

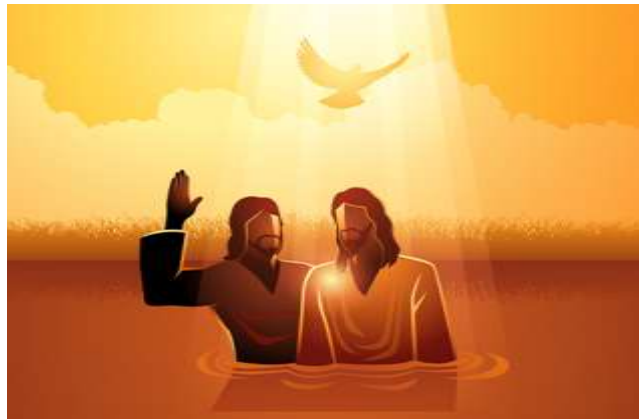
PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community

8th January 2023

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD


Sunday A / Weekdays 1 Psalter Week 3



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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 CHURCH



Saturday Vigil Mass at 5pm
Sunday Mass at 10am
Tuesday: Mass at 7pm
Wednesday – Saturday: Mass at 9.30am

Eucharistic Adoration on 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

REST IN PEACE

RECENTLY DECEASED: Mary Alice O’Kane, Peter McGill, Brendan Robinson, Bernadette Wyer, Kevin McKeown, Margaret McKeegan RIP

ANNIVERSARIES: Luke Salters (9), Eileen Doone, Ian Madden, Mary McKeown, Alison O’Doherty (10), Veronica Brolly, Deirdre Donnelly, Roisin Mackle, Anne Marshall (11), Nora Bannon, Greta Brolly, Margaret Ferris (12), Gerard Haughey, Bridget Kelly, Nell McIlvenny, Una McQuillan, John McMaster, Liam Conway, Mary Thomson (13) RIP

CHILDREN’S LITURGY

We will be back following the Christmas break at the 10am Mass on Sunday 22nd January.

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



CAUSEWAY COAST PEACE GROUP

The Bi-monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th January in 1st Ballymoney Presbyterian Church Hall. The Speakers will be Sheila Jackson and a Team from Portstewart Community Association whose topic is "Justice for Refugees." Tea and Coffee will be served from 10.15 am and we can assure you of a warm welcome.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

The loss of a partner through death, separation or divorce is devastating. Beginning Experience is offering a programme of bereavement support in St Bride’s Hall, Derryvolgie Ave., Belfast on three

Saturdays (January 21st; February 18th and March 18th 2023) Booking essential. Residential weekend in Drumalis, Larne, 10/12th March. To find out more, contact Phil: 02890 207645 or Marie 07896119669 or email belfastbe@yahoo.com



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*).



LIVING CHURCH

FAITH DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

The Living Church Office is hosting a Faith Development Conference in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Shaw’s Bridge, Belfast, on Saturday 28th January.

This course will equip you with the skills and resources to lead faith development programmes in your parish, with your prayer group or organisation. Five excellent programmes are being showcased and there will be an opportunity to meet with the developers and presenters of the programmes in taster sessions.

Our keynote speaker will be Mr David Wells. David is an international speaker and author and has worked with Dioceses internationally encouraging and inspiring people to be leaders and sharing the Joy of the Gospel in their local parish communities.

Each delegate will receive lunch and will take home resources to support the delivery of five programmes that can be delivered in the Parish. For more information, or to book online, go to: www.livingchurchevents.com. Or to request an application form, contact Claire at the Living Church Office, 028 9069 0920 or email: livingchurch@downandconnor.org

JUNIOR LEGION OF MARY

The Junior Legion is hoping to recommence (for children from the age of 7) in the Parish Centre on Friday afternoons after school. If your child is interested, please contact Brian Shaw at St Colum’s PS or Therese McAleese ☎ 07510 931031 for more details.

NI CANCER PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Sun 28 May to Fri 2 June 2023

The price of £799 (with price reduction for Cancer Patients) will include: Return flights from Belfast International Airport. Full board and accommodation at the Hotel Agena in Lourdes for five nights based on twin/double/triple rooms. Service of JWT guides in Lourdes. The party will consist of patients, ex-patients, relatives and friends accompanied by medical, nursing and other staff. To enquire or to obtain a booking form please speak to a member of the committee ☎ 07874 688388 or email: mail@nicancerpilgrimage.org.uk

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 9.30am on Friday 20th January



SVP ANNUAL APPEAL: THANK YOU

A huge thank you to the parishioners of Portstewart for their response to the SVP special SVP Christmas appeal.

The final total was £8500.

Thank you all for your generosity which allows us to continue support for those in need in our community.

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 2pm 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