

PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6th February 2022

Sunday C/Weekdays 2 Psalter Week 1

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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

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Catherine McWilliams (5), Paula Haughey, Bridget McPeake, Henryk Tyszka (6), Matt Colgan, Peter Corr, Nancy Delaney, Katy Harkin, Henry McCann, Danny McMullan (7), Sally Loughrey, Una Spears (8), Michael Brolly, Jack Brolly, David Graham, Philomena Larkin, Bertie Kelly, Dermot O’Kane (9), Michael Kealey, William Killen (10), John and Margaret O’Hanlon

SAFETY REGULATIONS IN STAR OF THE SEA

From this weekend, Covid regulations 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](https://www.eventbrite.com)

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.



WOMEN’S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Woman’s World Day of Prayer committee meeting will be held in the Presbyterian Church on **Monday 7th February at 7pm.**

Due to the retirement of members from

Star of The Sea, I would appreciate if two new members could join me. Please phone 07739 813544 Thank you. *Celine Harley*

NI BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE



The next donation sessions will be held on **Wednesday 16th February** from 12.30-4pm and from 4-7.30pm in Burnside Presbyterian Church. Donations

now by appointment only.

Please ☎ 08085 534 653 to book.

POST PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

Applications for **September 2022** are now open via the online portal at:

<https://admissions.eani.org.uk/postprimary/Login>

Closing date for applications 23rd February at 4pm.

Further information at:

<https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions/post-primary-admissions-guide>



PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE?

Catholic Engaged Encounter

A Marriage Preparation course is planned for 9/10 April 2022 in The Drummond Hotel, Ballykelly. 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

Do you support someone with dementia?



Join the **Support Group** which meets on the **first Wednesday of the month** (via Zoom) 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, please contact Aoife ☎ 07710 379947 email: Aoife.mcmaster@alzheimers.org.uk



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



EXCITING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

at the **Sanctuary of St Patrick, Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co Donegal**. Applications are invited for an **Operations Manager** which is a key leadership role in delivering the Mission and

Vision of Lough Derg, responsible for the smooth running of all day to day operational activities at the pilgrimage centre. For further details and Application Pack contact Mary: ☎ +353 7198 61518 or mary@loughderg.org



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022

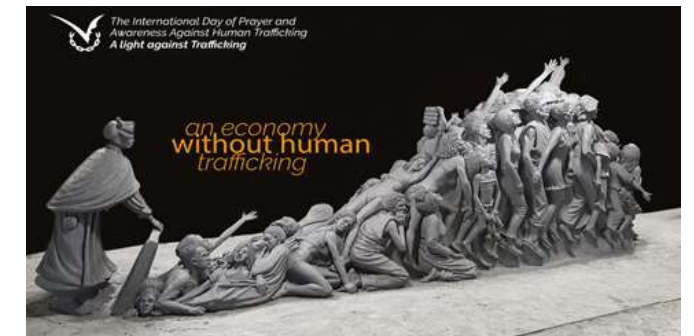
Sunday 22nd May
in Star of the Sea

IN THE CHURCH CALENDAR THIS WEEK

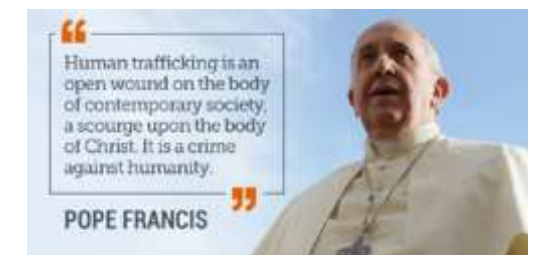
Tuesday 8th February:

St Jerome Emiliani

**International Day of Prayer and Awareness
against Human Trafficking**



Each year, around 2.5 million people are victims of trafficking and slavery. For those engaged in trafficking it has become one of the most lucrative illegal activities in the world. Through the Day of Prayer we reflect on the experience of those who have suffered, but also we are called to reach out to victims and survivors.



Thursday 10th February:

St Scholastica, Virgin. Sister of St Benedict.

**Friday 11th
February:
Our Lady of
Lourdes**



World Day of the Sick

DOWN & CONNOR DIOCESAN DIRECTORY



The new Directory for the diocese is now available in the Repository or from the parochial house, price £3. It contains an up-to-date list of priests, parishes, church services, diocesan bodies and a full calendar for 2022.

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.