

PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

6th March 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

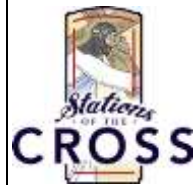
Wednesday – Saturday : Mass at 9.30am

Eucharistic Adoration on Thursday
from 10.00am until 5.00pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

You are welcome to join us at 3.00pm
every Friday during Lent for the

Stations of the Cross. You can also
watch online or listen on Parish radio.



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 – Friday 10am

Adoration, reflection and prayer
at 7pm every Friday during Lent

REST IN PEACE

ONE MONTH AGO: Mary McKenna – month’s mind
Mass Saturday 5th March at 5.00pm

ANNIVERSARIES: Felix O’Kane (5), Liam Donnelly, Fr
Neil McCamphill, Joseph Wright (6), Michelle Platt (7),
Mary Charley (9), Jack Donaghy, Maureen Forde,
Vincent Fulton (10), Gerry Doherty, James McKeown,
James Purdy (11), Theo Laverty, Brenda Paul, Johnny
Ferris (12)

SAFETY REGULATIONS IN STAR OF THE SEA

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 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.



LENTEN 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.’



CHURCH DOOR COLLECTIONS

Our weekend collections will
recommence this weekend
after Sunday Masses. Thank
you to all who have given so

generously to SVP over the last two years when we
have been unable to collect outside the Church.

MOBILITY SCOOTER

SVP have a mobility scooter available. If you could use
one, and have garage storage space, please contact
SVP ☎ 07508 549572



DIOCESAN VOCATION WEEKEND
“There are very few men who realise
what God would make of them if they
abandoned themselves entirely
to his hands.”

(St. Ignatius of Loyola)

Join us at the Vocations Weekend in
Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne, from
Friday 11 – Sunday 13 March. You are

invited to take this opportunity to carve some time out
of your busy schedule, in order to listen to what God might
be saying to you and what He might be calling you to. It
may be that He is calling you to serve as a priest in His
Church. If you wish to attend this weekend or would like
further information contact: Fr. Kevin McGuckien
☎ 9061 4567 Email: vocations@downandconnor.org



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:
Tuesday 8th March at 7:30pm
Wednesday 9th March at 7:30pm
Thursday 10th March at 11am or 7pm
Monday 14th March at 11am or 7pm



DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

13 – 18 July 2022

Booking forms and information are
available from the Parish Office.

EOGHAN RUA GAA – THANKS

On Ash Wednesday, after each mass, friends of Eoghan
Rua GAA club, with the kind permission of Fr Austin, held a
collection to help defray the costs incurred by our senior
camogie team in contesting their All Ireland club final on
Saturday. The collection raised an astonishing £359. Your
generosity and warm wishes are greatly appreciated by
the Committee and members of the club.

SACRAMENTS IN STAR OF THE SEA



Sunday 22nd May at 12 noon

Sunday 8th May at 12 noon

FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION AND MISSION



The purpose of this Synod... is
intended to inspire people to
dream about the Church we are
called to be, to make people’s
hopes flourish, to stimulate
trust, to bind up wounds, to
weave new and deeper

relationships, to learn from one another, to build bridges,
to enlighten minds, warm hearts, and restore strength to
our hands for our common mission (PD, 32).

Thus the objective of this synodal process is not only a
series of exercises that start and stop, but rather a journey
of growing authentically towards the communion and
mission that God calls the Church to live out in the third
millennium.” (Vademecum for the Synod on Synodality 1.3)

A LISTENING LENT

There are cards at the back of the church for you to
respond to questions about the Church moving forward,
if you have not already done so. Please pick one up and
return it to the Parochial House – or you can make your

submissions online at:

www.downandconnor.org/synod



‘Those who wage war forget humanity: they do not start from
the people; they do not look at the concrete life of the people,
but put partisan interests and power in front of everything.
They rely on the diabolic and perverse logic of weapons which
is the most distant from the will of God, and they distance
themselves from the common people who want peace.
In every conflict, ordinary people are the real victims who pay
for the follies of war with their own skin.’ Pope Francis

The Pope adds that he thinks especially ‘of the elderly, of those
who are seeking refuge at this time, of mothers fleeing with
their children. They are brothers and sisters for whom it is
urgent to open humanitarian corridors and who must be
welcomed, with an aching heart, for what is happening
in Ukraine.’

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.