

PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community

12th March 2023

Sunday A / Weekdays 1 Psalter Week 3



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Parish Office Hours 13 - 17 March

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

THE OFFICE IS CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY

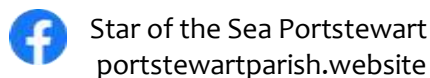
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MASSES THIS WEEK IN STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH

Saturday Vigil Mass at 5pm

Sunday Mass at 10am

Tuesday: Mass at 7.00pm

Wednesday – Thursday: Mass at 9.30am



ST PATRICK'S DAY 17th March

Thursday: Vigil Mass at 7.00pm

Friday: Mass at 9.30am

Shamrocks will be on sale at both Masses
in aid of Trócaire

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.

CAR PARKING FOR WEEKEND MASSES

The Parish Centre car park will be open for parking
during the Vigil and Sunday morning Masses.

REST IN PEACE

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr Jim Sheppard, Maeve
Crockett, Ann Lundy, Annette McNally, Margaret
Norton, Margaret Padley, Deacon Hugh Robinson,
Robert Rankin, Kevin Dolan, Bernadette Taggart

ONE MONTH AGO: Andrew Stanton

ONE YEAR AGO: Kerry O'Hanlon

ANNIVERSARIES: Maureen Forde, Anna Dorrian,
Brendan Fitzpatrick, Donal Roantree, Desmond Leslie,
Michelle Platt, Gary McGowan, James Purdy,
Elizabeth Carr, Michael Boyle, Brenda (Bede) Paul,
Kathleen Bernadette Muldoon, Monica Horner



ST PATRICK'S DAY COFFEE MORNING

Eoghan Rua clubhouse and pitch on
Friday 17th March from 10.30am to 1pm.

- Tea and coffees with traybakes, cakes etc

- Live traditional music.

- Face painting, indoor and outdoor activities for kids.

- Raffle prizes and lots more.

All the community is welcome and donations will help
support the development of the club.

There will be transport organised from Star of the
Sea Church up to the clubhouse after Mass for
anyone without access to a car.

LIVING CHURCH: LAY MINISTRY TRAINING DAYS

The Living Church Office is offering a range of lay
ministry formation programs for **Ministers of the
Word, Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers, and
Baptism preparation teams**. These programs have
been designed to provide opportunities for lay
ministers to reflect on the significance of their own
baptism and to provide space for personal, spiritual,
and catechetical formation. **Participants need to be
available for both elements of the program**. Cost per
person is £10 which includes lunch at the enrichment
day. Places are limited - early booking is advised.

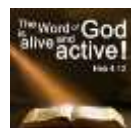


BAPTISM – OUR CALL TO MISSION

Online Session: Wednesday 22nd March
7.00pm – 8.30pm

Enrichment Day: Saturday 25th March: Holy Rosary
Parish Centre 10.00am – 4.00pm

Book: <https://forms.office.com/e/1wcC3F7F31>



PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD IN THE GATHERED COMMUNITY

Online Session: Monday 17th April
7.00pm – 8.30pm

Enrichment Day: Saturday 22nd April: Holy Rosary
Parish Centre 10.00am – 4.00pm

Book: <https://forms.office.com/e/9NgXoLKevW>



EUCHARIST – FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY

Online Session: Wednesday 10th May
7.00pm – 8.30pm

Enrichment Day: Saturday 13th May: Holy
Rosary Parish Centre 10.00am – 4.00pm

Book: <https://forms.office.com/e/hDNes3KNC9>



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 to reflect on the Living Word of
God. All are very welcome.

- Marian Hall, Portstewart
- 8pm - 9pm followed by refreshments
- This week only – *Wednesday evening*

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
- This week only – *Thursday morning*



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday at 3.00pm

TAIZÉ PRAYER & SONG

Every Tuesday from 6.30 – 7pm followed by the evening
Mass with Taizé music and chants. Taizé prayer offers us a
time of quiet, prayerful reflection through meditative music,
silence and reflection on the Word of God, with dimmed
lighting in the Church.

LENTEN WALK

Join us every Wednesday morning at 8am. We will meet
outside the Church and begin with a prayer. Our walk will
go via the Convent Walk and back by the Strand Road to the
Church, finishing with a short prayer at 8.30am.
An opportunity to build friendship and community!

LENT DEVOTIONS IN BALLYMONEY

There will be Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the
Blessed Sacrament on the Tuesdays of Lent at 7pm.
Confessions from 6.30pm.

SIMPLY JESUS

60 minutes of gently guided prayer, music and space to
think. Jesus of the Gospels at home with you. Online
(Zoom) 7pm **Wednesday 15, 22, 29 March**. No chat.
No study. No charge. Numbers limited. To register:
breigeohare@firststepwell.com ☎ 07565 502662

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?

Please email your contact details to
Lourdes@downandconnor.org

FLAME CLUB

There will be **no Flame Club this week (17th March)** but we
look forward to returning as usual on the 24th. The parish
youth club runs every Friday 6-8pm in the parish centre for
children 6 and above. We are always delighted to welcome
more youth leaders but we would especially like to
encourage 18+ volunteers to support our dedicated team
(no playing games required!) Contact Emer
☎ 07709043921 or flameclubportstewart@gmail.com

COLLECTION

Last weekend's Parish Collection came to **£1160**
The Monthly Stipend Collection came to **£1322**
Thank you for your generosity and support.

COLLECTION ENVELOPES

Gift envelopes for 2023/24 are now available and can be
collected from the Church at Mass times,
or from the office **during office hours only**.

If you have not used envelopes before, and would like to
start contributing in this way, please leave your name and
contact number on the list provided.

Remember that you can also support the parish through a
regular standing order or by making a
one-off payment through your bank or online.

Our account details are:

Portstewart Parish

Sort Code: 95-04-28

Account number: 91011049

Please use your name as our reference.

If you want to give by cheque please make your cheque
payable to: **Portstewart Parish**.

Gift Aid forms are also available.

Thank you for your 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

Email: portstewart@downandconnor.org
by 2pm on Thursday please.