

PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community

1st January 2023

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

World Day of Peace

Sunday A / Weekdays 1 Psalter Week 2




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Parish Office Hours 2 – 6 JANUARY
 TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY
 9am – 2pm

**THE OFFICE IS CLOSED
 ON MONDAY & WEDNESDAY**

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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
 Tuesday: Mass at 7pm

Wednesday & Thursday : Mass at 9.30am



FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY
 6th January
 Vigil Mass Thursday at 7pm
 Friday Mass at 9.30am

NO EUCHARISTIC
 ADORATION THIS WEEK
 Saturday: Mass at 9.30am

REST IN PEACE

RECENTLY DECEASED: Mary Alice O’Kane, Peter McGill, William Doole, Brendan Robinson, Bernadette Wyer RIP

ANNIVERSARIES: Michael McGlade, Seamus Mulholland, Rose Murphy (31), Kitty D’Arcy, Teresa Eastwood, Ann Rimmington, Joaquin Twomey (1), Johnny Madden, James Orrell (2), Marie Kennedy (3), Lily O’Doherty (4), Vincent McAreavey (5), Michael Lagan (6), Alfred J Donnelly, Annie Gray (7), Hugh McGarry RIP



CONFESSIONS
 IN STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH
 Saturday at 10am and 4pm
 and at 10am on the
 First Friday of the month

TODAY 1st JANUARY – TRAVELLING SERVICE



This annual ecumenical event on the first Sunday of the year starts at 12 noon at the Presbyterian Church Portstewart, moves to Agherton Church of Ireland and then to St. Mary’s, Star of the Sea Church and finally to the Methodist Church. There will be coffee and refreshments afterwards in the Agherton Church Hall.

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.



ARE YOU GETTING MARRIED IN ST. MARY’S, STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH?

If you have booked a wedding in Star of the Sea Church for 2023 OR 2024 please contact the Parish Office to confirm the date and time of your wedding ceremony and complete a booking form ASAP.
portstewart@downandconnor.org or ☎
 7083 2534

NEW ALPHA COURSE



This New Year, all are welcome to join us as we start a new Alpha course, designed to

explore the basics of the Christian faith & its meaning in our lives today.

Alpha will be run in the Anchorage Complex, Portstewart: 7-9 pm Mondays 16th January to 3rd April. Feel free to come along to the first taster evening (16th January) to see what you think. Each evening will begin with a light meal followed by a short film on life, faith & meaning, and end with an opportunity for discussion. There is no charge.

Contact a team member to sign up or if you have any questions:

Ernestine 077 6064 7665; Bernadette 079 4173 3502 or Portstewartalpha@gmail.com

"The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ, joy is constantly born anew."
 (Pope Francis: *Evangelii Gaudium*).

Prospective students and their parents are warmly invited to

DOMINICAN COLLEGE, Portstewart
Open Night/Morning

Thursday 19th January 2023 (7.00pm - 9.30pm)
 & Friday 20th January 2023 (9.30am – 12.00pm)

Parents, Guardians and prospective pupils are all warmly invited to visit the school. There will be an opportunity to meet students and teachers, see some of the work of the students and visit various departments.

A School Prospectus will be available.
 The Principal will give an introductory address to pupils and parents at 7pm on Thursday 19th and at 9.30am on Friday 20th January 2023

DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS 2022

Living Youth	£737.00
Sick & Retired Priests	£726.00
Needy Parishes	£555.00
Catholics in the Holy Land	£734.00
Trocaire Lent Collection	£3940.45
Diocesan Students to the Priesthood	£790.90
Peter’s Pence (Pope’s Collection)	£671.00
Cathedral Fund	£555.00
World Mission Sunday	£1668.00
Bishop’s Commissions	£849.00

Thank you for your generosity and support

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

There are copies of the January rota in the Sacristy. Please pick one up after Mass.

PARISH BULLETIN

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

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

Fr Kevin McGuckien & Deacon Terence Butcher would like to wish all the parishioners of Portstewart a very Happy and Peaceful New Year.

