

PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



28th August 2022

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
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' or YouTube.

MASS IN PORTRUSH

Sunday at noon
Monday & Wednesday at 10.30am

MASS IN ST MALACHY'S, COLERAINE

Saturday vigil at 6pm, Sunday at 11am
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday at 10am



REST IN PEACE

RECENT: Sean Feeney (Portrush)
Kathleen Barry (Malahide)

ONE MONTH AGO: Mary Tosh – Month's Mind Mass
this Sunday at 10am

ANNIVERSARIES: Kevin Conway, Krzysztof Kunkel,
Margaret Marley, Justin Murray, James Sweeney (28),
Denis McGowan (29), Fr Paddy Campbell, Margaret
Campbell, Brigid Mullan (30), Katherine Tohill (31),
Owen Sweeney (1), John Campbell, John & Tess Conlon,
Bridget Conway, Donal Eustace (2)

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER



We pray that the death penalty, which
attacks the dignity of the human
person, may be legally abolished in
every country.

SAFETY REGULATIONS IN STAR OF THE SEA

The main body of the church is now open.
If you are still unhappy about attending Mass without
social distancing, we will try to seat you in
the Baptistry, which remains roped.

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.



FLAME CLUB

We are keen to see the return of our very successful
Parish Youth Club in September and are looking for
volunteers, both young and old! Our youth club runs
on Friday evenings in the Parish Centre and is led by
our youth with the guidance and support of adult
volunteers. It is a great way to develop leadership
skills and work as part of a team, all whilst having fun!
There are a range of volunteering opportunities and
training will be provided.

Junior Leaders – open to children between 13 and 16
Senior Leaders – over 16s

Adult volunteers – both those who wish to be
involved in the preparation of games and activities
and those who can offer their time to ensure
safeguarding protocols are maintained.

If you are interested in giving your time or would like
to find out more please contact Emer ☎ 07709043921
or email: flameclubportstewart@gmail.com



The Burning Bush
Ex 3:1-12

Listen to the
Voice of Creation
SEASON OF CREATION 2022

The Season of Creation is marked throughout the Christian
world from **1 September to 4 October** (Feast of Saint
Francis of Assisi) and celebrates the joy of creation as well
as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the
natural environment.

The theme for the Season of Creation 2022 is
"Listen to the Voice of Creation".

"I have heard their cry... I know their sufferings... Come,
now! I will send you... I will be with you" (Ex 3: 1-12).

The burning bush is the Symbol for the Season of Creation
2022. Today, the prevalence of unnatural fires are a sign of
the devastating effects that climate change has on the
most vulnerable of our planet. Creation cries out as forests
crackle, animals flee, and people are forced to migrate due
to the fires of injustice. On the contrary, the fire that called
to Moses as he tended the flock on Mt. Horeb did not
consume or destroy the bush. This flame of the Spirit
revealed God's presence. This holy fire affirmed that God
heard the cries of all who suffered and promised to be
with us as we followed in faith to our deliverance from
injustice.

In this Season of Creation, this symbol of God's Spirit calls
us to listen to the voice of creation, to the voices of those
who suffer the impacts of climate change, to the voices of
those who hold generational wisdom about how to live
gratefully within the limits of the land. These are voices of
the Earth. The global Christian family is called to awaken to
the urgent need to heal our relationships with creation
and with each other and to encourage our parish
communities to do the same, "for we know that things
can change!" (Laudato Si', 13).

LOUGH
DERG



ONE DAY RETREATS

have resumed on Lough Derg, and
continue on selected dates in September:

September 3, 7, 10, 13, 17, 18, 24 & 25

Booking is essential. Admission fee of €45pp
includes all refreshments, lunch, return boat

service, full retreat programme, free car & coach parking.
Boats available from 9.15am on the day; retreat begins at
10.30am until 4.30pm For booking and further information:

☎ +353 (0)71 9861518 online: www.loughderg.org
email: info@loughderg.org

PORTSTEWART CHURCHES FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Quiet Day in Corrymeela

facilitated by Br David Jardine (Divine Healing
Ministries) and assisted by Rev Jim Rea (ex-President
of the Methodist Church) on **Thursday 20th October.**

Cost: Approximately £20pp

All very welcome.

Contact: Deirdre Bannon ☎ 7083 3648 if interested.

SATURDAY WORKSHOP AT DROMANTINE

WHEN IT IS DARKEST: Understanding Suicide

Suicide can affect any one of us and despite the scale of
devastation for individuals, family and friends, it is still
poorly understood. This workshop will untangle the
complex reasons behind suicide and dispel unhelpful
myths. It will also provide compassionate advice on how
best to help someone vulnerable and support those
struggling through the tragedy of suicide to find strength
in the darkest of places.

Saturday, 24th September Cost £40

40 Sterling / 45 Euro

For more information or to reserve your place:

☎ 3082 1964 or: admin@dromantineconference.com

SPECIAL DAYS IN THE CHURCH CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday 29th August:

The Passion of St John the Baptist



Thursday 1st September:



Saturday 3rd September:

**St Gregory the Great,
pope and doctor of the Church**



The proof of love is in the works.
Where love exists, it works great
things. But when it ceases to
act, it ceases to exist.

PARISH BULLETIN

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