

# PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community

28th May 2023

Sunday A / Weekdays 1 Psalter Week 4

**Pentecost Sunday**



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Parish Office Hours 29th May – 2nd June

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

**THE OFFICE IS CLOSED**  
**ON MONDAY & WEDNESDAY**


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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



**CONFIRMATION**

Next Sunday 4th June at 12 noon

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

**CONFESSIONS**

Saturday at 10am & 4pm  
and at 10am on the

First Friday of the month

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

## REST IN PEACE

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Veronica Wall, Bernie Clarke, Ethna O’Reilly, Dominic Flanagan, Fr Kevin McMullan, Tommy Hegarty, Margaret Mooney RIP

**MONTH’S MIND:** Andrew Leslie RIP

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Elizabeth McCaughan, Anne Clarke, Monica Horner, Annette Underwood, Seamus Loughrey, Pauline O’Kane RIP



Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June is the feast of Corpus Christi. Directly after our 10am Mass there will be a procession (up the back steps) led by our primary school children to the grounds of the Dominican College. All are welcome to join or meet us up there. Seats will be provided. After Benediction there will be sandwiches, home baking and hopefully good craic in the Parish centre! All are welcome - if you would like to help in any way please contact Emer: ☎ 07709043921 [portstewartpastoralcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:portstewartpastoralcouncil@gmail.com)

## 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. The last session will be next Friday 2nd June.



## 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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



**A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS – EDWARD SRI**

The Mass is nothing short of amazing. The words, the gestures, and the rituals of the

Mass are rich in meaning. Everything we say and do in the Liturgy is steeped in biblical language. We invite you to join us for this programme, where we will explore the roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and reflect on their profound

significance. We hope that this fascinating tour of the Mass will renew your faith and deepen your love & devotion to the Holy Eucharist. The programme will be facilitated by Fr Paul Byrne and Aishling Steen beginning on **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May @ 7pm for 5 weeks online via Zoom**. To book your place please contact the Living Church Office at 02890690920 or e-mail: [livingchurch@downandconnor.org](mailto:livingchurch@downandconnor.org)



The Diocese has invited the National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland to conduct a review of safeguarding practice across the Diocese. The review will take place 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> June. If you have any views about Safeguarding in the Diocese, you are invited to contact Teresa Devlin, Chief Executive Officer, National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland, prior to the review dates: ☎ 003531 5053124 or email [teresa.devlin@safeguarding.ie](mailto:teresa.devlin@safeguarding.ie).

This is part of the process of learning and maintaining best safeguarding practice across the Diocese and ensuring our Church is a safe and nurturing place for young people where they can grow and develop their faith.

## 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)

## THANK YOU

Leo and Teresa Dolan would like to thank our wonderful parishioners for your kindness and support following the death of their beloved son Kevin. Your prayers, Mass cards and your presence are all very much appreciated. Thank you all.

## REMEMBERING OUR DEAD CEMETERY SUNDAY: Sunday 25th June



We invite everyone who has loved ones buried in Agherton or Portstewart Cemeteries to gather at 3pm in Agherton Cemetery for our Prayer Service.

Following this service, we will proceed to Portstewart Cemetery where the graves will be blessed.

## 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



## DOWN and CONNOR DIOCESAN TRUST

**LIVING CHURCH OFFICE VACANCY**

**ASSISTANT DIRECTOR**

**3 YEAR FIXED TERM CONTRACT**

An exciting opportunity has arisen within our Living Church Office, where we seek to recruit an **Assistant Director**. The role will attract someone who will work to make the vision and hope for our Diocese an ever-stronger reality, in everything the Living Church does, supporting the Director of the Living Church and working as part of a team to implement Diocesan Initiatives in youth ministry, peace and reconciliation, evangelisation, and faith development.

Full terms and conditions relating to the vacancy can be found on the Diocesan website at:

<http://www.downandconnor.org> clicking on the tab: **job vacancies** and on the Community NI and **nijobs.com** websites. **Closing date for applications will be 12.00 noon on Thursday 8th June 2023**

## COLLECTIONS

Last weekend’s Parish Collection came to **£1671**

The Collection for the Education of Diocesan Students came to **£805**

Thank you for your generosity and support.

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.*

## NEXT WEEKEND 3-4 JUNE

**VIGIL**

**Minister of the Word:** Lorna O’Brien

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jimmy Dempsey, Tracy McMorrough, Mary Loughrey

**SUNDAY 10am**

**Minister of the Word:** Michael McAleavey

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Ruth McGuckian\* Margaret Conway\* Deirdre Bannon\* Mary McKenna

## PARISH BULLETIN

Please email all requests for inclusion in the weekend bulletin including anniversary requests by 1pm on Thursday to: [portstewart@downandconnor.org](mailto:portstewart@downandconnor.org)