

PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



4th September 2022

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
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

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 12 noon

Monday 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 Farrell, Agnes Mullarkey
ANNIVERSARIES: Eamon Forbes, Peter Kerr, Phoebe O'Hara (3), Owen Sweeney, Jean Loughrey (4), Colum Duddy, Susan McCorry, Sarah Sweeney, Hugh Tosh (5), Andrew Diamond (7), Patrick Duddy, Bobby Stuart (8), Nora Hickey (9), Maud Chambers, Margaret McCrory (10)

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, please sit in the Baptistry, which remains roped.

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.

SICK VISITS

Fr Kevin will visit the sick and housebound of the parish during this incoming week



FLAME CLUB

We are keen to see the return of our Parish Youth Club in September and are looking for volunteers, both young and old! The 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 and would like to find out more please contact Emer ☎ 07709043921 or email: flameclubportstewart@gmail.com

CAUSEWAY COAST PEACE GROUP



The next bi-monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th September in Ballintoy Parish Church Hall. The Speaker will be Derek Wilson on 'Nurturing Hope.' Tea and Coffee will be served from 10.00am before the meeting at 10.30am. A full programme will be available at the meeting and everyone is assured of a warm welcome.



EOGHAN RUA GAC

Eoghan Rua are expanding their facilities to include a new pitch to satisfy the growing needs of the club. To help finance this project the Friends of Eoghan Rua are holding a

GRAND DEVELOPMENT DRAW with a £10,000 first prize. Friends of Eoghan Rua are asking you to invest in the future of children in Coleraine, Portstewart and Portrush. A second pitch means we will ensure a bright future in a welcoming social and sporting environment.

Tickets costing £20 will be on sale after Masses on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th September.

Cash and card payments accepted.

ARE YOU LIVING WITH CANCER?

You are invited to an event on Saturday 17th September at the Lodge Hotel, Coleraine from 10am – 12 noon. The speaker will be Hazel Reid, Chaplain at Causeway Hospital. Refreshments will be served. To help with arrangements, please register by 10th September. ☎ 07458 038402 or email: semeron-ministry@outlook.com

MARIAN CLUB

The Marian Club will resume on Wednesday 5th October.

Put a note in your diary! You are welcome to join us in the Marian Hall for refreshments and chat each Wednesday after morning Mass.



Listen to the
Voice of Creation
SEASON OF CREATION 2022

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).

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.



Beginning Experience is a peer ministry to the bereaved, separated and

divorced, based within the Family Ministry of the Diocese of Down and Connor. We are offering a programme of bereavement support in St Bride's Hall, Belfast on three Saturdays (Sept 24, Oct 29 and Nov 26) Booking essential. To find out more, contact Phil: ☎ 9020 7645 or email: belfastbe@yahoo.com



Trocaire is looking for people to join our team of Christmas fundraisers to help

respond to the urgent need of poor communities around the world, especially the millions of people affected by the hunger crisis in East Africa. You can take action and make a difference through a range of activities. Training and support will be provided. If you would like to find out more about what you can do to help now or over the Advent and Christmas period, then please email Mark McMahon at infoni@trocaire.org or ☎ 9090 8030.

STAR OF THE SEA PARISH CENTRE

The Parish Centre is open again for classes and clubs this term and the full programme will be starting up over the next 3 weeks. Many of these clubs / activities would welcome new members so please enquire if you are interested.

PARISH CENTRE		4 – 10 September
Sun:	Innova Irish Dance	1430 – 1830
Mon:	Karate: Juniors Karate: Seniors	1845 – 1930 1930 – 2045
Tues:	U3A Pilates Innova Irish Dance Legion of Mary	0815 – 1145 1615 – 1845 1930 – 2100
Wed:	U3A Bridge Innova Irish Dance	1400 – 1700 1715 – 2030
Thur:	Innova Irish Dance	1545 – 1845
Fri:	AA	2030 – 2200
Sat:	Innova Irish Dance	1000 – 1700



A big thank you to all who have gift-aided your parish contributions. We have just received £17,164 from HMRC

for 2021/22. If you use our collection envelopes or donate by standing order and haven't yet filled in a gift aid form, please consider doing so – forms are available in the Parish Office.

PARISH BULLETIN

If you have any item for inclusion
in the parish weekend bulletin, please email:
portstewart@downandconnor.org
or 📞 7083 2534 by 5pm on Thursday.