

PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community

15th January 2023

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday A / Weekdays 1 Psalter Week 2



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Parish Office Hours 16-20 January

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 9.30am THIS WEEK ONLY

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: Sr Brigid Agnes Devine, Meava O'Neill (nee Loughrey), Charlie McKeever, Denis McKeever

ONE YEAR AGO: Terry McCorry

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Catherine Diamond, Mary Eastwood, Ellen McCaughan (14), Peter Bradley, Frank McAlonan (15), David O'Connell (16), Annie Canning, Seamus Kevin Cosgrove, Denny McAleese (17), Fr Seamus Clenaghan (19), Betty Fulton, Molly Higgins (20), Sean McAllister

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY

For educators:

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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

CONGRATULATIONS

to the Reverend Dawid Aksenczuk who was ordained to the Diaconate in the Diocese of Down and Connor last Sunday.



18 – 25 JANUARY 2023

This year the theme is

'Be-Longing: Praying for Unity amongst Injustice'

You made us, God, in your own image, and then became one of us, proud of those you have made.

Make us proud of being part of that worldwide family,

and eager to discover and celebrate your image in every person, every culture, every nation that we are privileged to encounter. **Amen**

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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.

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.



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

Starting tomorrow!

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 to find out more: Ernestine 077 60647665; Bernadette 079 41733502 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, prayer group or organisations. Five excellent programmes are being showcased and there will be an opportunity to meet 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 to encourage and inspire people to be leaders sharing the Joy of the Gospel in their local parish communities. For more information, or to book online, go to: www.livingchurchevents.com.

Or contact Claire at the Living Church Office ☎ 9069 0920 or email: livingchurch@downandconnor.org

NI CANCER PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Sun 28 May to Fri 2 June 2023

The party will consist of patients, ex-patients, relatives and friends accompanied by medical, nursing and other staff. All-inclusive price £799. To enquire or to obtain a booking form please speak to a member of the committee ☎ 07874 688388 or email: mail@nicancerpilgrimage.org.uk

FOSTER CARE SERVICES AND SUPPORT

There are children in crisis today in our local communities – children of all ages and all abilities. Can you spare an hour a day, an overnight or a weekend or more to make a difference in a child's life? If you can, then contact the Regional Fostering Team ☎ 0800 0720137 or www.adoptionandfosteringcare.hscni.net ... Remember, every child is just one caring adult away from success.

Prospective students and their parents are warmly invited 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

DOWN and CONNOR DIOCESAN TRUST VACANCY PARISH SAFEGUARDING SUPPORT OFFICER

The postholder will work 21 hours over 3 days per week, where a blend of working within the Safeguarding Office and Parish on-site visits will be a requirement. Salary: Will be considered within the range of £17,000 to £18,500 gross p.a. commensurate upon experience. Full details relating to the vacancy can be found on the Diocesan website at: <http://www.downandconnor.org> and on the CommunityNI website. Closing date for applications will be 12.00 noon on Thursday 26th January.

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