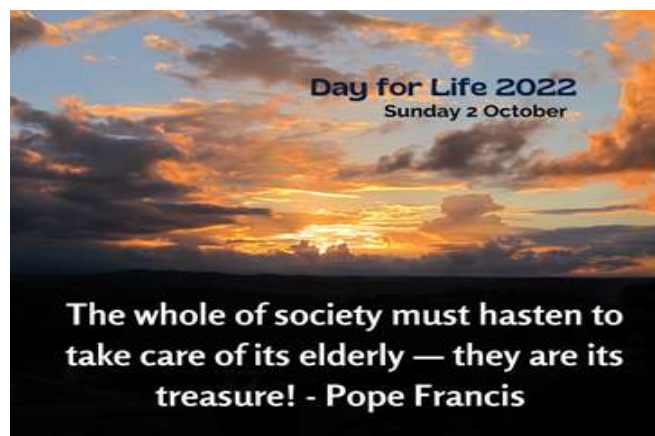


# PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



2nd October 2022

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

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### Parish Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday  
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[portstewartparish.webside](http://portstewartparish.webside)

### MASSES THIS WEEK

Saturday Vigil at 5.00 pm

Sunday at 10.00am

Tuesday: Mass at 7.00pm

Wednesday – Saturday : Mass at 9.30am

Extra Primary School Mass: Wednesday at 10.30am

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 & Friday 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: Frank Horner, John Haughey

ONE MONTH AGO: Samuel Palmer – MM Saturday 1st  
October at 5pm

Sarah Brown – MM Wednesday 5th October at 9.30am

Margaret Lynch – MM Saturday 8th October at 5pm

ANNIVERSARIES: Terry O’Keeffe, (30), Martha Begley,  
Mary Scullion (1), Michael Kerr, Paddy Metrustry (2), Liza  
Doherty, Alex McCorriston, Pat McDonnell (3), Ian  
Travers (4), Geoff Bradley, Mary Cuning, Thomas Duffy  
(5), Paddy Bannon, Patrick Coulson, Ellen McCullagh,  
Mary Mooney (7), Dermot Canning, Hugh O’Connor,  
Brigid Sweeney (8)

### THE POPE’S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and  
courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church  
be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome,  
always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

### THANK YOU AND FAREWELL

There will be a Farewell Party

for Fr Austin and Fr Raymond on Friday 7th October  
at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre.

Food provided – BYOB

Booking is essential for catering purposes.

Please book by Monday 3rd October:

on Eventbrite / tel: 07709 043921

or email: [portstewartpastoralcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:portstewartpastoralcouncil@gmail.com)

If you would like to contribute towards a  
presentation cheque, please pick up an envelope  
from the back of the church and return to the Parish  
Office. If you are enclosing a cheque, please make it  
payable to: Portstewart Parish. Thank you.

### MASS TO CONCLUDE THE SEASON OF CREATION



The parishes of Portstewart, Portrush, Bushmills, Ballymoney and Coleraine will hold a Mass to conclude the Season of Creation on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October @ 7pm in St. Mary’s, Star of the Sea Church, Portstewart. The Season of Creation closes on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. St Francis ‘was a mystic and a pilgrim who lived in simplicity and in wonderful harmony with God, with others, with nature and with himself. He shows us just how inseparable the bond is between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and interior peace.’ (Laudatio Sí, 10) We encourage our parishioners to join the priests of our parishes for this time of prayer and reflection as we mark the end of the Season of Creation. The homilist will be Monsignor Delargy. Refreshments will be provided after Mass in the Marian Hall.



### PARISH FAMILY PRAYER TIME



Praying the Rosary during October

We invite you to like and share or  
subscribe to our new Social Media  
Pages/Channel! The links to our  
pages are below. During the Month  
of October, we invite you to join  
with us as one parish family in

praying the Rosary each evening at 6.30pm, beginning  
Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October. If you can’t join at that time, you will  
be able to view it later on the pages.

<https://www.facebook.com/parishfamilyprayer>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcRAOehBSAW6-vvEGr2QoMw>

### FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

Ballymoney Parish invites you to join them in making  
the nine First Fridays dedicated to the Sacred Heart of  
Jesus. From October through to next June there will  
be a novena devotions to the Sacred Heart on the  
evening of the First Friday of the month. It begins at  
6pm with a Holy Hour of Adoration. Confessions will  
be available during this time and the hour ends with  
Benediction. At 7pm there will be Mass and novena  
prayers. Many blessings and promises are attached  
to the nine First Fridays, so why not make them  
together and pray for all our own special  
intentions? Begins this Friday, 7th October at Our  
Lady & St Patrick’s church, Castle St, Ballymoney.

### PORTSTEWART PARISH CELL GROUPS

Groups meet on a weekly basis to pray and grow in faith  
together. Meetings online, via Zoom, are on Monday  
afternoons at 2pm; and evening in-person meetings will  
also take place on Mondays starting at 7pm. We would  
love to have you join us. Contact Mary ☎ 07769 885710  
or Ernestine 07760 647665.

### FAITH DEVELOPMENT COURSE

‘Your Life is worth Living’ (Online)

We all search for meaning and purpose and truth.

This 8 week course starts this week.

From Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 7-8.30pm

OR From Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 7-8.30pm

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



### INTER-CHURCH FRIENDSHIP GROUP

The next meeting of this inter-  
denominational group will be held on  
Thursday 13th October from 2.30-5.00pm in  
the Marian Hall. All welcome.



### YOUTH 2000 ULSTER

The next Youth 2000  
Ulster retreat will be taking  
place in the beautiful and  
tranquil surroundings  
of Lough Derg, Co. Donegal  
from 14th-16th October. This

retreat is for anyone aged 16-35. Great CRAIC!!, Excellent  
Speakers, Inspiring Talks & Workshops, Fantastic Music,  
Group activities, Youth Masses, Adoration, Reconciliation,  
prayer, Drama, Games & plenty of time to chill out, meet  
new people and find out what it means to be young &  
Catholic today!! Suggested donation £35. Register now on  
[www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)

### EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

There are now copies of the revised October rota in the  
Sacristy. Please remember to email Ruth if you have dates  
when you will be unavailable next month. Thank you.



### DOWN AND CONNOR DIOCESAN TRUST JOB VACANCIES

DIOCESAN CURIA OFFICE:

EXECUTIVE SUPPORT OFFICER

DIOCESAN ASSISTANT FINANCE OFFICER X 2

Full details relating to both vacancies can be found on  
the Diocesan website at:

<http://www.downandconnor.org> clicking on the tab:  
job vacancies and on the Community NI and nijobs.com  
websites, where terms and conditions relating to the  
role can also be accessed by way of a Role Profile and  
Employment Application form.

Closing date for applications will be 12 noon on

Thursday 6th October 2022

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### 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