PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 30th January 2022 Sunday C/Weekdays 2 **Psalter Week 4**

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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 Tuesday and Thursday at 10am

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY For religious sisters and consecrated women: We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women, thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

REST IN PEACE

RECENT: John O'Hara

ONE YEAR AGO: William O'Connell (2)

ANNIVERSARIES: Julia McGurk, May McAllister (1), Betty Chambers, Bernie Hayes, Annie McCaughan (2), Charles McManus, Kathleen McKay (3), John Kearney Brolly (5)

SAFETY REGULATIONS IN STAR OF THE SEA

From next Saturday 5th February, Covid regulations will allow us to reduce social distancing in our church to one metre. Temperature checks will no longer be carried out, but we would ask that you continue to protect yourself and others around you by not attending Mass if you have a cough or are feeling unwell.

Booking is still required for weekend Masses either by phoning Emer 07709 043921 or online at EVENTBRITE

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: <u>portstewartparish.website</u> '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.



WEDNESDAY 2nd FEBRUARY - CANDLEMAS Candles are available to purchase from the **Repository (or the Parochial House during** office hours) at £1 each. They can be collected from the Repository after blessing at the 9.30am Wednesday Mass.

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 <u>Clonard</u>; 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: <u>https://4cornersfestival.com/</u>

Do you support someone with dementia?



Join the **Support Group** which meets on the first Wednesday of the month (via Zoom). Next meeting will be on Wednesday 2nd February from 10.30 – 11.30am. Coming up: Dementia Information Programme – a series



of talks and information sessions starting on Tuesday 22nd February at 10.30 via Zoom. For information or to book for

either session, please contact Aoife 🕿 07710 379947 or email: Aoife.mcmaster@alzheimers.org.uk

SPECIAL DAYS IN THE CHURCH CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday 31 January: St John Bosco Priest and founder of the Salesians

Tuesday 1 February: St Brigid of Ireland



Wednesday 2 February: The Presentation of the Lord Candlemas: 'A light to reveal God to the nations'

You were a woman of peace. You brought harmony where there was conflict. You brought light to the darkness. You brought hope to the downcast. May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious, and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world. Amen



Saturday 5 February: St Agatha Virgin and martyr

2022 ALL IRELAND EUCHARISTIC CONFERENCE

Saturday 5th February at 2pm live on Radio Maria Ireland. Speakers include Fr. John Mockler, Antoinette Moynihan (Children of the Eucharist) and Fr. Morty O'Shea.

CAUSEWAY RURAL & URBAN NETWORK PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR WOMEN

'Living Life to the Full' Free 4-week programme on Zoom, starting Wednesday 2nd February from 10am - 12pm. To book your place, email: rose@crun.org



APOSTOLIC WORK

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

'OUT ON THE OCEAN'

North Coast Trad are holding a Musical Night on Friday 4th February at 7pm in The Deerstalker, Kelly's Complex, Portrush. All proceeds towards Mark Roughan's Fund. Everyone welcome. Pay at the door.

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.