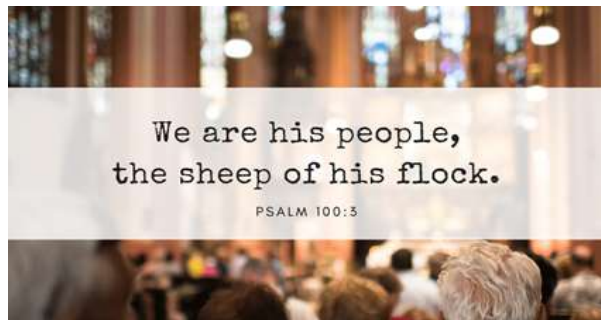


# PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



8th May 2022

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Good Shepherd Sunday

Sunday C/Weekdays 2 Psalter Week 3

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Star of the Sea Portstewart  
[portstewartparish.website](http://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



**CONFIRMATION 2022**  
We remember in our  
prayers all our children  
who are receiving the  
Sacrament of Confirmation  
in Star of the Sea today.

## MASS IN PORTRUSH

Saturday Vigil at 6pm, Sunday at noon

Tuesday 9am, Wednesday 7pm,

Thursday 9am, Friday 9.30am

## MASS IN ST MALACHY’S, COLERAINE

Saturday vigil at 6pm, Sunday at 11am

Tuesday & Thursday at 10am

## REST IN PEACE

RECENTLY: Anne Loftus (Kilrea)

ANNIVERSARIES: Jim Fitzpatrick, John McCorry,  
Kevin McFerran, Elizabeth O’Loughlin (8), Mary  
Maggie O’Connor (11), Edward McKeown,  
Madeline McNally (12), Margaret and James Burns,  
Marian Matuszewski, Derek McKinney, Patricia  
Shaw (13), Jean McDonald

## THE POPE’S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY

For faith-filled young people

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the  
fullest; may they see in Mary’s life the way to listen,  
the depth of discernment, the courage that faith  
generates, and the dedication to service.

## 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  
Trócaire box as soon as possible.  
Thank you to those who have  
already returned their donations.  
Total amount received so far  
£3232.00



## GALA CONCERT AT CLONARD

Trócaire will be hosting a special  
Spring Gala Concert at Clonard  
Monastery, Belfast at 7.30pm on

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May, with performances from Margaret  
Keys, The Priests and St Dominic’s Girls’ School Choir.  
Tickets are free of charge but donations will be  
gratefully received on the night of the concert with all  
donations matched by the UK government in support  
of the 2022 Lent Appeal. To reserve tickets, visit  
[www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk) and search ‘Clonard Concert  
Belfast’, email [infoni@trocaire.org](mailto:infoni@trocaire.org) or ☎ 9080 8030.



We invite you to join us for **Meditating with Mary in the  
month of May** in the Marian Hall on **Wednesday 11th May**  
after morning Mass. Over the next three weeks we will  
come together to share prayer and contemplate Mary’s  
life through inspiring artwork, Gospel passages and quiet  
reflection. Everybody welcome. Tea and coffee will be  
provided and for anyone with mobility issues our stairlift is  
in full working order!



## THE BIG PLASTIC COUNT

In line with Pope Francis’ request in Laudato  
SÍ, an Ecology Group is being formed in our  
Cluster parishes, and we would love you to  
join us. We are Anam Glas (Green Soul). We  
plan to start by joining this year’s Big Plastic Count,  
organised by Greepeace and Everyday Plastic. We need as  
many households as possible to take part by tracking how  
much plastic they use in one week. Tally sheets and a  
guide will be available at upcoming Masses. Let’s uncover  
the truth about plastic waste – and compare results! If you  
would like to know more about Anam Glas or get involved,  
contact John: ☎ 07756 955287 or email:  
[johnboyle2503@gmail.com](mailto:johnboyle2503@gmail.com)

## STORYTELLING AND WELLBEING



NACN in partnership with The Glens  
Storytelling and Cultural Heritage Group is offering adult  
storytelling and wellbeing sessions in a range of beautiful,  
local, natural settings. Participants will have the  
opportunity to connect with others in a safe outdoor  
environment maintaining social distancing as required.  
Each session will last for 1.5 hours and will be led by a  
storyteller and qualified yoga/mindfulness teacher.  
Activities will include story sharing, yoga and breathing  
exercises with mindful movement and walking.  
Sessions are limited to 12 participants and are FREE  
**GARVAGH FOREST - 11AM-12.30PM**  
Tuesdays - May 31<sup>st</sup>, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>  
**PORTBALLINTRAE/BUSHMILLS - 11AM-12.30PM**  
Mondays - May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, June 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>  
**PORTRUSH - 2-3.30PM**  
Thursdays - May 26<sup>th</sup>, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Please email: [registration@nacn.org](mailto:registration@nacn.org)

## 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?  
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](mailto:l.mcquillan@downandconnor.org)



## CUL CAMP JULY 2022

The Cul Camp at Eoghan Rua GAA will run from  
18th - 22nd July. Bookings for this are open at:  
<https://www.kelloggsulcamps.gaa.ie/>

## 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](mailto:info@accordni.com)  
Selections will take place in June of this year with training  
commencing in September.

## 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](mailto:info@loughderg.org) or ☎ 00353 71 9861518.  
Pettigo, Co Donegal, F94 N289.

## DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGES 2022



### LOURDES 13 – 18 July 2022

Booking forms and information are  
available from the Parish Office.  
For further information contact the

Pilgrimage Office ☎ 9077 0162 or email:  
[lourdes@downandconnor.org](mailto:lourdes@downandconnor.org)



### FATIMA 8 - 15 September 2022

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

## DATES FOR THE DIARY



Sunday 22nd May  
at 12 noon  
in Star of the Sea



CEMETERY SUNDAY  
Sunday 19th June at 3pm  
in Agherton Cemetery

## 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.