

# PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community

12th February 2023

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday A / Weekdays 1 Psalter Week 2



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Parish Office Hours 13 – 17 February

MONDAY, TUESDAY & THURSDAY

9am – 2pm

THE OFFICE IS CLOSED

ON WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY THIS WEEK

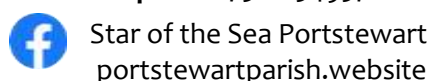
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## MASSES THIS WEEK IN STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH



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

## 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:** Andrew Stanton, Seamus Dunn, Kathleen Mullan, Vilma Forte, Norah Austin, Fr John Craven CP

**ONE MONTH AGO:** Denis McKeever, Charlie McKeever

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Annie Beattie, Lisa Christopher, Jack Farrelly, Elizabeth Mulhern, Colette O’Neill, Margaret & Harry Sweeney (13), Paddy Conway, James McCartney, Angelo Morelli, Tilly Olphert, Danny O’Neill (14), Teresa Butcher, Evelyn Foster, Patrick Kelly (15), Eamon Gilmore, Patrick Keenan, Frankie & Liam McGurk, Sheila McGurk (16), Clare McGuckian, Carol Hamil, P J O’Kane (17), Betty Chambers

## 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.

## CHURCH CHOIR

Choir practices for St Patrick’s Day and Easter take place every Tuesday after the 7pm Mass. New members are really welcome and you don’t have to be able to read music, just be enthusiastic!



## 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](mailto: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

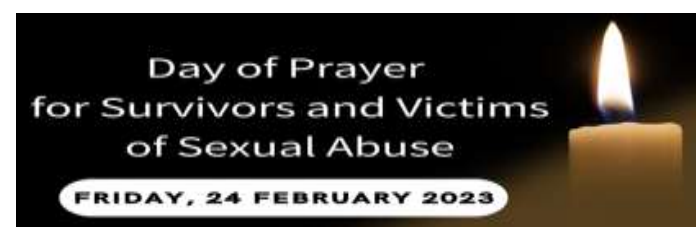
To register and request Course Books please contact: [portrush@downandconnor.org](mailto:portrush@downandconnor.org) ☎ 7082 3388 or Kieran Hill: [kc.hill@btinternet.com](mailto:kc.hill@btinternet.com) ☎ 0796 4287 839



## NO GREATER LOVE

Lent is a season of reflection and preparation as we look forward to the celebration of Easter. Why not join Living Church as we

reflect together over Zoom on the final moments of Jesus’ life. Over 5 weeks we are given the opportunity to walk step by step with Jesus through the Scriptures from the Garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. At each session there will be opportunities to meet others from across the Diocese to pray, share and reflect together. The programme will be facilitated by Fr Paul Byrne & Aishling Steen. There are 5 online sessions – one for each week of Lent which will lead us into Holy week. Beginning: Monday 27th February for 5 weeks @7pm. To book your place on our online program please e-mail [livingchurch@downandconnor.org](mailto:livingchurch@downandconnor.org)



Pope Francis has invited Bishops around the world to establish a special day of prayer in the Church year to support the journey of human and spiritual recovery. This day is not only for victims and survivors who have been so severely injured, either inside or outside our Church, but also for the families and communities affected by grief for their loved ones. In Down and Connor a special Mass will be celebrated on Friday 24th February in St Patrick’s Church, Donegall Street at 1.00pm to pray for and remember victims and survivors of abuse within our Church. At this mass the Candle of Atonement will be lit. You are invited to attend this important Diocesan event. Philip O Hara, Interim Director of Safeguarding, Diocese of Down and Connor

## ROSARY ON THE COAST

The next Rosary on the Coast will be held at 3pm on Sunday 19th February at Benone Strand, Limavady, left hand side as usual. All Rosary Coasters and new members welcome. For details, ring 077 303 30028.

## LOURDES YOUTH TEAM 2023

Applications are now being accepted for our Diocesan Youth Team trip to Lourdes in July 2023. Cost is £690 per person sharing, which includes return flights, transportation, full board accommodation, and insurance. Date: 11th – 17th July 2023. All applicants must be between the ages of 17 and 24 from July 2023. Limited Spaces available. For more information, please contact [Lourdes@downandconnor.org](mailto:Lourdes@downandconnor.org)



The next Blood Transfusion sessions will be held in Burnside Presbyterian Church, Portstewart on Wednesday 22nd February from 12.30pm-4pm and from 5pm-7.30pm. To book an appointment, please call 08085 534653

## 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.

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](mailto:portstewart@downandconnor.org) or ☎ 7083 2534

## COLLECTIONS

Last weekend’s Parish Collection came to £1590  
The Monthly Collection came to £1094  
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](mailto:portstewart@downandconnor.org) by 2pm on Thursday please.