

PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community

29th January 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday A / Weekdays 1 Psalter Week 4

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY



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Parish Office Hours 30 January – 3 February

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy takes place at the Sunday 10am Mass and is open to all primary school children.

REST IN PEACE

RECENTLY DECEASED: Michael McKay, Sr Brigid Agnes Devine, Meava O'Neill, Charlie McKeever, Denis McKeever, Ken McCorrison, Gerard Kane, Vilma Forte, Fr David O'Kane RIP

ONE MONTH AGO: Mary Alice O'Kane

ANNIVERSARIES: Patsy O'Kane (27), Herbert Peter Keith, Aidan O'Neill (28), Michael Donaghy, Michael & Jean McLaughlin (29), May McAllister (1), Betty Chambers, Bernie Hayes, Annie McCaughan, William O'Connell (2), Charles McManus, Kathleen McKay (3), John and Margaret O'Hanlon

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY For parishes:

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

COLLECTION

Last weekend's Parish Collection came to £1277
Thank you for your generosity and support.



ST BRIGID'S EVE CROSS MAKING

You are invited to come along to the Eoghan Rua clubrooms on **Tuesday 31st January** at 8.00pm to make your St Brigid's Cross. The session is FREE and rushes will be provided. All are very welcome.



THURSDAY 2nd FEBRUARY – CANDLEMAS
Candles are available to purchase from the Repository at £1 each.

They can be collected from the Repository after blessing at the 9.30am Thursday Mass.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year the World Day of Prayer service will be held in Star of the Sea Church on Friday 3rd March. There will be a preparation meeting in the Presbyterian Church Choir Room, Enfield Street on **Monday 6th February** at 7pm. New members are very welcome.

**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. To find out more contact: 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*).

ADULT SCRIPTURE PROGRAMME: The Gospel of Matthew

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

TOTUS TUUS EUCHARISTIC CONFERENCE 2023

Live on Radio Maria Ireland from 2pm on Saturday 4th February. Speakers include Fr. Columba Mary Toman OP, Fr. Patrick Cahill OJSS, Fr. Patrick Lagan (Derry Diocese), Maura Murphy (Holy Family Mission). Download the Radio Maria Ireland app or listen on Saorview Channel 210

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.

NI CANCER PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Sun 28 May to Fri 2 June 2023

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



This weekend is Safeguarding Sunday and we take the opportunity to reflect on the work that goes on all year within our parish to make it a safe and welcoming place for us all.

The theme of this year's Safeguarding Sunday is 'listening', a practice that Pope Francis encourages us to engage in both as a Church and as individuals. Nowhere is listening more relevant than in safeguarding young people and adults at risk.

Safeguarding is the responsibility of every member of our Church, and it begins with listening to each other. Together we can be the 'Listening Church' Pope Francis urges us to be, where every one of us is cared for and accepted.

For more information on the Diocesan Safeguarding initiatives, please visit:
<https://downandconnorsafeguarding.com>

ZUMBA GOLD IN THE PARISH CENTRE

Zumba Gold is a gentle exercise dance class which takes place in the Parish Centre at 2.30pm on Friday afternoons. You can join on the day, or for more information contact Katherine Allen ☎ 07773 434 963

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

There are copies of the February rota in the Sacristy which you can collect after Mass.

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

FIRST FRIDAY NOVENA IN BALLYMONEY

Ballymoney Parish is continuing its First Friday Novena to the Sacred Heart this week (Friday 4th). There is a Holy Hour from 6pm with Adoration and Confessions, and Benediction at 6.45pm.

At 7pm there is Mass with the novena prayers. As this Friday is St Blaise's day, there will also be the blessing of throats 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.