

PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community

22nd January 2023

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday A / Weekdays 1 Psalter Week 3



HERALDS OF THE WORD!

'We declare to you what we have seen' (1 Jn 1:3)

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Parish Office Hours 23 – 27 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 7.00pm

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

ONE MONTH AGO: Joan McQuaid

ANNIVERSARIES: Betty Fulton, Martha McGrath (21), Rose McGeough (22), John Donnelly, Pat Logan (23), Fr Brian Mullan, Sheila Rankin (24), Leo Tosh (25), Gerry Neely

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

Children's Liturgy is back this weekend at the Sunday 10am Mass and is open to all primary school children.



GRANDPARENTS' DAY

Monday 23rd January

There will be a short prayer service in St. Colum's P.S. at

10.30am to mark Grandparents' Day and to celebrate the wonderful contribution made by our grandparents and those elderly people who contribute so much to our children's lives. Everyone welcome.



ST. COLUM'S PRIMARY SCHOOL AND PRE-SCHOOL ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2023

Is your child due to start Pre-School or Primary 1 in September 2023? Online

applications are currently open via **EA Connect**, and close at **noon Friday 27 January**.

Visit <https://connect.eani.org.uk/parent/> to apply.

Further information on the admissions process is available at www.eani.org.uk/admissions



BURNS BREAKFAST

Saturday 28th January from 9am – 11am at Bushfoot Golf Club. Live bagpipes and Ode to Haggis at 10am. Tickets available at the door. Donation £15 in support of SVP and the Salvation Army.

APOSTOLIC WORK

Monthly meeting will be held after the 9.30am Mass on **Friday 27th January** in the Marian Hall. All welcome, especially new members!

COLLECTIONS

Last weekend's Parish Collection came to £1277

The Living Youth Collection came to £602

Thank you for your generosity and support.

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 Monday evenings until 3rd April**. 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

ADULT SCRIPTURE PROGRAMME: The Gospel of Matthew

Matthew's Gospel 'had a profound impact on Christian history and on human culture more widely' (Ian Boxhall 2014), and it is the selected Gospel to be read during this liturgical year. This Lent why not join us in our exploration of the beautiful account of the life of Jesus as portrayed by Matthew. The programme may be of particular interest to Readers of the Word.

Start date: Thursday 23 February for 12 weeks

(2 Week Easter Break) Time: 7- 8.30pm

Venue: St Patrick's Hall, Portrush.

Facilitators: Fr. Paddy Delargy and Kieran Hill

To register and request Course Books please contact:

portrush@downandconnor.org ☎ 7082 3388

or Kieran Hill: kc.hill@btinternet.com ☎ 0796 4287 839

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

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA

25 May to 1 June 2023

All-inclusive price £745. For details and booking contact Bridie Gallagher ☎ 2564 4181

MEDJUGORJE

Any bikers interested in a Motorbike Pilgrimage to Medjugorje in May contact parishioner Damien O'Connor. ☎ 0756 3333 903

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. Contact the Regional Fostering Team at www.adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net ☎ 0800 0720 137 ... remember, every child is just one caring adult away from success

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