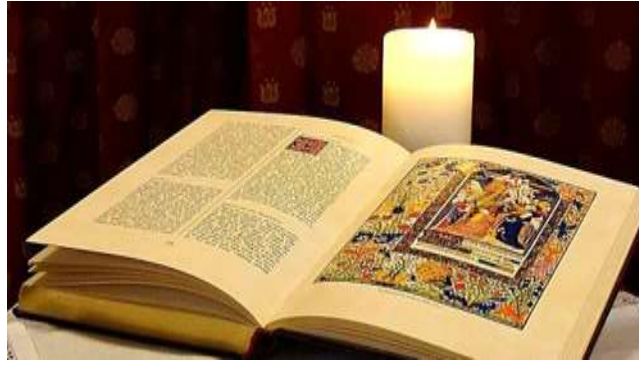


PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

23rd January 2022
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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 12.30 (this week only) 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 and Wednesday 10am
No Thursday or Friday Mass this week
**St Malachy’s Church reopens for Masses
this weekend**

REST IN PEACE

ONE YEAR AGO: John Donnelly, Pat Logan (23)
ANNIVERSARIES: Fr Brian Mullan, Sheila Rankin (24), Leo Tosh (25), Patsy O’Kane (27), Herbert Peter Keith (28), Michael & Jean McLaughlin (29)

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**

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.

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD



‘The relationship between the
Risen Lord, the community of
believers and sacred Scripture
is essential to our identity as
Christians. Without the Lord
who opens our minds to them,
it is impossible to understand
the Scriptures in depth. Yet
the contrary is equally true: without the Scriptures,
the events of the mission of Jesus and of his Church in
this world would remain incomprehensible. Hence, St
Jerome could rightly claim: “Ignorance of the
Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.”’ Pope Francis



ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thank you to all those who
responded to the request for
new volunteers for our
Eucharistic Adoration rota. We
are pleased to say we now
have a good rota coverage between 10am and 5pm
each Thursday. This means that anyone else can pop
in to visit the Blessed Sacrament during this time for
whatever length of time they can manage - no time is
too short! The Church assures us that Eucharistic
Adoration is not only a beautiful private devotion, but
it calls down blessings on our wider community and
on the entire Church.

Catholic Schools: Living Life to the Full

23 JANUARY – 30 JANUARY 2022



Catholic Schools Week 2022 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.

Our Schools celebrating Catholic Schools Week

**On Wednesday 26th January, pupils from St Colum’s PS
P5, 6 and 7 classes will be joining us at the 9.30am Mass.
On Thursday 27th January, Dominican College will have
their Mass at 11am in Star of the Sea.**



ST. COLUM'S PORTSTEWART PRIMARY 1 AND PRE SCHOOL ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2022

Applications are currently open via the online portal
https://pupilservices.eani.org.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/
and close on 28th January at 12noon. Please contact the
school office ☎ 02870833010 or Pre-School 02870835737 if
you have any questions or require any advice or
assistance with the application process.



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 or ☎ 2763 8512

EXPLORING THE PSALMS FOR LENT



The Psalms are the ancient
prayers/songs of both Judaism
and Christianity and are included
in our Liturgy as well as the
Divine Office of the Church. During Lent, when we are
asked to give more time to prayer, we will explore and
pray, in the company of C S Lewis, some of the most
beautiful Psalms. The programme is for ‘Anyone at all
whose heart is open to new dimensions of human
experience... like someone who has not had a good meal
for a week or two. It is all there.’ (N T Wright)
The programme will run online:
**Tuesday 1 March for 6 weeks until Tuesday 5 April and
Thursday 3 March for 6 weeks until Thursday 7 April**
Both programmes run from 7-8.30pm
To register, please contact Kieran Hill stating your
preference to attend either the Tuesday or Thursday
evening session. Email: kc.hill@btinternet.com
or ☎ 07964 287839



THE 4 CORNERS FESTIVAL 2022

The 10th Anniversary celebration begins in St Anne’s
Cathedral and ends in St Peter’s. This year the week long
series of thought-provoking events will be around the
theme Common Ground, Common Good. We are
particularly excited to present Dr Austen Ivereigh, the
Pope’s biographer and collaborator, at our opening event
[Let Us Dream](#); Carl Frampton talking to us in [Carl At
Clonard](#); and the Archbishop of Canterbury closing the
festival at [Come And Live On Common Ground](#). There’s
sure to be something to pique your interest at this unique
Christian Festival. Come and join us **between January 30th
and February 6th**, somewhere across Belfast’s four corners
or online: <https://4cornersfestival.com/>



APOSTOLIC WORK – THANKS

Thank you to all who supported the Apostolic
Work Swim and pre-Christmas sale of work
which raised **£1644.**

The next Apostolic meeting will be held in the
Parish Centre on **Monday 31st January at 7.30pm.**
New members will be warmly welcomed.

SPECIAL DAYS IN THE CHURCH CALENDAR THIS WEEK



Monday 24 January:
St Francis de Sales
‘Have patience with all things.
But, first of all, with yourself.’

Tuesday 25 January:
**The Conversion of
St Paul**



Wednesday 26 January:
Saints Timothy & Titus

Friday 28 January:
St Thomas Aquinas
‘For those with faith, no evidence is
necessary; for those without it, no
evidence will suffice.’



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.