

# PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community

16th April 2023

Sunday A / Weekdays 1 Psalter Week 2

Second Sunday of Easter



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Parish Office Hours 17-21 April

**MONDAY & TUESDAY**  
9am – 2pm

**THE OFFICE IS CLOSED**  
**WEDNESDAY – FRIDAY THIS WEEK**

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Star of the Sea Portstewart  
[portstewartparish.website](http://portstewartparish.website)

## MASSES THIS WEEK IN STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH

Tuesday: Mass at 7pm  
Wednesday – Saturday: Mass at 9.30am  
Saturday Vigil Mass at 5pm  
Sunday Mass at 10am

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION ON THURSDAY**  
from 10am – 5pm

*The Parish Centre Car Park is open  
for all weekend Masses.*



**CONFESSIONS**

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



**THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR APRIL**

*For a culture of peace and non-violence  
We pray for the spread of peace and  
non-violence, by decreasing the use of  
weapons by States and citizens.*

## REST IN PEACE

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Andrew Leslie, Theresa Ritchie,  
Darren O'Neill, Neave Crilly, Michael O'Kane (Rasharkin)

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Annie Moore, Jim and Kathleen  
O'Boyle, Francis McCrory, Rosanna McMullan, Mary  
Smyth RIP

## DIOCESAN VOCATION RETREAT

21 – 23 April 2023

at Drumalis Retreat House, Larne  
directed by Fr Stephen Langridge.

Sometimes, to hear Christ's fragrant offering, it takes all of your senses. Come and join us as we help you discern and cultivate the seed of God's love in you.  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/northern-dioceses-vocationsdirectors-61425428073>

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There is NO Children's Liturgy today. We will be back at the 10am Mass next Sunday 23rd April.



## TRÓCAIRE LENT 2023

If you have not already returned your Trócaire box, please leave it back to the Parish Office (during office hours) as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Donations to date: £4207

## MAY PRAYER COURSE - THE SEVEN JOYS OF MARY



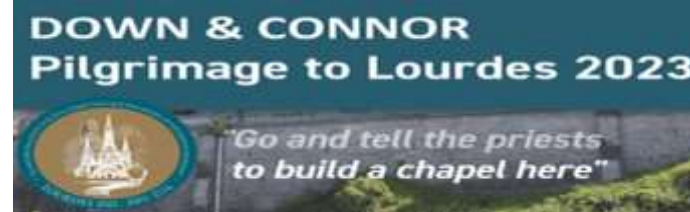
During May, the month of Mary, Ballymoney parish will be running a prayer course called The Seven Joys of Mary. Over five weeks, this programme will give us a chance to reflect on the joys of Mary's life and learn how we can draw comfort from them and make a connection between our own faith journey and Our Lady's. The course begins on **Wednesday 3rd May** and will run each Wednesday evening of the month at 7pm. It will take place at Our Lady & St John the Evangelist's church, Knock Road, Dervock, BT53 8AB.



**APOSTOLIC WORK**  
— DOWN & CONNOR —

## CENTENARY CELEBRATION 1923 – 2023

Bishop Donal McKeown will concelebrate Mass on **Saturday 17th June at 12 noon** in St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast, followed by lunch in the Europa Hotel. Everyone is welcome. Transport will be arranged from Portstewart. For more details, and cost, please contact Teresa Fitzpatrick ☎ 07544 738801 **before Friday 5th May**



## DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE

11-17 or 12-17 July

Places are still available for able-bodied pilgrims and for sick and assisted pilgrims. The Youth Team is now fully booked. For full details or to book, please contact the Pilgrimage Office ☎ 9077 0162 or email: [Lourdes@downandconnor.org](mailto:Lourdes@downandconnor.org)

## ST PATRICK'S PILGRIM WAY

A journey of faith in County Down. Former Adoration sisters Martina Purdy & Elaine Kelly lead guided walks to St Patrick's mission sites dating to 432AD. Visit Saul, Slieve Patrick, St Patrick's grave & Holy Cross Abbey. 5 days at Tobar Mhuire Retreat Centre including all meals, transport, activities. £850. Discounts for groups. April 24-28th or July 17-21st. ☎ (02844) 619000 or [www.saintpatrickcentre.com](http://www.saintpatrickcentre.com)



## 2023 PILGRIMAGE SEASON

One Day Retreats start on 1st May. Three Day Pilgrimages from 1st June. There are also Lakeshore Pilgrimages, Quiet Days and Residential Retreats. To book or for more information ☎ +353 7198 61518 or [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org)

## LIVING CHURCH PILGRIMAGE TO LOUGH DERG

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

The Living Church Office are organising a three-day pilgrimage to Lough Derg, led by Jim Deeds. Cost £90 includes luxury coach transfers. Bus departs 9am Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June from Glengall Street. Places are limited so early booking is recommended. Contact Claire Tel: 02890 690920 Email: [livingchurch@downandconnor.org](mailto:livingchurch@downandconnor.org)



The loss of a partner through death, separation or divorce is devastating. Beginning Experience is offering a programme of bereavement support in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Avenue, Belfast on three Saturdays (April 29th; May 27th and June 24th 2023) Booking essential. To find out more, contact Phil: 02890 207645 or Marie 07896 119669 or email: [belfastbe@yahoo.com](mailto:belfastbe@yahoo.com)

## COLLECTION

Last weekend's Parish Collection came to **£2400**  
The Easter Collection came to: **£2310**  
Collection for Catholics in the Holy Land: **£1020**  
Thank you for your generosity and support.

## COLLECTION ENVELOPES

Gift envelopes for 2023/24 are available and can be collected from the office **during office hours only.**

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.

## MASSES IN OUR PARISHES THIS WEEK

### 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

## CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS IN STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH



**First Communion** Saturday 20th May at 11am



**Confirmation** Sunday 4th June at 12 noon



**Cemetery Sunday: Sunday 25th June at 3pm**  
in Agherton Cemetery

## NEXT WEEKEND 22-23 APRIL

### **VIGIL**

**Minister of the Word:** Clíodhna Rae  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Tracy McMorrough, Margaret McQuillan, Martina Murphy

### **SUNDAY 10am**

**Minister of the Word:** Siobhan Mullan  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mary McKenna\* Seamus O'Hara\*  
Pat Calvert\* Terry Butcher

*May the risen Christ  
fill your heart with joy,  
bring you new hope,  
and bless you with peace. Amen.*