

PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

20th February 2022

Sunday C/Weekdays 2 Psalter Week 3

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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**

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

REST IN PEACE

RECENT: Adrian McLaughlin

ONE YEAR AGO: David McGurnaghan (19)

ANNIVERSARIES: Molly Higgins, Uel McDonnell,
Patrick O’Connell (20), Jack Dillon, Teresa Higgins
(21), Winifred Dellett, Joseph McCullagh, Nan
Morelli, Corrado Morelli, Marie Murray, Lucy
Donnelly, Ellen Tangney, Joseph Lynn (22), John
Flynn, Donal McLaughlin, Hannah More (23),
Bernard Goodfellow, Noeleen Kinney, Bernard
McNicholl (24), Rose Donnelly, Therese Falls,
Philomena Kelly, Ernest Mullan (25)

SAFETY REGULATIONS IN STAR OF THE SEA

Social distancing in our church has now been reduced to one metre. Please continue to wear a mask in the church and we 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

All Masses in Star of the Sea are streamed online on the parish website: portstewartparish.website ‘Watch Live’ and on YouTube.

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.**



WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO THE CHURCH?

What is the most urgent call for the Church at the present time? What have the past two years revealed about the Church and how she is fulfilling her mission? Join Bishop Robert Barron, Fr. James Mallon and Rev Nicky Gumbel for a conversation on *What is God Saying to the Church?* **FREE online event 6pm Tuesday 1st March.** To register: divinerenovation.org/events



PANCAKE PARTY in The Anchor Bar, Portstewart: Tuesday 1 March from 6-8pm

Come and celebrate Shrove Tuesday before the rigours of Lent begin (and find out more about our exciting Lenten Programme). Open to all young adults aged 18+ in the Triangle area. For catering purposes, please contact Fr Raymond r.mccullagh@ulster.ac.uk

EXPLORING THE PSALMS FOR LENT

 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 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 on Tuesday or Thursday Email: kc.hill@btinternet.com or ☎ 07964 287839



TRÓCAIRE LENTEN WORKSHOPS (ONLINE)

Our first workshop is on **Tuesday 22nd February at 2pm** and focuses on our Lent parish resources and the context in Zimbabwe. We will be privileged to be joined by our colleague Yvonne who is based in our country office in Zimbabwe. Register on this link for any of our workshops: <https://forms.gle/jbb8mxLt8t1NpSzU8> so we have knowledge of numbers attending. In preparation for the workshops, please have a look at our resources for Lent on our parish page: <https://www.trocaire.org/our-work/working-in-ireland/parishes/lent-2022/>

NO GREATER LOVE

Join *Living Church* **over Zoom** as we reflect on the final moments of Jesus’ life. In a series of short films shot on location in the Holy land, *No Greater Love* is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ’s amazing love for us. Over the 5 weeks of Lent we walk step by step with Jesus through the Scriptures from the Garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. At each session there will be the opportunity to meet others from across the Diocese to pray, share and reflect together. To book your place on our online program, please e-mail: livingchurch@downandconnor.org

There are 6 options for you to choose from:

Monday 14th March at 11am or 7pm

Tuesday 8th March at 7:30pm

Wednesday 9th March at 7:30pm

Thursday 10th March at 11am or 7pm



PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE? Catholic Engaged Encounter

A Marriage Preparation **non-residential** course is planned for 9/10 April 2022 in The Drummond Hotel, Ballykelly. marriageencounter.ie or ☎ 2763 8512

CONCERT OF TRADITIONAL & CONTEMPORARY MUSIC

Parish Centre • **Friday 25th February • from 8.30pm**
All welcome. BYOB. Proceeds towards Mark Roughan’s fund

SACRAMENTS IN STAR OF THE SEA

 **Confirmation:**
Sunday 8th May at 12 noon
First Holy Communion:
Sunday 22nd May at 12 noon



COME GATHER AND CELEBRATE
A Parish Preparation Programme for all children receiving their First Holy Communion this year and for their parents and guardians. In addition to the wonderful work already taking place in

schools and at home, the parish is very much looking forward to journeying with you all at this special time. During the Saturdays of Lent, we invite all the children preparing for First Holy Communion along with their parents/guardians to discover the beauty of the Mass and why it is so important in our journey of faith. **Please come to register on Thursday 3rd March from 7 – 8pm in St Malachy’s Parish Centre.** Registration forms are available from St Colum’s PS or in the Sacristy.

FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION AND MISSION



Pope Francis has invited the whole Church (that means YOU) to experience coming together as a decisive and dynamic theme for the life and mission of the Church. As we all engage in the synodal experience we are being asked to invoke the Holy Spirit to guide our Church into a deeper communion, participation and commitment to its evangelising mission. The guidance that we seek is to be found in a prayerful listening to the People of God. Bishop Noel invites each of us in Down and Connor to undertake the season of Lent 2022 as a time of prayer, listening and discernment.

A LISTENING LENT

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, our diocese will present a series of opportunities to consult as many of our people as possible. The results will be faithfully collated by our Living Church office which will inform an authentic response to the Irish Episcopal Conference. In this way the world-wide family that is our Catholic church will inform Pope Francis. This is like Vatican 3 and we need a powerful and truly representative voice from ALL our people.

MAKE YOUR MARK: Questions for Ash Wednesday

- **Communion:** The love of God is for everyone. As a Diocese we aspire to ‘open wide the doors of the Church to all without exception’. Who finds welcome and support for their Christian journey and who might feel left out?
- **Participation:** Every baptised person is called to participate in the mission of the Church. How is dialogue and participation in the life of the Church enabled, and how is it hindered?
- **Mission:** We are called to mission; to put our faith into action. What enables or hinders us in speaking up for the Gospel and acting courageously in society?
- **The Holy Spirit guiding our Church:** What steps is the Holy Spirit calling all of us to take at this time?