

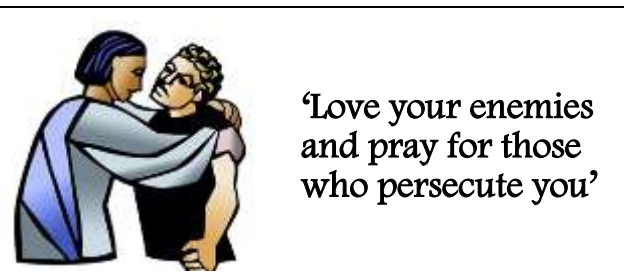
PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community

19th February 2023

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday A / Weekdays 1 Psalter Week 3



‘Love your enemies
and pray for those
who persecute you’

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Parish Office Hours 20 - 24 February

TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY
9am – 2pm

THE OFFICE IS CLOSED
ON MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY THIS WEEK


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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

ASH WEDNESDAY 22nd FEBRUARY

Mass at 9.30am & 7.00pm

Ashes will be distributed at both Masses.

Thursday – Saturday: Mass at 9.30am

Eucharistic Adoration this Thursday

10.00 – 11.45am & 3.00 – 5.00pm

There will be a pause in Eucharist Adoration this week between 11.45am and 3pm. This is to allow a group of schools to visit our Church as part of their Shared Education programme which seeks to promote respect and understanding between children and schools from different traditions.

We thank parishioners for their understanding as we allow these children to explore our beautiful church and learn about our faith.

REST IN PEACE

RECENTLY DECEASED: Bernadette Taggart, Andrew Stanton, Seamus Dunn, Kathleen Mullan, Norah Austin, Fr John Craven CP, Michael (Ted) Young, Roger Stevenson

ONE YEAR AGO: Adrian McLaughlin, Brian McKeever

ANNIVERSARIES: John McLaughlin, David McGurnaghan, Molly Higgins, Uel McDonnell, Patrick O’Connell, Jack Dillon, Teresa Higgins, Winifred Dellett, Joseph McCullagh, Nan Morelli, Corrado Morelli, Marie Murray, Lucy Donnelly, Ellen Tangney, Joseph Lynn, John Flynn, Donal McLaughlin, Hannah More, Bernard Goodfellow, Noeleen Kinney, Bernard McNicholl, Maura Mearns, Mary Josephine Lynch



CONFESSIONS

Saturday at 10am and 4pm
and 10am on the First Friday of the month

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.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY

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

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 PRACTICE

There will no choir practice this week or next week.
Rehearsals resume on Tuesday 7th March.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

This Lent why not join us in our exploration of the beautiful account of the life of Jesus as portrayed by Matthew. Starts Thursday 23 February for 12 weeks from 7- 8.30pm at St Patrick’s Hall, Portrush. Contact: portrush@downandconnor.org ☎ 7082 3388 or kc.hill@btinternet.com ☎ 0796 4287 839

DAY OF PRAYER FOR SURVIVORS AND VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ABUSE

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.



LENT IN OUR PARISH

• Journey with Jesus this Lent

Each day during Lent we will take a Daily Dip into the Scripture for the day on our Parish Facebook Page. Please like or follow us on Facebook to see the posts each day.

<https://www.facebook.com/staroftheseaportstewart>



Mass in Portstewart: 9.30am & 7pm

Mass in Portrush: 10.30am & 7pm

Mass in Coleraine: 7am, 10am & 7pm

Each weekday during Lent there will be Mass at 7am in St Malachy’s Church, Coleraine

• PRAYING WITH SCRIPTURE IN LENT

Please join us as we prepare our hearts and minds for Easter. This Lent we are running two sessions based on the Sunday Gospels in Lent.

• LECTIO DIVINA

In the busyness of everyday life, it can often be difficult to find space for silence and quiet meditation. This Lent, we will be providing that quiet space each Thursday evening where we will reflect on the Living Word of God. In this beautiful, meditative form of prayer, much loved and encouraged by the late Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, we will be led into a space where we can be still in God’s presence and let him speak to our hearts. All are very welcome.

- Marian Hall, Portstewart
 - 8-9pm followed by refreshments
 - Every Thursday commencing Thursday 23rd February
- No need to book, just come along. Any questions please contact Bridgeen ☎ 075 46092912

• LENTEN SCRIPTURE, PRAYER AND REFLECTION

You’re very welcome to join us as we meditate on Holy Scripture. We’ll have music, images and prayer to help us reflect on the Word of God for each of the Sundays in Lent.

- Marian Hall
- Every Friday during Lent commencing Friday 24th February

- 10am (directly after morning Mass)

- Followed by light refreshments

No need to book, just come along. Any questions please contact Helen ☎ 077 65014681.



This year the World Day of Prayer service will be held in Star of the Sea Church on Friday 3rd March at 7.30pm. The theme is: ‘I have heard about your faith’. World

Day of Prayer is an international, inter-church organisation which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world: their hopes, concerns and prayers. This year it is the turn of Taiwan, a country that for many years

has been caught in a superpower struggle and whose people are very much in need of our prayers at this time. We welcome you all to join us for the service and for refreshments afterwards.

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. Contact 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

QUIZ NIGHT IN THE PARISH CENTRE

Saturday 25th February from 7 – 10pm

£5 entry (children under 12 free) including refreshments. Everyone welcome. Tombola and prizes! Tickets on sale after weekend Masses. All proceeds in aid of the World Scout Jamboree and Girl Guiding.

APOSTOLIC WORK

Please note that this month’s meeting will be held in the Parish Centre on Monday 27th February at 7.30pm.



DOWN & CONNOR
DIOCESAN DIRECTORY 2023

The Diocesan Directory is now available from the Repository – price £3.00

COLLECTION

Last weekend’s Parish Collection came to £1519
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

Extra 7am weekday Mass during Lent

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.