

PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community

18th December 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday A / Weekdays 1 Psalter Week 4



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Parish Office Hours
MONDAY & TUESDAY 19-20 DECEMBER
 9am – 2pm
THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED OVER THE
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PERIOD
FROM 21 DECEMBER
REOPENS TUESDAY 3 JANUARY 2023

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Star of the Sea Portstewart
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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.

CONFESSIONS IN STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH
 There will be Confessions after each Mass from
 Tuesday 20th – Saturday 24th December

REST IN PEACE

ANNIVERSARIES: John McAreavey (17), Jean Kearney,
 Patrick Kelly, John McFerran (18), Rose McLaughlin
 (19), Florence Coles, Laurence Duffy, Helen O’Hare
 (20), Mary Carlin, Joan Kerr, Mary Rose Lundy, Tom
 Mullan (21), Yvonne Marie Butler, Harry Moore (22),
 Bridie Duffy, Anne Kelly, Willie & Martha McElroy,
 Harry Watterson (23), Leo Casey, Dan McCrossan (24),
 Patrick Elliott, Sarah Loughrey, Ellie Sweeney (25)

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR IN STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH	
Tuesday 20 December	Mass 7.00pm
Wednesday 21 December	Mass 9.30am
Thursday 22 December	Mass 9.30 am Eucharistic Adoration until 5.00pm
Friday 23 December	Mass 9.30 am
Saturday 24 December	Mass 9.30am Children’s Mass 6.00pm Carols 8.30pm & Vigil Mass 9.00pm
Sunday 25 December	Morning Mass 10.00am
Christmas Day	
Monday 26 December St Stephen’s Day	Mass 11.00am
Tuesday 27 December Feast of St John	Mass 11.00am
Wednesday 28 December Holy Innocents	Mass 11.00am
Thursday 29 December 5th Day of Christmas	Mass 11.00am NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Friday 30 December Holy Family	Mass 11.00am
Saturday 31 December	Vigil Mass 5.00pm
Sunday 1 January	Mass 10.00am Inter-Church Travelling Service 12 noon



SVP ANNUAL APPEAL: THANK YOU

A huge thank you to the parishioners of Star of the Sea for their response to the special SVP appeal last weekend.

To date we have received over £3000

You can still donate online at AIB:

Sort code 93 86 43 Account number 62400044

Thank you all for your generosity which will allow us to continue supporting those in need in our community.



DOMINICAN COLLEGE CAROL SERVICE

Parishioners are invited to the Dominican College Carol Service on **Monday 19th December** at 7.30pm in Star of the Sea Church

CAROLS AROUND THE CHURCHES IN PORTRUSH Tuesday 20th December at 7pm

You are invited to a Carol Service starting in Holy Trinity Church of Ireland, continuing to Portrush Presbyterian Church and concluding at St Patrick’s Church. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Kelly Memorial Hall, Victoria Street.

COLERAINE AREA CHURCHES FORUM
CAROLS TOGETHER Wednesday 21st December at 7pm
 Meet at Kingsgate Street, near Café Ground.
 Refreshments in the Methodist Church Hall, Queen Street following the Carols. Everyone welcome!

**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!

THANKS

St Colum’s Primary School PTA thank all who attended their recent Coffee Morning for their support and generosity. £1390.30 has been raised to date towards school funds.

MASS IN PORTRUSH
 Sunday at 12 noon
 Monday & Tuesday at 10.30am

CHRISTMAS MASSES:
 Christmas Eve: Mass at 6pm
 Christmas Day: Mass in Bushmills at 8am
 Portrush at 12 noon
 Tuesday & Friday at 10.30am

MASS IN ST MALACHY’S, COLERAINE
 Saturday Vigil at 6pm, Sunday at 11am
 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday at 10am

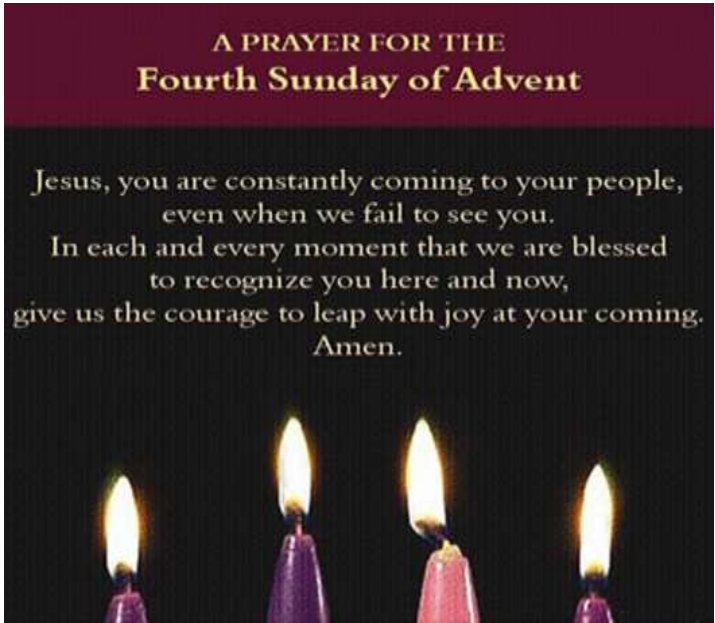
CHRISTMAS MASSES:
 Christmas Eve: Mass at 6pm & 9pm
 Christmas Day: Mass at 11am
 Monday 26 – Friday 30 December at 10am

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

CHRISTMAS MASSES:
 Christmas Eve: Mass at 6pm and 12 midnight
 Christmas Day: Mass at 10am
 Tuesday 27 December: Mass in Dervock at 10am

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

COLLECTION
 Last weekend’s Parish Collection came to £1405
 Thank you for your generosity and support.



PARISH BULLETIN
 If you have any item for inclusion in the parish weekend bulletin, please email: portstewart@downandconnor.org