

PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

20th March 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 & 7.00pm

Tuesday at 7.00pm

Wednesday – Saturday : Mass at 9.30am

**Eucharistic Adoration this Thursday
from 10.00am – midnight: Vigil for Peace**

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.



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.

MASS IN PORTRUSH

Saturday Vigil at 6pm, Sunday at noon

MASS IN ST MALACHY’S, COLERAINE

Saturday vigil at 6pm, Sunday at 11am

Monday – Thursday at 10am

Friday: Mass 10am, Confession 6.30pm,
Adoration, reflection and prayer 7pm

REST IN PEACE

RECENT: Kerry O’Hanlon

ONE YEAR AGO: Catherine Kelly (24)

ANNIVERSARIES: Michael & Bridget Boyle, Brendan
Loughrey, John Kirk More, Breige McGowan (19),
Canon John McAuley (20), Fidelma Burgess, John
Kelly, Fr Colm McKeating, Alexander Rooney, Eileen
Stuart (21), Shaun Carlin, Sadie Dempsey (22), Mary
Devenney (24), Elizabeth McAleese, John McCotter,
John McNally, Charles O’Neill (25), Jeannie Clyde,
Katie Crossan, Maria Donnelly, Desmond McKenna,
Madge Tracey (26)



“In the name of God I ask
you: stop this massacre!”
- Pope Francis

The proceeds of this Special Collection will be directed to
Caritas Internationalis which is the helping hand of the
Church on the ground in Ukraine and surrounding areas.

www.catholicbishops.ie

The Irish Bishops’ Conference SPECIAL CHURCH COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE



The Irish Bishops have asked for a
Special Collection to be taken up at
Masses throughout Ireland to
support humanitarian efforts in
Ukraine and especially the families
and children who have had to flee
their homeland in advance of the
Russian invasion.

This collection will be held
in Star of the Sea
at Masses this weekend.

The proceeds of this Special Collection will be
directed to Caritas Internationalis, which is the
helping hand of the Church on the ground in the
Ukraine and the surrounding region.
Please be as generous as you can. Thank you.

VIGIL FOR PEACE THURSDAY 24th MARCH 'Prayer is the best weapon we have.' St Padre Pio



We invite you to come together to pray for peace before
the Blessed Sacrament on **Thursday 24th March** when we
will be extending our usual hours of Eucharistic Adoration
until midnight. As well as time for silent prayer, there will
be short periods of prayer/scripture/music every 30
minutes between 5pm and midnight. There is a sign-up
sheet at the back of the Church, so please add your name
if you can commit to covering a particular time slot (30
minute blocks). If you are unable to sign up in advance
please still join us on the day for whatever time you can.
We also invite our friends from Portrush and Coleraine
parishes to join us for this vigil for peace in our world.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL PRAYER SERVICE FOR PEACE
Prayers for Peace will be said at the Bandstand in the
Crescent on Thursday 24th March from 2.30-3.00pm.

NEXT 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. Gaudence
is now 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.



LENTE 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.’

COLLECTION ENVELOPES

Envelopes for 2022-23 are available now
for collection from the Parish Office.
Please pick your box up as soon as possible!

If you haven't used envelopes before and would like to
start contributing to the parish in this way,
please leave your name and contact details
in the parish office.

FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION AND MISSION



Synodal Listening

in our Pastoral Community

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



DOWN & CONNOR DIOCESAN TRUST

JOB OPPORTUNITY

INTERNAL AUDITOR

The post holder will report to the Chief Operating
Officer and will play an integral part in the Diocesan
Trust Finance Team in developing and executing a
structured audit methodology across the network of
parishes to ensure that financial accuracy, internal
controls and regulatory compliance are continually
challenged and maintained. Terms are based on a
permanent appointment requiring 35 hours attendance
each week, Monday to Friday. Salary: £25,000 - £34,000,
commensurate upon qualifications and experience.
Download an application form at:

<http://www.downandconnor.org/job-vacancies>

where details of the role are also available by way of an
Application Form, Role Profile and Person Specification,
and Diocesan profile. Closing date for applications will
be 12 noon on Thursday 31st March 2022.

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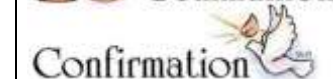
ST PATRICK’S DAY SHAMROCKS

Thank you to those who donated and
those who bought shamrocks on
St Patrick’s Day and raised a
tremendous £505 for Trócaire.

SACRAMENTS IN STAR OF THE SEA



Sunday 22nd May at 12 noon



Sunday 8th May at 12 noon

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.



**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO
LOURDES**

13 – 18 July 2022

Booking forms and
information are available from

the Parish Office.