

# PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



28th November 2021

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Psalter week 2

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Star of the Sea Portstewart  
[portstewartparish.website](http://portstewartparish.website)

## MASSES THIS WEEK

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

Tuesday: Mass at 7.00pm

Wednesday: Mass at 9.30am

Saturday: Mass at 9.30am

The church is open for private prayer  
on Wednesday and Saturday from 10am – 12 noon

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
on Thursday between 10.00am and 5.00pm

## FACE MASKS IN STAR OF THE SEA

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

## 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: Derek Bond

ONE MONTH AGO: Leonard Davis – Month’s Mind  
Saturday 27th November at 5.00pm

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Heneghan (25), Michael Joseph  
Diamond, Lily Mullen, Gerard McCloskey (27), John  
Murphy (29), Teresa Davies, Neil Sweeney (30), Kathleen  
Kelly (1), Patrick Conway, Hannah O’Connell (2), Anne  
Connors, Mary Madden, Stephen Moriarty (3), Susan and  
William Bryson, John Murphy (4), Gerry Magee

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](http://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.

## THE POPE’S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER For Catechists

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

## BIG FREEZE CHARITY NIGHT

Drop into Morelli’s on Thursday 2nd December at any  
time between 6.00 – 9.00pm for an  
evening with Live Music, Special Guests  
and lots of fun. Eat ice-cream, drink  
coffee or whatever you like and  
support Rotary Charities for Christmas.  
No need to book, just come along.  
In aid of Salvation Army and SVP.



## THANK YOU

for your generosity in donating to the  
special Trocaire collection and  
helping to provide life-saving aid  
to vulnerable communities in East Africa and DR.

To date our parish has collected £3060  
towards this appeal.

For more information see [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org)

## 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



Synod  
2021  
2023  
For a synodal Church  
communion | participation | mission

## THE SYNOD ON SYNODALITY Preparing our hearts and minds

Pope Francis has invited every Diocese around the world  
to participate in the Universal Synod on Synodality. This  
Synod is a process of journeying together. As the Church,  
we will listen to each other, dialogue with each other, pray  
together, discern together, and make decisions together  
for the purpose of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ  
to the world! Listening and speaking within the Church  
always involves prayer. We are listening, dialoguing and  
praying together so that we can hear the voice of the Holy  
Spirit.

The starting point of this journey begins with our own  
personal prayer and reflection. **"Prayer opens hearts. It  
opens the ear to a listening that is more than hearing and  
makes us attentive to the action of the Spirit in our lives."**  
(Cardinal Grech)

In your prayer this week we ask that you pray for the  
success of our synodal journey and that you take time to  
reflect on the needs of the people in your community.  
This week we encourage you to pray with the prayer used  
at the Second Vatican Council:

## Adsumus Sancte Spiritus

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,  
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,  
make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go  
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.  
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path  
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity

so that we may journey together to eternal life  
and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You,  
who are at work in every place and time,  
in the communion of the Father and the Son,  
forever and ever.

Amen.

## 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.



## ADVENT AT HOME

The Northern Pastoral Network have prepared a booklet  
for people to use in prayer at home during Advent. Copies  
of the booklet are available at the back of the church, and  
can also be downloaded from the parish website.

## IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY CENTRE

Join our Advent online retreat beginning Sunday  
November 28th. With daily Scripture, Art, Music and  
reflections to help your prayer and prepare spiritually for  
Christmas. Find it on: [www.onlineprayer.net](http://www.onlineprayer.net)

## 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](mailto: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:

Thursdays at 7pm.

Advent meditations with Mary:

Sundays at 7pm.

If you would like to join please e-mail:

[livingchurch@downandconnor.org](mailto:livingchurch@downandconnor.org)

indicating which programme you are interested in.



## PROSTATE CANCER

Professor Joe O’Sullivan, Prostate Cancer  
Oncologist, will be speaking at the Lodge  
Hotel, Coleraine on Tuesday 30th November  
in an event organised by the Rotary Club of Coleraine.  
Please join them at 6pm for a meal (£15) or at 6.45pm for  
the talk (donation £5). Contact Rosemary Armstrong  
☎ 07814 141600 [rosemaryarmstrong07@gmail.com](mailto:rosemaryarmstrong07@gmail.com)

## 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.