

PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community

11th December 2022

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday A / Weekdays 1 Psalter Week 3



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TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY
9am – 2pm

THE OFFICE IS CLOSED ON
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Star of the Sea Portstewart
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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: 7pm, Wednesday - Saturday: 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 £1510

The Monthly Collection came to £780

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), Canon Patrick Kelly (Glasgow, formerly Desertmartin) RIP

MONTH'S MIND: Maeve Irwin RIP

ANNIVERSARIES: George Coulson, Margaret Coulson, Martha Diamond, Cynthia Findlay, Hugh Kelly, Joe McGuigan, Rose McMahon (12), Sheila Hennessey (13), John Armstrong (14), Mary Goodfellow, Nan McKenna, Hannah Tosh (15), Jane Locke (16), Anne Canning, John McAreavey, Harry McNamee (17) RIP



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 THIS WEEK 10-11 December GIVING SUNDAY COLLECTION

Many people will face difficult choices this Christmas. You can help by making a contribution to our appeal. There are Gift Aid envelopes at the back of the Church. 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.

LECTIO DIVINA IN ADVENT

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

Separate Group for students and young people:

Wednesday from 5.30pm – 7pm, beginning with light refreshments, in the Marian Hall

For more information, please contact

Bridgeen 07546 092912 or Helen 07765 014681

LORETO COLLEGE CAROLS

The pupils and staff of Loreto College invite you to an evening Carol Service in the College's Assembly Hall on **Thursday 15 December 2022 at 7.30pm** followed by Tea and Mince Pies. Donations in aid of the Loreto Missions.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC IN STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH



ST COLUM'S PRIMARY SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE

Wednesday 14th December at 6pm.

NOW TAKING PLACE IN THE SCHOOL HALL



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.

PREPARING TO CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENTS

IN STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH

If you wish your child to receive the Sacraments of First Confession, First Holy Communion or Confirmation in 2023, and the child is **NOT** a pupil of a Catholic school, please contact the Parish Office for advice on preparation classes.

DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

We are hoping to start decorating the Church on **Wednesday 21st December at 7pm**. If you are available and would like to help, you will be very welcome.

We would also appreciate donations of holly and ivy from your gardens!

THANK YOU

The Olive Branch thanks all who attended and supported the recent Coffee Morning in the Parish Centre which raised £1785 towards their charity... and

Apostolic Work thanks parishioners for their help, their donations of home baking and their support for the Coffee Morning which has so far raised £1310.55. Thank you!

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

There are copies of the December and January rotas in the Sacristy. Please pick one up after Mass.

MASS IN PORTRUSH

Sunday at 12 noon

Monday & Tuesday 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

PARISH BULLETIN

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

PENITENTIAL SERVICE FOR CHRISTMAS

A Penitential Service for the parishes of Portstewart, Portrush, Bushmills, Ballymoney and Coleraine will be celebrated in St. Malachy's Church, Coleraine on Thursday 22nd December @ 7pm.

CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS IN THE PARISH OF PORTSTEWART

CHRISTMAS MASSES

SATURDAY 24TH DECEMBER

CHILDREN'S MASS – 6PM

VIGIL MASS – 9PM

(Carols will be sung from 8.30pm in the Church before the 9pm Vigil Mass)

SUNDAY 25TH DECEMBER

MORNING MASS – 10AM