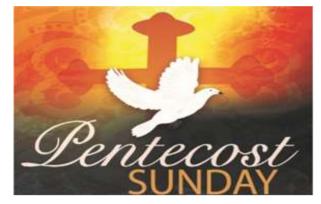
PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



5th June 2022 Pentecost Sunday Sunday C/Weekdays 2 Psalter Week 2

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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

Eucharistic Adoration on Thursday from 10am – 5pm

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

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES - 22-26 June Rome romefamily2022.com Prayers and Catechesis.

REST IN PEACE

ANNIVERSARIES: Sally Gillen (2), James Donnelly, Jack Eastwood, Martin O'Neill (5), Agnes Kelly, Fr Dallan Dargan, Robert McLaughlin (6), Mary and James French, Charlie Sweeney (7), Brendan Conway, Dr John McHugh (8), Hannah Duffy (9), Sheila McCloskey, Master John McHugh, Artie O'Hare and Joseph Reynolds (11)

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

SAFETY REGULATIONS IN STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH Following consultation with our parish Covid committee, we have now relaxed some of our

safety precautions in the Church. The main body of the Church is now 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 🕿 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.

Thank you & Farewell

'Many thanks to everyone at Portstewart Parish for their support over the years; to Fr Austin, Monica, Ruth, Ella and the wider Parish community; to Brian, Bridgeen, Meghan, Bernadette and the Sunday evening Mass team. Thanks also to Emer, Helen and Mary who organised delicious refreshments after 7pm Mass last Sunday. Thanks to the Parish family which has very much been like my extended family over the past 23 years, in good and difficult times. Thanks to those who sent cards, messages of support and generous gifts in recent weeks as well as everyone who supported the work of Habitat for Humanity.

The people of this Parish are very special, and I leave with blessed memories of friends and families with whom I have been privileged to share key moments in their lives. I will always treasure those memories and remember you all gratefully in my prayers. Please pray for me and until we meet again may God hold you and all you love in the palm of his hand.'

Fr Raymond



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. If you would like to find out more please contact Fr Austin.



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 invite you to write the names of anyone you would like to remember especially at this time and hang them on the Jesse Tree in the sanctuary. 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 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: <u>cliodhna@gardener.com</u>



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 starting 6th June To book or find out more about this programme: 🕿 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

in and browse when you are passing. It would be good to have a few volunteers to share the load so 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.



REPOSITORY

The Repository Shop is now open again for half an hour after each Mass so please come



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.



Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 7th June at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. New members are very welcome.

SAFEGUARDING NOTICE

The Diocesan Safeguarding Office have been in contact with the Parish Safeguarding Committee in relation to identifying training needs within our Parish. If you are a leader or volunteer involved in any activity with children, please make contact with the Parish Safeguarding Committee to agree any training requirements. Contact Karen 🕿 07809 705121 Philip O'Hara, Interim Director Safeguarding

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.