

PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community

14th May 2023

Sunday A / Weekdays 1 Psalter Week 2

Sixth Sunday of Easter



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Parish Office Hours 15-19 May

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

THE OFFICE IS CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY

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



REST IN PEACE

RECENTLY DECEASED: Bernie Clarke, Ethna O'Reilly, Dominic Flanagan, Fr Kevin McMullan, Tommy Hegarty, Sean McGahon, Andrew Leslie, Margaret Mooney, RIP

ANNIVERSARIES: Oliver Goldsmith, Rita Dougan, Antoinette Keaney, Kevin McFerran, Jim Fitzpatrick, Patricia Shaw, Charlotte Downey, Derek McKinney, Elizabeth O'Loughlin RIP

PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE



As a Church we are called to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ and share his love in the world. But we realise that our current way of doing things is getting more difficult to sustain. With smaller congregations and fewer priests we have to find new ways to ensure that the mission of the Church can be carried out in the future.

For this reason our Diocese of Down and Connor is undertaking a major programme of change called Pathways to the Future. It will look at the priorities and structures of the Church to see how we can best serve our 86 parishes and other ministries over the next twenty years.

A steering team of lay people and clergy has been preparing for this work in recent months and representatives of every parish have taken part in initial conversations. In the coming months we all have a chance to find out more and play our part. One important task is to collect accurate information and for that reason a census of Mass attendance across the diocese will be taken up next week.

This is a time of rebuilding and renewal for our diocese and we set off on the pathway confident that the Holy Spirit, sent to us by the Father, will guide us on our journey together. Please keep this project in your prayers!

PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE PRAYER

God of Love,

You are with us in every transition and change.
As we enter into this new era with excitement
and even some anxiety,
we recall your deep compassion, presence,
and abounding love.

We thank you for the gifts, talents and skills
with which you have blessed us.

We thank you for the work of others that gives
breadth and depth to our own work.

Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you
and supporting one another.

We ask this in your Holy Name.

AMEN



MAY PRAYER COURSE - THE SEVEN JOYS OF MARY

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.

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. Sessions take place on Tuesday evenings in Star of the Sea Parish Centre, finishing on 20th June. Each session begins at 7.30 pm with tea/coffee and biscuits and ends at 9.15pm. If you think you might be interested, please ☎ 7083 2719 or text 07964 490854

NOVENA FOR LIFE

Join thousands of people across Ireland to pray for the protection of human life, from Tuesday 23rd May to the Feast of the Visitation on Wednesday 31st May. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life in Ireland. Visit www.prayforlife.ie for the daily novena prayers which will also be posted on [facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena](https://www.facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena) and @ChooseLifeIRL on Twitter. This is an initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference.



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

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

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

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

Graves will be blessed in both Agherton and Portstewart Cemeteries.

NEXT WEEKEND 20-21 MAY

VIGIL

Minister of the Word: Lorna O'Brien

Eucharistic Ministers: Martina Murphy, Tracy McMorrough, Deirdre McCann

SUNDAY 10am

Minister of the Word: Mary Loughrey

Eucharistic Ministers: Margaret Conway*, Seamus O'Hara*, Ruth McGuckian*, Terry Butcher

PARISH BULLETIN

Please email all requests for inclusion in the weekend bulletin by 1pm on Thursday to: portstewart@downandconnor.org