

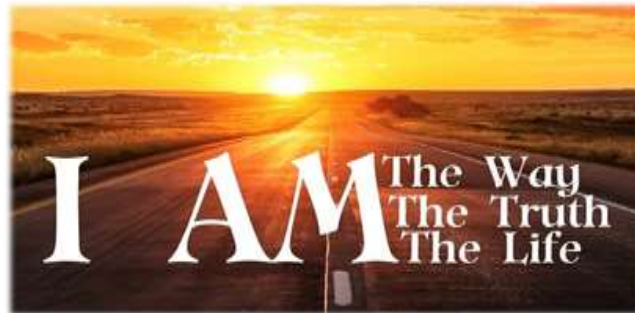
PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community

7th May 2023

Sunday A / Weekdays 1 Psalter Week 1

Fifth Sunday of Easter



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Parish Office Hours 8th-12th May

OFFICE CLOSED ON MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY.

OFFICE WILL BE OPEN ON THURSDAY & FRIDAY
9am – 2pm

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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

REST IN PEACE

RECENTLY DECEASED: Sean McGahon, Andrew Leslie,
Margaret Mooney RIP

ONE MONTH AGO: Theresa Ritchie, Darren O'Neill RIP

ANNIVERSARIES: Sammy Crerand, Jim Fitzpatrick RIP



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 takes place on **Wednesday evenings at 7pm** at Our Lady & St John the Evangelist's Church, Knock Road, Dervock BT53 8AB.

The **Portstewart** course takes place on **Friday mornings at 10am** 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.

THE CAUSEWAY COAST PEACE GROUP

- extend a warm invitation to the May Meeting to be held in Dunluce Parish Church, Bushmills on Tuesday 9th May. The Guest Speaker is Mrs. Eleanor Hayes who will speak on the topic "Justice for the Marginalised." Tea and Coffee will be available from 10.00 am.

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, Tuesday & Friday at 10.30am

MASS IN ST MALACHY'S, COLERAINE

Saturday Vigil at 6pm, Sunday at 11am

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday at 10am

(Please note that there is no Mass in St. Malachy's Church on Monday 8th May @ 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

The Belfast Jesuit Centre extends a warm welcome to the following events that it will be hosting.

St Ignatius of Loyola – a Saint for troubled times. Saturday 20th May 2pm – 4pm. José Maria Rodriguez SJ will lead a talk and open forum exploring the failures and disappointments in the life of St Ignatius of Loyola and how we in turn can learn from these transformative experiences.

Encountering the Holy Spirit in our lives – Pentecost Retreat led by Tom Cashman, Ignatian Spiritual Guide. The non-residential retreat takes place on Friday 26th May 7-9pm, Saturday 27th May 9:30am – 5pm and Sunday 28th May 9:30am concluding with Pentecost Mass at noon.

NEXT WEEKEND 13-14 MAY

VIGIL

Minister of the Word: Mary O'Hara

Eucharistic Ministers: Jimmy Dempsey, Deirdre McCann, Rosella McKenna

SUNDAY 10am

Minister of the Word: Curtis White

Eucharistic Ministers: Mark Donaghy*, Deirdre Bannon*, Mary McMahan*, Susan Kelly