

# PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
16th January 2022

Sunday C/Weekdays 2 Psalter Week 2

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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: Terry McCorry, Richard Harte

ANNIVERSARIES: Peter Bradley (15), David O’Connell (16), Annie Canning, Seamus Kevin Cosgrove, Denny McAleese (17), Fr Seamus Clenaghan (19), Betty Fulton, Molly Higgins (20), Martha McGrath, Helen Robinson (21), Rose McGeough (22)

## 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](http://EVENTBRITE)

## 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.



## THIS WEEKEND: Collection for Living Youth

This collection helps defray some of the Diocesan Living Youth’s expenses in co-ordinating, promoting and developing numerous forms of ministry within the diocese, with special emphasis on helping parishes to provide programmes aimed at developing the faith of young people.



## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

18 – 25 January

The theme this year is taken from the account of the visit of the Magi to the infant Jesus. It is a call to unity, of those from the North and the South, from the East and the West, young and old, men and women. We are called to reach out to the world, yearning for a light that leads to the Saviour who can overcome darkness.



## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS:

LIVING LIFE TO THE FULL

Catholic Schools Week 2022 begins next Sunday, 23 January, the Third

Sunday in Ordinary Time, and its theme is ‘Catholic Schools: Living Life to the Full’. In light of the challenges and uncertainty we have collectively faced over the past year, this year we are presented with the opportunity to reflect on how our faith sustains us and how we as a community support and care for each other.



## PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE?

Catholic Engaged Encounter

A Marriage Preparation course is planned for 9/10 April 2022 in The Drummond Hotel, Ballykelly, Co Derry. This 2-day non-residential course is a positive way of preparing for Marriage where you will discover how you can enrich your future relationship. Information/Booking: [marriageencounter.ie](http://marriageencounter.ie) or ☎ 2763 8512

## 5K-A-DAY FOR ANAPHYLAXIS CAMPAIGN

Parishioner Adam Kerr and friends are running 5K every day in January in memory of Michael McQuillan. If you would like to support them, please visit their Just Giving page: [5k-a-day for Smicko](https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/5k-a-day-for-smicko) Any help would be appreciated.



## 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)

## 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, from 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.



## 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. Continues on Tuesday 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!

## 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.

## 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.