

PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community

27th November 2022

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday A / Weekdays 1 Psalter Week 1



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

THE OFFICE IS CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY

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Star of the Sea Portstewart
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MASSES THIS WEEK IN STAR OF THE SEA



Saturday Vigil at 5pm, Sunday at 10am

Sunday Advent Vespers at 5pm

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 £1045

The Bishops' Commissions collection came to £560

Thank you for your generosity and support.

REST IN PEACE

RECENT: Maeve Irwin (Dunsuivnish Drive), Saorla Lai (London), Gerald Mullan, Alice McLaughlin, Betty Laughlin, Mary Magill (Derry)

ONE YEAR AGO: Derek Bond (26)

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Heneghan (25), Reece Meenan, Christopher Trolan (26), Michael Diamond, Felix McElhone, Lily Mullen, Gerard McCloskey (27), Eddie McGonigle (28), John Murphy (29), Teresa Davies, Neil Sweeney (30), Kathleen Kelly (1), Patrick Conway, Hannah O'Connell (2), Gerry Magee



SING FOR JOY

Choir rehearsals for Christmas every Tuesday after the 7pm Mass. Everybody welcome!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

This year, there will be a special Christmas Mass for families and young children. We would like a group of children and young people to lead the singing at this Mass. Practices will be immediately after the 10am Sunday Mass, starting this Sunday and lasting no more than half an hour. There will be a cup of tea for parents in the Marian Hall at this time.

SUICIDE AWARENESS & SUPPORT GROUP



You are invited to a Mass of Hope on Sunday 27th November at 3pm in Clonard Monastery. All families bereaved by suicide, from all denominations, are welcome to attend.



ST COLUM'S PRIMARY SCHOOL & PRESCHOOL OPEN NIGHT

All prospective parents and children are invited to an Open Night at St Colum's Preschool and Primary School on Thursday 1st December from 6 – 7pm. You will have the opportunity to meet the staff, ask any questions you may have about the school and the preschool, visit the classrooms and see some of our children working at a variety of activities.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

CONGRATULATIONS to the P4 children of St Colum's PS

who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this week.

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.

A BIG THANK YOU FROM SVP FOR THE GENEROUS RESPONSE TO LAST WEEKEND'S CLOTHING DRIVE.

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.

- Wednesdays from 7.30 – 8.30pm, finishing with light refreshments, in the Marian Hall (access through the Church)

Separate Group for students and young people:

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

- Wednesdays from 5.30 – 7.00pm, beginning with light refreshments, in the Marian Hall (access through the Church)

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

PORTSTEWART CHURCHES FRIENDSHIP GROUP

The Carol service will begin at 6.30pm at Agherton Grange Residential Home on Monday 5th December. From there we will go to St John's Close Residential Home at 7.30pm. We hope to be at the Crib scene at the shop window next to Buds at 8pm. All are very welcome to join us.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER ARRANGING

Make your own Christmas flower arrangements! Guidance, oasis, pots and greenery provided. Bring your own flowers. Eoghan Rua Clubrooms on Saturday 10th December from 10am – 12 noon. All welcome. Voluntary donations in aid of the club.



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 07709 043921.

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. Charity Christmas cards and Christmas gifts also on sale.

COFFEE MORNINGS IN THE PARISH CENTRE



TODAY Sunday 27th November
11am – 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.



NEXT Sunday 4th December 11am – 1pm

St Colum's Primary School
Christmas Coffee Morning

Refreshments, Arts & Crafts, Tombola and Santa!

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

First Friday in Ballymoney

Ballymoney Parish continues our First Friday Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus this Friday evening (December 2nd). As usual there will be a Holy Hour from 6pm with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions, ending with Benediction from 6.45pm. Mass will be at 7pm with the novena prayers.

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 by 5pm on Thursday.