

# PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community

20th November 2022

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday C/Weekdays 2 Psalter Week 2



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Parish Office Hours 21-25 November

**MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY**  
9am – 2pm

**THE OFFICE IS CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY**

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Star of the Sea Portstewart  
[portstewartparish.website](http://portstewartparish.website)

## MASSES THIS WEEK IN STAR OF THE SEA



Saturday Vigil at 5pm, Sunday at 10am  
Tuesday at 7pm

Wednesday - Saturday: Mass at 9.30am  
Eucharistic Adoration Thursday from 10am – 5pm



## CONFESSIONS IN STAR OF THE SEA

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

## COLLECTIONS

Last weekend’s Parish Collection came to £1310.  
Thank you for your generosity and support.

## REST IN PEACE

**RECENT:** Gerald Mullan, Alice McLaughlin (Lever Road), Betty Laughlin (Mount Oriel Guesthouse), Monsignor Joseph Glover, Canon Brendan Murray, Fr Gerry Patton, Fr Martin Peyton, Mary Magill (Derry)

**ONE YEAR AGO:** Rose McReynolds (21), Derek Bond (26)

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Pauline Robinson (17), Jenny Wych (19), Eugene Campbell, Catherine Crawford, James Gray (20), Pat Curran, Maire McGurdy (21), Colm Coulson, Pat Donnelly, Maisie McCormack, Dan O’Connor (22), Patrick McAteer, Vera Rooney (24), Gerard Bradley, Mary Heneghan, Declan Leonard, James Loughrey (25), Edward Eustace, Reece Meenan, Christopher Trolan (26)



## SING FOR JOY

Choir rehearsals for Christmas **every Tuesday** after the 7pm Mass. Everybody welcome – singers new and old!

This year, there will be a special Christmas Mass for families and children. We would like a group of **children and young people** to lead the singing at this Mass. If you or your children would like to be involved, please look out for further details and times of rehearsals in the bulletin next week.

## CALLING ROSARY COASTERS!

The next Rosary on the Coast will be held this **Sunday, 20 November at 3pm** on Benone Strand, left hand side as usual. Details 07730 330028

## SVP SENIOR CITIZENS’ CHRISTMAS DINNER

Wednesday 7th December at 1pm in the Cromore Halt



Please take a copy of the menu from the back of the Church and return to Deacon Terence **by 30th November**. A minimum donation of £10 is requested.

## MASS FOR DECEASED KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBANUS



The Annual Mass for Deceased members of the Knights of Columbanus will be celebrated on **Monday 28th November** at 7.00pm in St Malachy’s Church, Coleraine. Everyone is welcome and we’d particularly like to welcome members of family/relatives of the deceased. Refreshments will be served in the Crypt after Mass for relatives and friends of the deceased.

## THE REPOSITORY IS OPEN

Celebrate the true message of Christmas with your children and grandchildren this year with **The Real Advent Calendar**, available now in the repository. These beautiful calendars are £4.50 and include a fairtrade chocolate, a line from the Christmas story behind each window, a 24 page activity book and donation to charity.

## CELEBRATING ADVENT IN OUR PARISH



**‘Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man.’**  
Pope Francis

## LECTIO DIVINA IN ADVENT

Take time to prepare for the Lord’s birth by meditating on his Word.

Join us this Advent as we reflect on the Living Word of God in preparation for Christmas. Lectio Divina is a beautiful meditative form of prayer to help us come in touch with Scripture and to reflect on how Jesus speaks to us personally through his life-giving Word.

- 4 Wednesdays, **beginning 23rd November**
- Marian Hall (access through the Church)
- 7.30 – 8.30pm, finishing with light refreshments

Separate Group for students and young people:

### FOR STUDENTS & YOUNG PEOPLE (18-30yrs old)

- 4 Wednesdays **beginning 23rd November**
- Marian Hall (access through the Church)
- 5.30pm – 7.00pm, beginning with light refreshments

For more information, or to sign up, please contact **Bridgeen 07546 092912 or Helen 07765 014681** or add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of the church



## ADVENT VESPERS

You are warmly invited to Evening Prayer for Advent each Sunday of Advent at 5pm starting next Sunday 27th November

## A LEAP OF DIVINE JOY AND A LOOK OF LOVE: ADVENT REVEALED THROUGH PAINTINGS

hosted by Drumalis via Zoom from 2 pm – 3:30 pm (Tuesdays, 22 November and 6, 13 & 20 December)

Sr Magdalen Lawler will lead us through a reflective time using scripture, paintings and poetry to explore the coming of the Saviour. Suggested Donation: £40 per person. For further details or to book a place ☎ 2827 2196 or email: [drumalis@btconnect.com](mailto:drumalis@btconnect.com)

## ONLINE ADVENT RETREAT

The Priory Institute is delighted to offer an online retreat **WORD BECOMES FLESH** “Oh that you would tear apart the heavens and come down !” (Isaiah 64:1) Visit our website [prioryinstitute.com](http://prioryinstitute.com) to register or find out more.



## CANTEMUS CONCERT

After a long absence we are delighted to welcome Cantemus choir back to Star of the Sea for their annual Christmas concert on **Friday 16th December at 7.30pm**. This is always a highlight in our Christmas

season and at only £5 including refreshments afterwards in the parish centre, spaces are sure to go fast. Tickets are available from the repository or by contacting Emer on 07709043921. If you can’t wait until then, you are most welcome to join them for Evensong in St Patrick’s Church Coleraine at 5pm this Sunday (20th)

## COFFEE MORNINGS IN THE PARISH CENTRE



**Saturday 26th November 10am – 12 noon**  
**Apostolic Work**

Please come and enjoy shortbread, mince pies, a flower demonstration, cake stall and raffle at our annual Christmas Coffee Morning. Donations of cakes/home-made jam etc much appreciated. All proceeds go directly to Mission projects.



**Sunday 27th November 10.30am – 1.30pm**  
**The Olive Branch**

The Olive Branch is a registered charity which provides free professional counselling to anyone, adult or child, who is suffering from mental health problems. As well as coffee and refreshments, there will also be craft stalls. If you would like to rent a table to sell your own crafts, tables are available at £10 ☎ 07877 136638

## MASS IN PORTRUSH

Sunday at 12 noon  
Monday, Tuesday & Saturday at 10.30am

**MASS IN ST MALACHY’S, COLERAINE**  
Saturday Vigil at 6pm, Sunday at 11am  
No Mass Monday-Wednesday this week  
Thursday & Friday at 10am

## MASS IN BALLYMONEY

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

## UNIVERSITY MASS

Tuesday at 12.15pm in the Prayer Room

## 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.