

PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



19th December 2021

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Psalter week 4

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Star of the Sea Portstewart
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CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR IN STAR OF THE SEA



Tues 21 December	Mass 7.00pm
Wed 22 December	Mass 9.30am
Thurs 23 December	Mass 9.30 am
Friday 24 December	Mass 9.30 am
Fri 24 December Christmas Eve	Vigil Masses 5.00pm & 7.00pm
Sat 25 December Christmas Day	Mass 10.00am & 12.00 noon
Sun 26 December The Holy Family	Mass 10.00 am
Tues 28 December The Holy Innocents	Mass 12.00 noon
Wed 29 December	Mass 12.00 noon
Thurs 30 December	NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Fri 31 December	Mass 12.00 noon
Sat 1 January	Mass for Peace 12.00 noon Vigil Mass 5.00pm
Sun 2 January	Mass 10.00am

REST IN PEACE

ANNIVERSARIES: Rose McLaughlin (19), Florence Coles, Laurence Duffy (20), Mary Carlin, Joan Kerr, Mary Rose Lundy, Tom Mullan (21), Yvonne Marie Butler, Harry Moore (22), Bridie Duffy, Anne Kelly, Willie & Martha McElroy, Harry Watterson (23), Leo Casey, Dan McCrossan (24), Patrick Elliott, Sarah Loughrey, Ellie Sweeney (25)

MASS IN PORTRUSH

Saturday Vigil at 6pm, Sunday at noon

Monday 9am, Tuesday 9am, Wednesday 7pm,

Thursday 9am, Friday 9.30am

CHRISTMAS EVE: 6pm and 9pm

CHRISTMAS DAY: 9am and 12 noon in Portrush

10.30am in Bushmills

Sunday 26th December: 12 noon

MASS IN ST MALACHY’S, COLERAINE

Saturday vigil at 6pm, Sunday at 11am

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 10am

CHRISTMAS EVE: 6pm and 9pm

CHRISTMAS DAY: 11am

Sunday 26th December: 11am

Masses will be held in St Malachy’s Parish Centre

FACE MASKS IN STAR OF THE SEA

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

All Masses in Star of the Sea 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 for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God; may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.



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



The Synod on Synodality: Preparing to listen

Pope Francis has affirmed that: “A synodal Church is a Church which listens. The faithful People, the Bishops, all listening to each other; and all listening to the Holy Spirit.” Listening from a place of prayer is the foundation of our synodal process, and it requires an open mind and heart, without prejudice.

As pilgrims on this synodal journey we recognise that no one person has the answer and that through authentic listening everyone has something to learn. The faithful people, the college of bishops, the Bishop of Rome: all listening to each other, and all listening to the Holy Spirit.

This week we pray that we will be a listening church; listening to the Holy Spirit prompting the Church to be attentive to the missionary dream of God’s love reaching everyone and inspired by God’s love that we reach out to care for all humanity.

This week we invite you to pray:

**Come Holy Spirit,
Make our ears to hear, make our eyes to see,
make our mouths to speak, make our hearts to seek,
make our hands to reach out
and touch the world with your love.
Amen.**



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

There are still a few crocheted baby blankets and cardigans for sale. Please ask Teresa.

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.



SVP ANNUAL APPEAL

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to the parishioners of Star of the Sea for their response to the special SVP appeal last weekend.

To date we have received over £4000.

A special mention is deserved for the children of St Colum’s Primary School who competed the NI Santa Mile for Mental Health, and raised £70 from the sale of Santa Hats which they have donated to SVP instead of their usual Christmas hampers.

Thank you all for your generosity which will allow us to continue to support those in need in our community.

A PRAYER FOR THE Fourth Sunday of Advent

Jesus, you are constantly coming to your people, even when we fail to see you.
In each and every moment that we are blessed to recognize you here and now, give us the courage to leap with joy at your coming.
Amen.



IS THERE MORE TO LIFE THAN THIS?

An opportunity to explore: life, faith and meaning in a friendly and informal setting.

Via Zoom link beginning on Tuesday 11th January 2022 at 8.00pm. To find out more: Email: n.dunn@downandconnor.org ☎ 07879 498131 <https://alpha.org/catholic-context/>

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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.

