

PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



5th December 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

(Feast of the Immaculate Conception)

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,

Extra Mass: Wednesday in Bushmills at 9am

Thursday 9am, Friday 9.30am

MASS IN ST MALACHY’S, COLERAINE

Saturday vigil at 6pm, Sunday at 11am

Monday & Tuesday 10am, Wednesday 10.30am,

Thursday and Friday 10am

Mass will be held in St Malachy’s Parish Centre
during church renovations

REST IN PEACE

RECENT: Peter McAllister

ANNIVERSARIES: Kathleen Moriarty (5), Elizabeth Devenney, Sarah Doherty, Ernie McKinney (7), Liam Moore, Colum O’Doherty (8), Frances Fitzpatrick (9), Sean Kelly, Elizabeth McNeil, Patricia Wych (9), Joe D’Arcy, Christopher Findlay, Neal McCaughan, Pat McKinley (10)

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.

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.



SVP ANNUAL COLLECTION
NEXT WEEK 11 - 12 December

St Mary Portstewart SVP
Conference will be conducting

their GIVING SUNDAY COLLECTION on the weekend of Sunday 12th December Many people will face difficult choices this Christmas, like food or heat. You can help by making a contribution to our appeal.

You can donate by putting your contribution in an envelope, marked for SVP, or by using the blue envelope you may have received in your local paper, and dropping it into the parochial house. Alternately you can donate online to TSB, sort code 93 86 43, Account number 62400044.

The funds raised will be spent in the community helping those who need it most throughout the winter. We rely almost entirely on the support of you, the generous parishioners of Portstewart Parish. Thank you for your continued support.

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.



Synod
2021
2023

For a synodal Church
communion + participation + mission

THE SYNOD ON SYNODALITY Preparing to journey together

Pope Francis has called the entire People of God to journey together! This invitation isn’t just for Bishops or Clergy – it is an invitation to every Baptised person, all the People of God. The Synodal process invites each one of us to recall that we journey together as a community of faith. As we walk on our journey of faith we are called to listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit and to one another.

On this second week of Advent, we reflect on John the Baptist; a voice calling in the wilderness. There are many people who feel that their voice is in the wilderness and isn’t heard by the Church. This week let us prayerfully look around our Parish Community and reflect on whose voice may not be heard and how we might accompany people on their faith journey with the compassion, love, and mercy that Jesus asks of us. This week we encourage you to pray with this prayer:

Lord, this Advent, give me a welcoming heart.
Let me be open to the messengers of your Word,
especially to those whom at first glance I might resist,
for they are your prophets today
urging me to change my way
of thinking and living. Amen

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT : LOVE



Lord, you created us for yourself
and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.
Please show us how to love you with all our hearts
and our neighbour as ourselves.
Teach us to be practical about loving one another
in you and for you and as you desire.
Show us our immediate neighbour today;
the need of others is your call to our attention.
Remind us that you count as done to you
what we do for one another,
and that our turning away from one another
is really turning our backs on you.
Make us know, love and serve you in this life
and be happy for ever in the next
in union with all our brothers and sisters. Amen

Advent
A Season of Hope
& Expectation

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

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:

Thursdays at 7pm.

Advent meditations with Mary:

Sundays at 7pm.

If you would like to join please e-mail:

livingchurch@downandconnor.org

indicating which programme you are interested in.

CHURCHES FRIENDSHIP GROUP

You are invited to a Carol service at the Nativity window at Buds on Monday 13th December at 7.30pm followed by carol singing when walking up Lever Road into Lever Park.



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.