

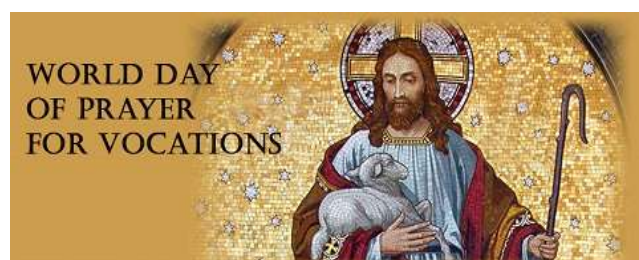
PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community

30th April 2023

Sunday A / Weekdays 1 Psalter Week 4

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday



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Parish Office Hours 1-5 May

THE OFFICE IS CLOSED THIS WEEK

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Star of the Sea Portstewart
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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 MAY

For church movements and groups
We pray that Church movements and
groups may rediscover their mission of
evangelisation each day, placing their
own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

REST IN PEACE

RECENTLY DECEASED: Sean McGahon, Andrew Leslie,
Theresa Ritchie, Darren O'Neill RIP

ANNIVERSARIES: Una Bannon, Frank Hart, Seirse
McKinney, Olaf Bond, Pam McCorry, Barney Fitzpatrick,
Jim and Kathleen McKeown RIP



Today, the Fourth Sunday of
Easter is VOCATIONS SUNDAY –
a day when we are encouraged
to pray for vocations throughout
the world. Crucial to fostering
vocations is prayer.

As a parish we can all pray to the 'Lord of the
harvest' that He will continue to call men and
women to serve the Church through the
priesthood, permanent diaconate and religious
life in our diocese and in the wider Church. Daily
prayer is the best way to obtain vocations.

Pope Francis emphasised the importance of
praying for vocations when he wrote, "Behind
and before every vocation to the priesthood or to
the consecrated life there is always the strong
and intense prayer of someone: a grandmother, a
grandfather, a mother, a father, a community...
This is why Jesus said: "Pray therefore the Lord of
the harvest," that is, God the Father, "to send out
labourers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38). Vocations
are born in prayer and from prayer; and only
through prayer can they persevere and bear fruit.
I am pleased to stress this today, which is the
"World Day of Prayer for Vocations."

If you are considering a vocation to the
priesthood, please contact the Vocations
Director for the Diocese - Fr. Conor McGrath.
Email: c.mcgrath@downandconnor.org
Tel: 02890654157.

MAY PRAYER COURSE - THE SEVEN JOYS OF MARY



During May, the month of Mary, Portstewart
and Ballymoney parishes 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 Ballymoney course begins on Wednesday 3rd
May at 7pm at Our Lady & St John the Evangelist's
Church, Knock Road, Dervock BT53 8AB.

The Portstewart course begins on Friday 5th May and
will run for five Friday mornings at 10am. It will take
place in the Marian Hall, Star of the Sea Church, 4 The
Crescent, Portstewart, BT55 7AB.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS

Jesus promised the early church the Holy Spirit and that
promise is as relevant today as it was then.

There are 7 sessions to these seminars.

Each session begins at 7-30 pm with tea/coffee and
biscuits and ends at 9-15pm. Sessions will begin on

Tuesday 9th May in Star of the Sea Parish Centre,
finishing on Tuesday 20th June. If you think you might be
interested then please contact:

☎ 7083 2719 or text 07964 490854

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

17-18 June 2023. Staying in the Knock House Hotel. £180 all
in. If you are interested contact Sally Elliott

☎ 028 90 247587.



APOSTOLIC WORK CENTENARY CELEBRATION

Bishop Donal McKeown will concelebrate Mass
on Saturday 17th June at 12 noon in

St Malachy's Church, Belfast, followed by lunch in the
Europa Hotel. Everyone is welcome. For more details,
and cost, please contact Teresa Fitzpatrick
☎ 07544 738801 before Friday 5th May



TRÓCAIRE LENT 2023

If you have not already returned your
Trócaire box, please return to the parish
as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Donations to date: £4647

DOWN & CONNOR Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023

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



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

LIVING CHURCH PILGRIMAGE TO LOUGH DERG

Friday 30th June – Sunday 2nd 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
30th June from Glengall Street. Places are limited so early
booking is recommended. Contact Claire Tel: 02890
690920 Email: livingchurch@downandconnor.org



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 at 11am, Tuesday & Friday 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 6-7 MAY

VIGIL

Minister of the Word: Brendan McLernon
Eucharistic Ministers: Margaret McQuillan, Tracy
McMorrough, Mary Loughrey
SUNDAY 10am
Minister of the Word: Edel Mooney
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Gordon*, Margaret
McLernon*, Mary McKenna*, Terry Butcher