

# PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



18th September 2022

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sunday C/Weekdays 2 Psalter Week 3

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**The Parish Office will be CLOSED**  
**on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday**  
**this week 19-21 September**  
**Please do not phone on these days**  
**unless your call is urgent**


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 Star of the Sea Portstewart  
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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**



CONFESSIONS IN THE STAR OF THE SEA

on Saturday at 10am and 4pm  
and at 10am on the first Friday  
of the month

## 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

## MASS IN BALLYMONEY

Saturday Vigil at 6pm, Sunday at 10am & 5pm  
Monday & Wednesday 10am, Friday 7pm

## REST IN PEACE

**RECENT:** Deirdre McAuley, Sean Farrell, Sarah Brown, Margaret Lynch, Alan O'Neill, Frank Horner  
**ANNIVERSARIES:** Edward Gilmore, Susan Haughey, Aaron Lundy, Anne McDonald (18), Nora Hickey, Marjorie Davies, William & Winifred Baird, Anna McMullan, Patrick McNicholl, Tony O'Connor (19), Margaret McKeague (20) Harry O'Neill, Jim Rodgers, Joe Rodgers (22), Daniel Davies, Noreen Doherty, Patricia Farren, Maurice McConnell, Jean Mullan, Kathleen Quigley (23), Brendan Henry, Elizabeth McWilliams (24)

## 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.

## SAVE THE DATE!

There will be a Farewell Party  
for Fr Austin and Fr Raymond on the evening of  
Friday 7th October.  
Full details to follow.

If you would like to contribute towards a  
presentation gift, please pick up an envelope from  
the back of the church and return to the Parish Office  
or leave in next week's church collection.

If you are enclosing a cheque, please make it payable  
to: Portstewart Parish. Thank you.

*"To sing is to pray twice" St Augustine*



After a long absence we are happy to announce the return of the choir at the Sunday 10am Mass. The choir exists to support the great congregational singing we always hear in our Parish. You don't have to be able to read music to join, just be enthusiastic! We would love to welcome new (and old!) members back to the gallery **from next week (25th September)**. For more information contact Emer ☎ 07709 043921 or email: [portstewartparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:portstewartparishcouncil@gmail.com)

## A TASTE OF THE BIBLE:

### How the Early Church was Born



Pope Benedict XVI: 'All the faithful should read the bible every day.' Explore Acts of the Apostles (Part 1) and discuss its relevance for today. **Thursday evenings 8pm to 9.30 by Zoom FREE** 10 weeks: 22 September to 24 November. For further information, email: [tasteofbible@gmail.com](mailto:tasteofbible@gmail.com) or phone: Ernestine 07760 647665 or Bernadette 07941 733502

## VOLUNTEERS TRAINING COURSE

Starts Saturday 24th September – Open to all!

Viatores Christi, a faith-based development organisation has specialised in the recruitment, training and deployment of overseas volunteers since 1960. VC runs an **online** volunteer preparation course covering Community Development, Health, Global Awareness, Mission, etc. Once completed, participants can be considered for volunteer roles through VC programmes. **This will also suit those working on Ireland based community projects.** To find out more, visit [www.vcvolunteers.ie](http://www.vcvolunteers.ie) or email [venture@viatoreschristi.com](mailto:venture@viatoreschristi.com)

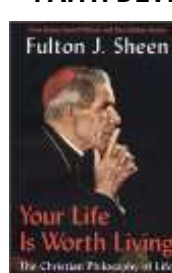
## GROWTH IN PRAYER AND REFLECTIVE LIVING



A one-year programme from Drumalis for those who want a closer relationship with God. Living out faith isn't easy against the

backdrop of our fast-paced, noisy and instantaneous culture. This course will give you the tools and space to become attuned to God's voice in the midst of the clamour. Twenty Monday evenings **via Zoom** beginning on **Monday 26th September** from 7.15-9.15pm. For further details contact Katrina ☎ 2827 2196 or email: [katrina@drumalis.co.uk](mailto:katrina@drumalis.co.uk)

