

PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

13th March 2022

Sunday C/Weekdays 2 Psalter Week 2

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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

Tuesday at 7.00pm



ST PATRICK'S DAY

Wednesday: Vigil Mass at 7.00pm

Thursday: Mass at 9.30am

PLEASE BOOK FOR ST PATRICK'S DAY MASSES

Shamrocks will be on sale at both Masses
in aid of Trócaire

NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION ON 17th MARCH

Friday – Saturday : Mass at 9.30am



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

You are welcome to join us in the church at 3.00pm every Friday during Lent for the Stations of the Cross. You can also watch online or listen on Parish radio.

REST IN PEACE

RECENT: Dessie Hatton, Gemma Healy, Anto Haughey

ONE YEAR AGO: Desmond Leslie, Donal Roantree (14)

ANNIVERSARIES: Anna Dorrian, Brendan Fitzpatrick (14), Michael Boyle, John & Marleen King (16), James McCullagh, Danny McGonigle, Francis Edward McGurk (17), Elizabeth Carr, John Hughes, Gary McGowan (18), Karol Crawley, Brendan Loughrey, John Kirk More, Breige McGowan (19)

MASS IN PORTRUSH

Saturday Vigil at 6pm, Sunday at noon
ST PATRICK'S DAY Vigil 7pm & Thursday 10am

MASS IN ST MALACHY'S, COLERAINE

Saturday vigil at 6pm, Sunday at 11am
Monday – Wednesday at 10am

ST PATRICK'S DAY Vigil 7pm & Thursday 10am
Friday 10am & 7pm for an evening of confession, adoration, reflection and prayer.

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.



Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.



Join us in the Parish Centre from 10am on St Patrick's Day for tea, coffee and chat. Look forward to seeing you there!



ST PATRICK'S DAY COFFEE MORNING
17th March from 10am-12pm at the Eoghan Rua Clubhouse. Live Traditional Music. Takeaway and outdoor seating will be available.



International Red Cross BUCKET COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE

Saturday 19th March

on Portstewart Promenade from 9am – 5pm. If you would like to help, please get in touch with Anne Marie McAleese ☎ 07809 597 669 Many thanks.

SPECIAL CHURCH COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE

The Irish Bishops' Conference have announced a national church collection to support humanitarian relief for those affected by the war in Ukraine. This will be held in Star of the Sea next weekend Sunday 20th March.

WEEKEND 26-27 MARCH



Gaudence Nyirabikali was a parishioner here for about four years whilst a research student at UU Coleraine, and one of her sons attended Dominican College. Gaudence, with her four children, was a refugee from the Rwandan genocide of 1994. Now that her children have grown up, Gaudence has been working on peace-building initiatives in a number of post-conflict African countries. She is currently involved with the Dominican Order in Bangui, Central African Republic, where the Order is building a new school promoting peace and reconciliation. Gaudence will speak briefly about this work after masses on 26-27 March, and there will be a retiring collection so that we can contribute to this very worthwhile project.



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.'

ULSTER UNIVERSITY STUDY

The Nutrition Innovation Centre for Food & Health are looking for individuals aged between 50-70 years to take part in an 8-week study focusing on the effects of fish protein supplements and resistance exercise on muscle health. It involves taking a protein supplement twice a day plus exercising three times a week with resistance bands. One session will be on campus and two on Zoom. All equipment will be provided and each volunteer will receive £50 at the end of the study. Please contact Catherine c.fallon@ulster.ac.uk or ☎ 07360 954390 for details.



THANK YOU

The family of Adrian McLaughlin thank parishioners for their kindness following their recent bereavement. Thank you to those who sent Mass cards, and offered their prayers and sympathy. Mass will be offered for your intentions. Adrian's Month's Mind Mass will be held in St Patrick's Church, Portrush this Saturday 12th March at 6.00pm.

SACRAMENTS IN STAR OF THE SEA



Sunday 22nd May at 12 noon

Sunday 8th May at 12 noon



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



Synodal Listening In Our Pastoral Community.

In order to journey together, Pope Francis wants every person to take their place at the heart of the Church and to hear every voice and the voice of the Holy Spirit. As we listen

attentively to what the Holy Spirit is saying, we learn how to respond to where we are being lead in the mission of the Church. To help us in discerning our local parishes in North Connor are encouraged to come together, pray together, and enter into a Spiritual Conversation about our Church at this time.

Bishop Treanor has encouraged each area of the Diocese have a time of coming together as part of the Synod. Coming together to listen and share helps us build flourishing and resilient communities for the mission of the Church today. We invite you to come along and to take part in the synod by listening and talking to one another in an authentic, meaningful, and welcoming way.

If you would like to take part in this synodal moment then please feel welcome to join us on **Monday 21st March in Coleraine Parish Centre from 7.00 – 9.00pm.**

The session will be facilitated by Paula McKeown from the Living Church office and Joseph McGowan from the Diocesan Synodal Committee.

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.