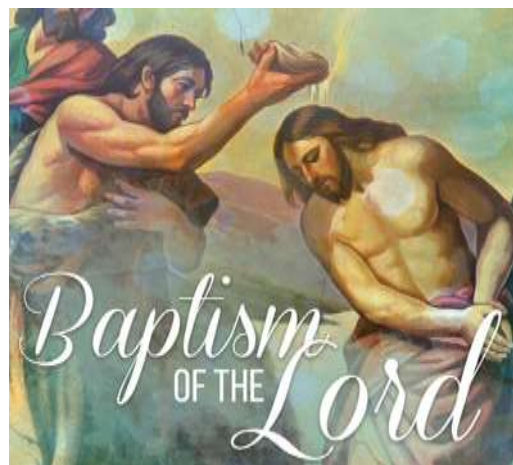


# PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

9th January 2022

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Star of the Sea Portstewart  
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### MASSES THIS WEEK

Saturday Vigil at 5.00 pm

Sunday at 10.00am and 7.00pm

Tuesday: Mass at 7.00pm

Wednesday – Saturday : Mass at 9.30am

**Eucharistic Adoration**  
on Thursday from 10.00am until 5.00pm

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

### MASS IN PORTRUSH

Saturday Vigil at 6pm, Sunday at noon

Monday & 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:** Deacon Paul McCormick, Patricia Stanley  
**ANNIVERSARIES:** Florence Engall (3), Luke Salters (9), Eileen Doone, Ian Madden, Mary McKeown, Alison O’Doherty (10), Veronica Brolly, Deirdre Donnelly, Roisin Mackle, Anne Marshall (11), Nora Bannon, Greta Brolly, Margaret Ferris (12), Gerard Haughey, Bridget Kelly, Nell McIlvenny, Una McQuillan, John McMaster (13), Mary Catherine Diamond, Mary Eastwood, Ellen McCaughan (14)

### 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](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](https://www.eventbrite.com)

### THE POPE’S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY

For true human fraternity:

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.



## ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

We are in urgent need of some **new volunteers** to join our Eucharistic Adoration rota (Thursdays between 10am and 5pm). It is important that the Blessed Sacrament is not left alone during Exposition so we are really keen to hear from anyone who can commit to a regular hourly slot – or perhaps you and a friend could pair up to cover an hour between you. For more details, please contact Helen:

07765 014681 or [helenconway.email@gmail.com](mailto:helenconway.email@gmail.com)

Thank you to all those who already support this beautiful devotion.



### A TASTE OF THE BIBLE: A LIFE WORTH LIVING?

An opportunity to read together Paul’s letter to the believers in Philippi and explore its relevance to *A Life Worth Living* in the world today. The course runs on

Thursday evenings from 8pm to 9.30pm by Zoom FREE for 10 weeks, starting 20 January to 24

March. Basic format: 25 mins video presentation; 45 mins discussion groups. For further information contact Ernestine: 077 6064 7665 or email Brian:

[bj.taylor@ulster.ac.uk](mailto:bj.taylor@ulster.ac.uk)

Pope Benedict XVI:

“All the faithful should read the bible every day”



### UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE

The Bible is at the heart of our faith and our relationship with God. Reading the Bible should bring us closer to Christ, but many people find it hard to even begin. Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible is an 8 week online programme written by Jeff Cavins and facilitated by the Living Church office. Course participants will receive a resource pack and connect online for a time of teaching, discussion and prayerful reflection.

There are three groups available:

Wednesday Morning at 11am beginning on 12th January

Wednesday Evening at 7pm beginning on 12th January

Monday Evening at 7pm beginning on 17th January

To register, complete an online form:

<https://forms.office.com/r/g3FWFK5x8w>

or e-mail [a.steen@downandconnor.org](mailto:a.steen@downandconnor.org)

Come and join us for a programme which will give you a way to read the bible, understand it and so experience its life changing power.



### GIVE A CHILD A BRIGHTER FUTURE

With an increase in children and young people needing foster homes across Northern Ireland, we really need you now. Every child deserves to have a happy, loving and safe home where they’ll feel cared for, valued and supported. It’s always the right time for fostering. 0800 0720 137 [adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net](http://adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net)



### WHAT IS ALPHA?

Life is busy. Every day we have questions. Alpha is an opportunity to explore life's

bigger questions. You are invited for a time of video presentations that will make you think – a place where you can be yourself. You can say what you think and challenge everything. No pressure. No charge. **Begins on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January at 8.00pm via Zoom link.** Contact: [n.dunn@downandconnor.org](mailto:n.dunn@downandconnor.org) or 07879 498131 <https://alpha.org/catholic-context/>

Why not give it a try? Invite someone else too!

### STORIES OF A GENERATION



The makers of ‘The Two Popes’ have produces a series of programmes for Netflix featuring Pope Francis and others over seventy. Highly recommended!

### ACCOMMODATION WANTED

Mature professional woman looking for an apartment or house to rent, preferably in Portstewart or Portrush, from the end of February. Flexible on number of bedrooms. References available on request. Please contact: 07727 654 282 if you can help. Thank you.



### ST VINCENT DE PAUL THANK YOU

The members of our Parish SVP Conference are most grateful for your Christmas generosity. £6500 was raised over the season

and is being distributed to those in need in our community. Thank you.

### DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS 2021

Living Youth	£436
Sick & Retired Priests	£615
Needy Parishes	£702
Catholics in the Holy Land	£951
Trocaire Lent & Autumn Collections	£9255
Diocesan Students to the Priesthood	£739
Peter’s Pence (Pope’s Collection)	£695
Cathedral Fund	£732
World Mission Sunday	£2641
Bishop’s Commissions	£620

Thank you for your generosity and support



