

PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



24th April 2022

Second Sunday of Easter
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday C/Weekdays 2 Psalter Week 2

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Star of the Sea Portstewart
portstewartparish.website

All Masses in Star of the Sea are streamed online
on the parish website ‘Watch Live’
and on YouTube.

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

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

Tuesday and Thursday at 10am

Saturday 6pm, Sunday 11am

REST IN PEACE

RECENTLY: Molly Daly (Armagh), Peter Dawson
ANNIVERSARIES: Kate McLaughlin (22), Michael
Davies (25), Anne Marie Donnelly, Eileen Madden
(26), Fr James McGonigle, Frank McGonigle (27),
Una Bannon, Stephen McGonigle, William
McAdorey (28), Frank Hart (29)

THE POPE’S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR APRIL

For health care workers

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick
and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries;
may they be adequately supported by governments
and local communities.

SAFETY REGULATIONS IN STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH

**When you enter the church, the body of pews on the
left is now un-roped and access there is unrestricted.**

On the right, the pews will be roped as usual.

If you need to sit in the socially distanced areas in the
Church, you will still have to book, either by phoning
Emer 07709 043921 or online at EVENTBRITE

OBLIGATION TO ATTEND SUNDAY/HOLYDAY MASS

With the easing of Covid-19 restrictions, it is
encouraging to see a return to a fuller liturgical life in
our parishes. Thankful that we can once again gather
as communities of faith, the Irish Bishops have
announced that attending Mass on Sunday and
Holydays of Obligation will from Easter Sunday once
again be deemed an essential expression of faith.

**As always, those whose health is vulnerable or who
are unwell will not be under any obligation to attend
Mass. Please continue to wear a mask in the church
to protect yourself and others.**



TRÓCAIRE LENT 2022
Please fill and return your
Trocaire box as soon as
possible.

Thank you to those who have
already returned their
donations.

Total amount received so far
£2765.00

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGES 2022



LOURDES 13 – 18 July 2022

Booking forms and information are
available from the Parish Office.



FATIMA 8 - 15 September

Full board in hotel: from £689 per person
sharing. Led by Bishop Noel Treanor. For
further enquiries and bookings contact Joe
Catney ☎ 9071 4001/07776 425631



CUL CAMP JULY 2022

The Cul Camp at Eoghan Rua GAA will run
from 18th - 22nd July. Bookings for this are
now open at

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

Early booking is encouraged to ensure your child gets
to enjoy this fun filled week.

CARA RETREAT “Come Away and Rest Awhile”



Are you a parent of a young person with a
disability? Would you like to take some
time out to pray, reflect and meet other
parents? If the answer is yes we would love
you to join us for a parents retreat

at: Drumalis Retreat Centre beginning **Friday 24th June,**
6pm until Saturday 25th June, 4pm.

For information or to register interest contact:

Louise McQuillan ☎ 07922 437679

Email: l.mcquillan@downandconnor.org



A BIBLICAL WALK WITH THE BLESSED MOTHER Online Course & Retreat Day

A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother will take
us through the Scriptures leading us into a
deeper understanding of Mary's life. Although
Mary is mentioned in only a few chapters of the
entire Bible, these are filled with rich insight
which will help us to understand Mary's

humanity and the extraordinary mission to which she was
called by God. The programme will begin on **Monday 2nd
May at 7pm** for 5 weeks meeting online and then
concluding with a Retreat day on **Saturday 4th June from
10am – 4.30pm.** Venue: Parish centre, Parish of Maghera,
Newcastle. The cost, including study materials and lunch is
£35.

Email: livingchurch@downandconnor.org



THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBANUS

Centenary Anniversary Event to celebrate the
Anniversary of the death of its founder, local
clergyman Canon James O’Neill at the Marine

Hotel, Ballycastle. Guest speakers:

Friday 6th May at 2pm: Bishop Noel Treanor, followed by
Dr. Eamon Phoenix on the social, political and economic
times in Ireland of Canon O’Neill 100 years ago.

Saturday 7th May 2pm: Mickey Harte, All Ireland Winning
Manager on ‘My Faith Journey.’

Please do come along to either event that are free to drop
in and attend. <https://knightsofsaintcolumbanus.ie>



LOUGH DERG RE-OPENS

Lough Derg welcomes Pilgrims again with a full
Pilgrimage programme this summer.

Three Day Pilgrimage: 1st June - 15th August.

One Day Retreats and guided Pilgrim Path

experience: dates in May and late August - September.

To book or for information email: info@loughderg.org

or ☎ 00353 71 9861518. Pettigo, Co Donegal, F94 N289.



ACCORD VOLUNTEER FACILITATORS

Accord is recruiting interested people to
assist in the provision of Marriage

Preparation Programmes. Application forms are available
by contacting info@accordni.com Selections will take
place in June of this year with training commencing in
September.

GIVE HOPE A HOME



HSC NI Foster Care is urgently
appealing for more foster carers
and supported lodgings hosts who
can provide homes to young

refugees who arrive in Northern Ireland without a parent
or carer. For more information: HSC NI Foster Care

☎ 0800 0720 137 or visit

adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net/young-refugees/

FACILITATION SKILLS TRAINING: THEORY AND PRACTICE

*New Course at Drumalis led by Laurie Randall and Sean
O’Baoill over six days (May – Oct 2022)* This course gives you
an opportunity to explore the theory and practice of
facilitation – with space to consider how the learning can
be applied in a faith context. On successful completion you
will gain an Open College Network qualification at level 3.
Email: maura@drumalis.co.uk



BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

The loss of a partner through
death, separation or divorce

is devastating. Beginning Experience, based within the
Family Ministry of the Diocese of Down and Connor, is
offering a programme of bereavement support in
St Bride’s Hall, Belfast on three Saturdays (April 30, May 28
& June 25.) Booking essential. ☎ Phil: 9020 7645
or Marie 07896 119669.

SACRAMENTS IN STAR OF THE SEA



First Communion Sunday 22nd May at 12 noon

Confirmation 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.



