the Diocese of Down and Connor, we have a Safeguarding Committee which is responsible for ensuring that best practice in child and vulnerable adult protection are in place in our parish. Our work is guided by the policy and standards set by the National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland.

The Covid pandemic has had a massive impact on us all – as individuals, families, parish communities and parish groups. As a consequence, we have become disconnected with parish activities. We look forward now with hope to a time when we can open up parish groups again. The Safeguarding Committee will be involved in the recruitment and vetting of volunteers and group leaders and will offer support and encouragement to all those working with children in our parish.

Please take a moment to look at the posters and information on the church notice board and at the back of the church.

HABITAT CHRISTMAS CARDS



On sale now from the Repository - £4 for pack of 10. All proceeds will help build houses, community, and hope in Ethiopia. Please support the work of Habitat for Humanity at this critical time.

MEDJUGORJE 2022

Anyone who might be interested in making a 7 day pilgrimage to Medjugorje in 2022 and would like some information or advice can contact Damien O’Connor ☎ 07563 333 903

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY PRAYER



Loving Father God,

We come to you in the knowledge that you hold all your children in unconditional love.

We lift to you those who are vulnerable and in need of protection.

Give them your safety, comfort and peace.

We cry to you for those who are hurting and whose trust has been broken.

Give them your healing, restoration and justice.

We bring to you those who seek to forgive others who have hurt them.

Give them your strength, courage and hope.

For those who by their actions or attitudes have caused hurt and harm to others, lead them to seek your forgiveness and to enter into true repentance.

Thank you for all who give their time, knowledge and skills to make our communities safer.

Give them your wisdom, guidance and grace.

For ourselves, we ask you to give us your heart for the vulnerable, the oppressed, the voiceless and the forgotten.

Help us to see them as you see them;

to value them as you value them,

and to nurture and protect them as you desire.

Help each one of us play our part

in creating safer places for all your people.

In your name we pray

Amen

ADVENT RETREAT AT DRUMALIS, LARNE

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us”

Friday 10 - Sunday 12 December

During this residential weekend we will reflect on the various ways that God comes to us, speaks to us, invites us and remains with us, especially during these days of pandemic. For further information or to book:

☎ 2827 2196 or email: drumalis@btconnect.com

<http://www.drumalis.co.uk>



MEDITATIONS WITH JOSEPH & MARY

The Living Church office are offering two online programmes following the footsteps of Joseph and Mary as they travel towards Bethlehem. The programmes run for 4 weeks and provide 1 hour of prayer and reflection with scripture. Participants will receive an accompanying prayer journal to use each day at home.

Advent meditations with Joseph begins on **Thursday 25th November at 7pm.**

Advent meditations with Mary begins on **Sunday 28th November at 7pm.**

If you would like to join please e-mail:

livingchurch@downandconnor.org indicating which programme you are interested in.

