

PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community

19th March 2023

Sunday A / Weekdays 1 Psalter Week 4




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Parish Office Hours 20 – 24 March

MONDAY, TUESDAY & THURSDAY
9am – 2pm

THE OFFICE IS CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

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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.

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, Maevé
Crockett, Ann Lundy, Deacon Hugh Robinson, Kevin
Dolan, Bernadette Taggart

ANNIVERSARIES: Brendan Loughrey, John Kirk More,
Breige McGowan, Joseph Looney, Fr Colm McKeating,
Alexander Rooney, Mary Devenney, James McCullagh,
Mollie McDonnell, Marleen and John King

LIVING CHURCH: LAY MINISTRY TRAINING DAYS

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–
8.30pm

Enrichment Day: Saturday 25th March: Holy

Rosary Parish Centre 10.00am – 4.00pm

Book: <https://forms.office.com/e/1wcC3F7E31>



PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD IN THE GATHERED COMMUNITY

Online Session: Monday 17th April 7–8.30pm

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

Book:

<https://forms.office.com/e/9NgXoLkewW>



EUCHARIST – FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY

Online Session: Wednesday 10th May 7–8.30pm

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

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

FLAME CLUB

The parish youth club runs every Friday from 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. Contact Emer ☎
07709043921 or: flameclubportstewart@gmail.com

THE CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE is a non-denominational
charity that seeks to promote a Christian perspective in
our increasingly secular society. They are holding a
session ‘Defending Faith, Family and Freedom’ at the
Lodge Hotel, Coleraine 8pm-9.30pm on **Tuesday 28
March** to discuss current issues including gender
ideology, ‘conversion therapy’ and assisted suicide. No
need to book. Further information: Sandra Mackay
sandra.mackay@christian.org.uk



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
- Every Thursday 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
- Every Friday 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.

Cul-Erg House & Kitchen are currently looking for
waitressing staff for the coffee shop and an assistant chef
position. Assistant chef will be part-time & flexible hrs.
Experience is not essential. ☎ Marie 07703629571 or
email: welcome@culerg.co.uk

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

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.

**LAETARE
SUNDAY
REJOICE**