

# PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



"Father,  
I have sinned  
against heaven  
and against  
you..."

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

27th March 2022

Sunday C/Weekdays 2 Psalter Week 4

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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 & 7.00pm  
Tuesday at 7.00pm

Wednesday – Saturday : Mass at 9.30am

Eucharistic Adoration every Thursday  
from 10.00am – 5.00pm

## 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.



## 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 – Thursday at 10am

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

## REST IN PEACE

RECENT: Kerry O’Hanlon

ANNIVERSARIES: Sister Anne Conway, Mary Keenan,  
Margaret McAuley, John McCurdy (27), Isobel  
McManus (28), Bridget Boyle, John Farren, Patrick  
Mullen (29), Peggy Clarke, Loris Kelly (30), Anna  
McElhone (31), Maisie McCann, Annie Sweeney,  
Brigid Ward (1), Joseph McKenna and Teresa  
Dempsey (2).

## SAFETY REGULATIONS IN STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH

Starting next weekend, 2/3 April you’re going to find  
some changes as we move forward to normality and  
still live with the pandemic. When you enter, the  
body of pews on the left will be un-roped. If you  
choose to sit there, please observe social distance of  
one meter unless you attend as a family or a couple.  
On the right, the pews will be roped as usual. A  
similar situation will be in the Lady Chapel. 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](https://www.eventbrite.com)

All Masses in Star of the Sea are streamed online  
on the parish website: [portstewartparish.website](https://portstewartparish.website)  
‘Watch Live’ and on YouTube.

## The Irish Bishops’ Conference SPECIAL CHURCH COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE



Thank you to those who contributed  
so generously to last weekend’s  
collection which has so far raised  
£2770.

If you wish to donate to this appeal  
you can still leave your contribution  
in the parish office

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.

## THIS 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 today**, 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.’

## CUL CAMP JULY 2022

The Cul Camp at Eoghan Rua GAA will run from 18th - 22nd  
July. Bookings for this are now open and can be accessed  
through the following link,

<https://www.kelloggsculcamps.gaa.ie/>

This always proves to be a very popular event so early  
booking is encouraged to ensure your child gets to enjoy  
this fun filled week.



## DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 13 – 18 July 2022

Booking forms and information are  
available from the Parish Office.

## 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.



## 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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## SACRAMENTS IN STAR OF THE SEA



First Communion Sunday 22nd May at 12 noon

Confirmation Sunday 8th May at 12 noon

# LAETARE SUNDAY REJOICE

## A BIG THANK YOU TO . . .

all those who showed up and prayed for peace in Ukraine  
and Russia last Thursday. Our church was busy from  
10.00am until midnight. Thank God for your faith and trust  
in God. Miracles do happen, but “thy will be done”. A big  
thank you to the members of the Parish Pastoral Council  
who prepared the church with visual aids to our prayer,  
extending the theme to include all the countries  
experiencing conflict of various kinds. Their national  
boundaries, their flags and the nature of their conflict can  
be seen around the church. A useful prayer leaflet was  
prepared and printed to help people to focus their prayer.  
Thank you to the musicians and readers who helped us  
make it through the night. We also had a well-attended  
ecumenical prayer service at the Witch’s Hat on the  
Crescent on a beautiful afternoon. The war in Ukraine was  
a month old last Thursday. God bless and protect them!

## ANOTHER BIG THANK YOU TO . . .

those who contributed to the Church Door collection for  
“Children in Crossfire” Shauna O’Neill wrote to say a  
“massive thanks” for our very kind donation of £749.93  
and £40. “Children in Crossfire” are working in Ethiopia to  
support St Luke’s Hospital, Wolisso. God bless the work!

## PARISH BULLETIN

If you have any item for inclusion  
in the parish weekend bulletin,  
email: [secretary@portstewartparish.co.uk](mailto:secretary@portstewartparish.co.uk)  
or ☎ 7083 2534 by 5pm on Thursday please.