

PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



**EIGHTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**
27th February 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

ASH WEDNESDAY: Mass at 9.30am & 7.00pm

Thursday – 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

Ash Wednesday 9am & 7pm

Thursday 9am, Friday 9.30am

MASS IN ST MALACHY’S, COLERAINE

Saturday vigil at 6pm, Sunday at 11am

Monday & Tuesday 10am

Ash Wednesday 10am & 7pm

Thursday 10am

Friday 10am & 7pm for an evening of adoration,
reflection and prayer

REST IN PEACE

RECENTLY: Brian McKeever and Rose McAllister

ONE MONTH AGO: Mary McKenna – month’s mind

Mass Saturday 5th March at 5.00pm

ANNIVERSARIES: Francis McAuley, Mary Wall (27),

Ellen Bradley, Kate Crossan, Pat Higgins, John

McCann (28), John Duffy (1), Jim & Rose Shaw,

Dermot Hennessey, James McGowan, John

McNally, Hugh Stewart (2), Dorothy Cox (3),

Rosaleen Corrigan, Alastair Hunter, Josephine

Logue, Patrick McCullagh (4)

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.

Pope announces 2 March as day of prayer and fasting for Ukraine. Pope Francis says his heart aches over the situation in Ukraine and announces a “Day of Fasting for Peace” on Ash Wednesday.

**THE POPE’S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MARCH
For a Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges
We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.**

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



ASH WEDNESDAY 2nd MARCH

Ashes will be distributed at both Masses on Ash Wednesday (9.30am and 7.00pm). If you are unable to attend either Mass, and would like ashes sent to you, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible. ☎ 7083 2534 secretary@portstewartparish.co.uk

HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME

If you would like to receive the Eucharist at home, please contact the Parish Office as above.

LENTEN PIONEER PLEDGE

Many people choose to abstain from alcohol during Lent. Why not take this opportunity to perhaps help

yourself or someone you know with an alcohol or drug problem by offering your sacrifice for freedom from addiction? Take the short-term Lenten Pledge and make a difference to someone's life.

DAILY PRAYER: "I promise in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary to abstain from all alcoholic drink during Lent."



WOMEN’S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This is a worldwide inter-denominational organisation and our service has been prepared by women of Northern Ireland, Wales and England. The theme of the service this year is: “I know the Plans I have for you.” We welcome you all to our service which will be held in the Presbyterian Church on **Friday 4th March** at 8pm.

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

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. 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

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



DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 13 – 18 July 2022

Booking forms and information are available from the Parish Office.

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?