## FAITH DEVELOPMENT COURSE



'Your Life is worth Living' (Online)

We all search for meaning and purpose and truth. This 8-week course will use Venerable Sheen's Book 'Your Life is Worth Living: 50 Lessons to Deepen Your Faith' to help explore and deepen our faith in God and our personal relationship with Jesus. In Fulton Sheen's words, 'You would not be seeking

God if you had not already, in some way, found him'. The course is free but you will need a copy of the course book by Fulton Sheen. Books can be ordered. **Course details.** There will be two groups: -

1. Commencing **Wednesday October 5<sup>th</sup>** from 7-8.30pm

2. Commencing **Thursday October 6<sup>th</sup>** from 7-8.30pm

To register, please contact Kieran Hill:

[kc.hill@btinternet.com](mailto:kc.hill@btinternet.com) ☎ 07964 287839

## LITURGY AFTER COVID:

**Approaches to Liturgy in light of our experience of the Pandemic** A one-day Seminar hosted by Down and Connor Liturgy Commission in St Brigid's Parish Hall, 38 Derryvolgie Avenue, Belfast, BT9 6FP on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October** (Registration 9.30am. Seminar 10.30am to 4.30pm) The Diocese of Down and Connor Liturgy Commission warmly invites clergy, permanent deacons and those in liturgical ministry, in particular Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and members of Parish Pastoral Councils in the Diocese of Down and Connor to attend this Seminar. The cost is £10 per person and tea/coffee will be provided. Please bring a packed lunch. To help with arrangements it will be helpful to have approximate numbers and so if you plan to attend, please contact Malachy McKeever by e-mail at [liturgy@downandconnor.org](mailto:liturgy@downandconnor.org)

## LEGION OF MARY ANNUAL ROSARY PROCESSION

**Sunday 9th October.** Assemble at St John's, Falls Road, Belfast at 2.45pm. Leaving at 3.00pm and processing to St Michael's, Finaghy Road North for Benediction. "There's no problem, no matter how difficult, that the rosary can't solve" Sister Lucia, Fatima

## 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 20<sup>th</sup> October.**

The day starts with coffee at 10am

Cost: £20pp **payable in advance**

Limited places available –

**booking by Tuesday 11th October please.**

Contact: Deirdre Bannon ☎ 7083 3648 if interested.

## LOOP SYSTEM

There have been recent changes to the Church Loop System. If you use this system, it would be helpful if you could report back to the office on whether the changes have made a difference to the sound quality. Thank you.

## BOWLS IN THE PARISH CENTRE

The Bowling Club reopens on Tuesday 20th September at 7pm in the Parish Centre. Sessions run on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and new members are very welcome to give it a try. All equipment provided.

PARISH CENTRE		18 – 24 September
Sun:	Innova Irish Dance	1430 – 1830
Mon:	<b>PARISH CENTRE CLOSED</b>	
Tues:	U3A Pilates	0815 – 1145
	U3A Whist	1430 – 1645
	Innova Irish Dance	1615 – 1845
	Bowling Club	1900 - 2100
	Legion of Mary	1930 – 2100
Wed:	Luna Yoga	0930 – 1030
	U3A Bridge	1400 – 1700
	Innova Irish Dance	1715 – 2030
	Causeway Bridge	1900 – 2200
Thur:	U3A Bridge	1030 – 1400
	Innova Irish Dance	1545 – 1845
	Bowling Club	1900 – 2200
Fri:	Luna Yoga	0930 – 1030
	AA	2030 – 2200
Sat:	Innova Irish Dance	1000 – 1700

## PARISH BULLETIN

If you have any item for inclusion in the parish weekend bulletin, please email: [portstewart@downandconnor.org](mailto:portstewart@downandconnor.org) by 5pm on Thursday.

All notices, including anniversary requests, **must be submitted in writing,** either by email or addressed to the parish office.  
Thank you