

# PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community

4th December 2022

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday A / Weekdays 1 Psalter Week 2



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## MASSES THIS WEEK IN STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH



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

8th DECEMBER: THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Vigil Mass: Wednesday at 7.00pm

Mass Thursday at 9.30am

Friday - Saturday: Mass at 9.30am

Eucharistic Adoration Thursday from 10am – 5pm

CONFESSIONS IN STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH



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

## COLLECTION

Last weekend’s Parish Collection came to £1266  
Thank you for your generosity and support.

## REST IN PEACE

**RECENT:** Maeve Irwin (Dunsuivnish Drive), Saorla Lai (London), Gerald Mullan, Louise Gilmore (Richill), Tommy Johnston (Philadelphia)

**ONE MONTH AGO:** Alice McLaughlin, Betty Laughlin

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Gerry Downey (1), Anne Connors, Mary Madden, Stephen Moriarty (3), Susan and William Bryson, Joe McGarry, John Murphy (4), Kathleen Moriarty (5), Elizabeth Devenney, Sarah Doherty, Ernie McKinney (7), Liam Moore, Colum O’Doherty (8), Frances Fitzpatrick (9), Sean Kelly, Elizabeth McNeil, Patricia Wych (9), Joe D’Arcy, Christopher Findlay, Neal McCaughan, Pat McKinley (10)

## THE POPE’S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER

*For volunteer not-for-profit organisations*

We pray that volunteer non-profit organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.



## 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 lasting no more than half an hour. There will be a cup of tea for parents in the Marian Hall at this time.



## SVP ANNUAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEK 10-11 December

St Mary Portstewart SVP Conference will be conducting their GIVING SUNDAY COLLECTION next weekend. Many people will face difficult choices this Christmas, like food or heat. You can help by making a contribution to our appeal. There are Gift Aid envelopes at the back of the Church this week. Alternatively you can donate online to AIB, sort code 93 86 43, Account number 62400044. The funds raised will be spent in the community helping those who need it most throughout the winter. We rely almost entirely on the support of you, the generous parishioners of our Parish. Thank you for your continued support.

## PORTSTEWART CHURCHES FRIENDSHIP GROUP



The Carol service will begin at 6.30pm at Agherton Grange, Mill Road on Monday 5th December. From there we will go to Tullaghmurry Fold and Abbeyfields. We hope to be at the Crib scene at the shop window next to Buds at 8pm. All are very welcome. Refreshments afterwards at the Methodist Church Hall.



## ADVENT VESPERS

You are warmly invited to Evening Prayer for Advent each Sunday of Advent at 5pm in Star of the Sea Church

## BAMBINELLI SUNDAY (BLESSING OF BABY JESUS CRIB FIGURES)



Next Sunday (11th December) is Gaudete Sunday, the 3rd Sunday of Advent. Gaudete means “rejoice” and on this Sunday we rejoice because we are almost at Christmas, the day when we will celebrate the coming of Jesus into the world; the greatest gift we have ever been given. On Gaudete Sunday, our parish will join with parishes around the world, in celebrating the tradition of Bambinelli Sunday. We invite each family to bring your Baby Jesus crib figure to the Sunday Masses next weekend (10th & 11th December). The Baby Jesus crib figures will be blessed. After the blessing, you are invited to wrap the Baby Jesus crib figure in wrapping paper and to place him under your Christmas tree. On Christmas morning let this be the first gift to be unwrapped in your family home.



‘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.

Wednesdays from 7.30pm – 8.30pm, finishing with light refreshments, in the Marian Hall

**Separate Group for students and young people:**

Wednesdays from 5.30pm – 7.00pm, beginning with light refreshments, in the Marian Hall

For more information, or to sign up, please contact Bridgeen 07546 092912 or Helen 07765 014681

## LEGION OF MARY

Please note change of time for weekly meetings. They will now be held at 10am on Thursdays in the Parish Centre.

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

There are copies of the December rota, including Christmas Masses, in the Sacristy. Please pick one up after Mass.



## 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.

## CHRISTMAS MUSIC IN STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH



### ST COLUM’S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Carol Service (P4-P7) on Wednesday 14th December at 6.30pm.



### CANTEMUS CONCERT

Cantemus choir annual Christmas Concert on Friday 16th December at 7.30pm. Tickets - £5 including refreshments - are available from the Repository or Emer 07709 043921.



### DOMINICAN COLLEGE CAROL SERVICE

Parishioners are invited to the Dominican College Carol Service on Monday 19th December at 7.30pm.



### COFFEE IN THE PARISH CENTRE

TODAY 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 & Friday at 10.30am

### MASS IN ST MALACHY’S, COLERAINE

Saturday Vigil at 6pm, Sunday at 11am  
Monday & Tuesday 10am,  
Wednesday 7pm & Thursday 10am, Friday at 10am

### MASS IN BALLYMONEY

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

### UNIVERSITY MASS

Tuesday at 12.15pm in the Prayer Room (L102)

### 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.