

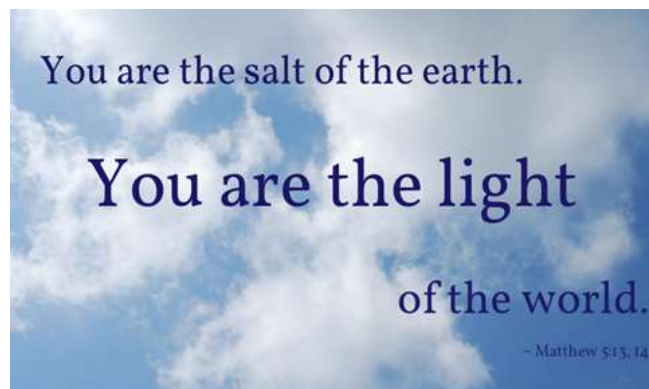
PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community

5th February 2023

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday A / Weekdays 1 Psalter Week 1



Fr Kevin McGuckien PP 7083 2534

Email: k.mcguckien@downandconnor.org

Parish Secretary: Ruth McGuckian 7083 2534

Email: portstewart@downandconnor.org

Parish Office Hours 6 – 10 February

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY
9am – 2pm

THE OFFICE IS CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY

Deacon Terence Butcher 07783 117077

Parish Pastoral Council:

Chairperson: Emer O'Keeffe 07709 043921

Email: portstewartpastoralcouncil@gmail.com

SVP Helpline: 07508 549572



Star of the Sea Portstewart
portstewartparish.website

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

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: Kathleen Mullan, Charlie McKeever, Denis McKeever, Vilma Forte RIP

ONE YEAR AGO: Mary McKenna

ANNIVERSARIES: Charlie McManus (3), John Kearney Brolly, Catherine McWilliams (5), Paula Haughey, Bridget McPeake, Henryk Tyszka (6), Matt Colgan, Peter Corr, Nancy Delaney, Katy Harkin, Henry McCann, Danny McMullan (7), Sally Loughrey, Una Spears (8), Michael Brolly, Jack Brolly, David Graham, Philomena Larkin, Bertie Kelly, Dermot O'Kane (9), Michael Kealey, William Killen (10)

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.

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.



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.



WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 8th: INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND AWARENESS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Each year, around 2.5 million people are victims of trafficking and slavery. For those engaged in trafficking, it has become one of the most lucrative illegal activities in the world. Through the Day of Prayer we reflect on the experience of those who have suffered, but also we are called to reach out to victims and survivors.

CHURCH CHOIR

Choir practices for St Patrick's Day and Easter begin on **Tuesday 7th February** after the 7pm Mass. New members are really welcome and you don't have to be able to read music, just be enthusiastic!

LEARNING COMMUNITY



What is community? Why is community essential to our faith lives, to being human?

Community has been described as 'the human expression of Divine Love'. These two sessions will explore biblical examples of community, community as a journey into God, into what it means to be neighbour, into self and into our earth-home. The sessions are led by Sr Pam Thimmes, a Poor Clare sister living in Co Louth, who teaches scripture in various faith development programmes and other contexts.

Two Saturdays: 11 February & 11 March 10am–4pm at Drumalis or by Zoom. For details and costs, email: drumalis@btconnect.com ☎ 2827 2196.



A VARIETY EVENING

Light entertainment featuring local artists

An evening of music and light entertainment, to promote friendship and community spirit in the locality, will be held in the Parish Centre from 7pm-10.30 pm on **Saturday 18th February**.

There is no need to book but do come early to be sure of getting a place. (BYOB!) Proceeds to RNLI.



NEW ALPHA COURSE

Alpha continues 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: Ernestine 077 60647665; Bernadette 079 41733502 or email Portstewartalpha@gmail.com



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. **Starts 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

FAMILY QUIZ EVENING

Portstewart Methodist Church invite you to a Quiz Night on **Saturday 25 February** at 5pm in the Methodist Church Hall. Adults: £10 Children £ 7.50, including a hot supper. Proceeds in aid of Church Building Fund.

LEGION OF MARY

If any parishioner would like to be visited at home, in hospital, or in a nursing home, please contact Alice ☎ 07851 749547

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 ☎ 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

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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

COLLECTION

Last weekend's Parish Collection came to **£1406**. Thank you for your generosity and support.

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

PARISH BULLETIN

If you have any item for inclusion in the parish weekend bulletin, please email: portstewart@downandconnor.org by 2pm on Thursday please.