

PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community

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Sunday A / Weekdays 1 Psalter Week 1



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Parish Office Hours 27 February – 3 March

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
10.00 – 5.00pm



CONFESSIONS

Saturday at 10am and 4pm
and 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.

CHURCH CHOIR PRACTICE

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

REST IN PEACE

RECENTLY DECEASED: Robert Rankin, Kevin Dolan, Bernadette Taggart, Andrew Stanton, Seamus Dunn, Kathleen Mullan, Norah Austin, Lewis McCartney, Michael (Ted) Young, Roger Stevenson, Desmond O’Neill

ANNIVERSARIES: Francis McAuley, Mary Wall, Ellen Bradley, Kate Crossan, Pat Higgins, John McCann, John Duffy, Jim & Rose Shaw, Dermot Hennessey, James McGowan, John McNally, Hugh Stewart, Fr Joe McGurnaghan, Ernest Mullan, Dorothy Cox, Bernard McNicholl, Rose Donnelly, Therese Falls, Philomena Kelly, Ernest Mullan, Seamus O’Hara, Brian McGarry, Maria O’Boyle



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. This service is not just for women – men are also encouraged to attend.

PILGRIMAGE AROUND LOUGH NEAGH

A new spiritual tour, led by **Jim Deeds and Christine Doherty** on **March 4th and March 25th**.

“Escape the day-to-day and discover a series of fascinating stories along the shores of the mystical Lough Neagh. You’ll be invited to ponder spiritual themes with poetry and prayer bringing a serenity to the journey.”

Cost per person for this one day experience is £80, inclusive of coach transfer to and between 3 Monastic sites, tea/coffee at the Lock Keeper’s Cottage in Toomebridge, evening meal in Benburb Priory, historic information and spiritual guidance.

Coach pickup is at Castle Mall car park, Antrim at 10am, returning by 6pm. For booking or enquiries, email: poetryandprayers@hotmail.com



MEDJUGORJE BY MOTORBIKE:
A Pilgrimage from Northern Ireland to Medjugorje in Bosnia and Herzegovina. This eBook written by parishioner Damien O’Connor is available at Amazon.co.uk for Kindle readers.



CELEBRATING THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT

JOURNEYING 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>

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

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**
- **8pm - 9pm followed by refreshments**
- **Every Thursday**

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, Portstewart**
- **10am (after Mass) followed by refreshments**
- **Every Friday**

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



STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Every Friday at 3.00pm

LENTEN WALK

Join us every Wednesday morning at 8am, starting with a prayer at the church and then a short walk via the Convent Path, finishing at 8.30am.

LENT DEVOTIONS IN BALLYMONEY

There will be Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on the Tuesdays of Lent at 7pm, beginning this Tuesday (28th). Confessions will be available beforehand from 6.30pm.



DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE

11–17 or 12-17 July For full details or to book, please contact the Pilgrimage Office ☎ 9077 0162 or email: Lourdes@downandconnor.org

LOURDES YOUTH TEAM

11-17 July All applicants must be between the ages of 17 and 24 in July 2023. Limited spaces available. Contact Lourdes@downandconnor.org

NURSES - WILL YOU LEND A HAND?

Working with other volunteer doctors and nurses in a specially designed care setting, you will be part of a very special and faith-filled community. Please email your contact details to Lourdes@downandconnor.org

PRO-LIFE RALLY

Be a voice for unborn babies at the **Rally for Life in Belfast** on **Saturday 11th March** gathering in **Custom House Square** at **2pm** A special **Mass for Life** will be offered in **St Patrick’s Church, Donegall Street** at **12.30pm**.
☎ 07592 280522 or 9027 8484 info@preciouslife.com

THANK YOU

to all who supported the **Fundraising Musical Night in the Parish Centre on Saturday**. **£565.61** was raised on the night and has been donated to the **RNLI**.

GARDENER WANTED for ongoing casual work 1-2 days per week. Please phone 07826 315543

COLLECTION

Last weekend’s Parish Collection came to **£1170**
The Collection for Sick & Retired Priests came to **£728**
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.