

PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community

Third Sunday of Advent



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Star of the Sea Portstewart
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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

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Liam Moore, George Coulson,
Margaret Coulson, Martha Diamond, Cynthia Findlay,
Hugh Kelly, Joe McGuigan, Rose McMahan (12), Sheila
Hennessey (13), John Armstrong (14), Mary Goodfellow,
Nan McKenna, Hannah Tosh (15), Jane Locke (16), Anne
Canning, John McAreavey, Harry McNamee (17), Jean
Kearney, Patrick Kelly, John McFerran (18)

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 THIS WEEK: 11- 12 December

Many people will face difficult
choices this Christmas – like
food or heat. You can help by making a contribution
to our Giving Sunday 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.



We are living in challenging times and this is particularly
the case for people in the countries where Trocaire
works. People are struggling not only with Covid but
also with the devastating effects of climate change and
war. Gifts of Love available at: Trocaire.org/gifts
or ☎ 0800 912 1200



Synod
2021
2023

For a synodal Church
communion | participation | mission

THE SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

On this Gaudete Sunday as we pray with the Gospel we are
reminded of our Baptism – a Baptism of the Holy Spirit,
the same Holy Spirit that came upon the apostles at
Pentecost. As we consider the synodal journey we are
embarking on we do so with the courage and joy of the
Holy Spirit.

Parrhesia refers to the boldness that the coming of the
Holy Spirit brought about in the hearts of the apostles at
Pentecost. It is the inner courage that sent them out to
proclaim the Good News that Jesus is Lord without fear in
the days of the Early Church. The Spirit offers us this same
boldness to carry out the mission of the Church today.
Parrhesia is required in the Synodal Process so that we can
speak boldly and listen humbly.

This week we encourage you to pray with this prayer:

Heavenly Father, we ask that we become attentive
to the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.
May we be faithful witnesses
to the Holy Spirit at work in our lives.
May the fruits of the Spirit; love, joy, peace, patience,
kindness, generosity, faithfulness,
gentleness, and self-control
be evident in our lives
and in the Church’s synodal journey.
Amen



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: JOY

Today we light the third candle on our Advent wreath,
the pink candle.

The theme this week is JOY.

We are getting closer to celebrating the birth of our Lord
and Saviour and the great joy he brings to our lives.



CHRISTMAS MASSES IN STAR OF THE SEA

Christmas Eve: 5.00pm and 7.00pm
Christmas Day 10.00am and 12 noon.

Booking essential for all Christmas Masses

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 with daily Scripture, Art,
Music and reflections to help your prayer and prepare
spiritually for Christmas. Find it on: www.onlineprayer.net



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.



SPONSORED SWIM

The Apostolic Work Group are holding their
Sponsored Swim on New Year’s Day at
10am on Portstewart Strand. Contact:

☎ Teresa 7083 3605 Mona 7083 2143 or Mary 7083 5353

Apostolic Work will be selling Christmas
holly outside the church after masses this
week. There are also some crocheted baby
blankets and cardigans for sale.



Apostolic Work supports our missionaries ministering to
some of the poorest people in the world. Please help us to
make a difference, especially in these difficult times.

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.