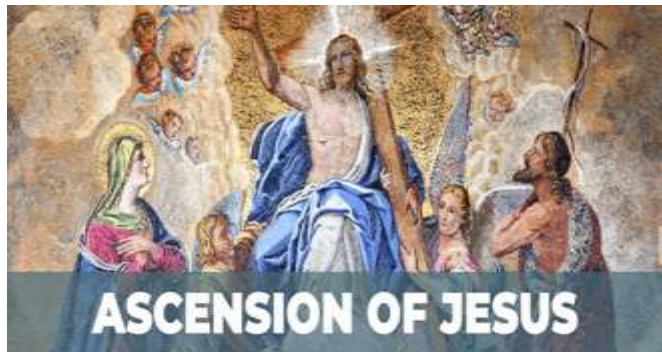


PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



29th May 2022 The Ascension of the Lord
Sunday C/Weekdays 2 Psalter Week 3

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Saturday Vigil at 5.00 pm
Sunday at 10.00am

Tuesday: Mass at 7.00pm

Wednesday – Saturday : Mass at 9.30am

**NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
NEXT THURSDAY 2nd JUNE**

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

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, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday at 10am

THE POPE’S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JUNE
For Families: We pray for Christian families
around the world; may they embody and
experience unconditional love
and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

REST IN PEACE

RECENT: Marie Kelly (McCann)
ANNIVERSARIES: Bridie Hollywood, Aine Lynch (30),
Joan and Gerry Doherty, William McGowan (31), Finola
McCool, Robert McWilliams, Sarah O’Neill, John
Sweeney (1), Ronan Devlin, Mary Donnelly, John
Darby (2), James Brankin, Mary Mulholland (4)

SAFETY REGULATIONS IN STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH

Following consultation with our parish Covid
committee, we are now able to relax some of our
safety precautions in the Church.

**From next weekend, the main body of the Church
will be completely open.**

**If you are still unhappy about attending Mass without
social distancing, we will try to accommodate you in
the Baptistry, which will remain roped. Please phone
Emer 07709 043921 if you wish to sit here.**

**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.**



THE JESSE TREE for examinations, interviews and decision-making...

We remember in our prayers all those
who are currently sitting exams or
assessments, preparing for interviews or
making important decisions about their future. We
have placed a Jesse Tree in the Church and we invite
you to write the names of anyone you would like to
remember especially at this time. Individual prayer
cards are available under the tree.

May the Holy Spirit guide them and may they be
assured of God's love for them regardless
of how they perform.

May we as a parish community support them
by our prayers and actions so that they come
to know God's love more fully.



LAUDATO SÍ

How is your Plastic Count?
Please submit or return your
count to us this weekend so we
can collate and see how well we
did. Thanks for participating.

Next idea from Anam Glas: Keep the car at home!

By choosing to use our cars less we could each save
up to 2.04 tons of CO² per year! Instead of taking the
car, could you walk or cycle to church, to your
workplace, or to the shops? If walking or cycling isn't
for you, maybe you could consider carpooling on
journeys with friends, family, or colleagues? Give
someone a lift to shops or to Mass! The less we drive
the less we spend on fuel. So, cutting down our car
use is healthier for us, the planet, and our wallets!
Anam Glas (Green Soul). Want to get involved?

☎ 07826 315543 or email: cliodhna@gardener.com



We invite any children who have already made their First
Holy Communion to become part of our **Altar Server team**
who play a really special part in our Masses. Training takes
place on **Wednesday afternoon from 3.30-4pm**. Thank you
to those who came last week. There is still room for more!
If you would like to find out more please contact Fr Austin.



ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY United against Dementia

An online series of free talks and information
sessions for anyone who cares for someone
with dementia, has a family member or friend with
dementia or anyone who has questions about dementia.

Dementia Information Programme – Mondays from 6.30-7.30pm on Zoom

6th June: What is Dementia?
13th June: Dementia and Changes in Behaviour
20th June: Make the Call
27th June: RNID

To book or find out more: ☎ 07918 661823 or email:
valerie.guthrie@alzheimers.org.uk

Virtual Carer Support Group –

Morning: 3rd Thursday of the month from 10.30-11.30am

Contact as above

Evening: 2nd Wednesday of the month from 7-8pm

Contact: ☎ 07710 379947 or email:
hannah.coleman@alzheimers.org.uk



REPOSITORY

The Repository Shop is now open again for
half an hour after each Mass so please come
in and browse when you are passing. Sheila

Conway has been very committed in running the shop
virtually single-handedly for a number of years and is now
ready for a well-deserved retirement. It would be good to
have a few volunteers to share the load and not have just
one person committed to being available every day. Please
consider if you could spare an hour or two a week to help
keep this service going. Contact Bernadette ☎ 07941
733502 for more information.



THE LEGION OF MARY are back meeting
in the Parish Centre on Tuesday
evenings. New members are welcome
to join them from 7.30 – 8.30pm,
starting this Tuesday 31st May.



Our next meeting will be on
Monday 6th June at 7.30pm
in the Parish Centre. New
members are very welcome.

MATT TALBOT PRAYER SOCIETY

Do you or somebody you know suffer from addiction?
Addiction to Alcohol, Drugs, Gambling, Pornography, Food,
Internet etc. steals life from so many people.
Please come to the shrine of Matt Talbot in Our Lady of
Lourdes Church, Sean Mc Dermot Street, Dublin, on
Sunday 12th June at 2pm, and join our annual national
pilgrimage to pray for the miracle of freedom from all
these addictions. For more information, visit
www.matttalbotprayersociety.com or contact
vita@matttalbotprayersociety.com ☎ (028) 71262894



NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Pilgrimage to Knock on Saturday 18th June
(Corpus Christi weekend) leaving Belfast City
Centre at 6.15 am. Cost £22, bring a packed
lunch. Contact Harriet 07812 098991 or
Maureen 07745 093530 to inquire or book a
seat. More information at:
www.eucharisticadoration.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.

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



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



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
or ☎ 7083 2534 by 5pm on Thursday please.