

PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community

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Sunday A / Weekdays 1 Psalter Week 1

The Most Holy Trinity



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Parish Office Hours 5th – 9th June

MONDAY & TUESDAY

9am – 2pm

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM WEDNESDAY

7th JUNE AND RE-OPEN ON FRIDAY 16th JUNE

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Star of the Sea Portstewart
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

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.

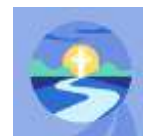


We pray for all the young people from our parish who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in Star of the Sea Church this Sunday.

REST IN PEACE

RECENTLY DECEASED: Shay Gillan, Becky McCotter, Fr Clement MacManuis, Rita O’Reilly, Jean McLarnon RIP

ANNIVERSARIES: Sarah O’Neill, Anne McNicholl, Aine Lynch, Jeen McDonald, Joseph Reynolds, Charlie Sweeney, Robert McWilliams, Brendan Conway, Martin O’Neill, Robert McLaughlin, Martin O’Neill, Jack Eastwood, Mary and James French RIP



PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE MOST HOLY TRINITY

“Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.” (2 Cor 13:11)

Last weekend Bishop Donal McKeown wrote to us about the possibilities and challenge facing the Church in Down & Connor in the years ahead. His letter certainly got attention - particularly where he talked about the difficult decisions and sacrifices we have to make as congregations get smaller and the number of priests fall.

But that’s not the whole story by any means! We believe in the Good News of Jesus Christ, and there is always good news in the Church. In the pastoral letter a vision is set out of a Church which faces up to the profound changes we’re living through, that seeks to go out and make new disciples, and which welcomes everyone into a relationship with God. This is a courageous vision that will require us to look at how we are structured as a church. The Pathways to the Future Committee are developing ideas on how we can collaborate across our parishes as *Families of Parishes*.

In families of parishes, we will see a new range of ministries develop in which lay people will play a crucial role. If we want to pass on the faith to the next generation, to see our congregations grow again, to see Catholics making a real difference in the community and to nourish new vocations to the priesthood and religious life, we have to do things differently - and we all have a part to play! **On Trinity Sunday, may the Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless us as we take the first steps on our pathway to the future.**



To find out more we encourage you to read Bishop Donal McKeown’s Pastoral Letter which you can locate on the Diocesan

website: www.downandconnor.org

or: www.pathwaystothefuture.org

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



Next Sunday 11th 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 the procession or meet us at the College.

Seats will be provided.

After Benediction there will be tea and home baking in the Parish centre. All are welcome - if you would like to help in any way please contact Emer: ☎ 07709043921
portstewartpastoralcouncil@gmail.com



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 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th 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. 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 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

REMEMBERING OUR DEAD CEMETERY SUNDAY: Sunday 25th June at 3pm



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 graves will be blessed.

DOWN AND CONNOR ANNUAL KNOCK PILGRIMAGE

We welcome you to join us for our Diocesan Knock in person/Virtual Pilgrimage on Sunday 11th June. The ceremonies will be streamed live on the shrine website www.knockshrine.ie and on Knock Shrine Facebook page. The programme will commence with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at 2.30pm and Mass will be celebrated at 3pm by Bishop Donal McKeown. Mass will be followed by the Recitation of the Rosary

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

COLLECTIONS

Last weekend’s Parish Collection came to £1570.

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 11-12 JUNE

VIGIL

Minister of the Word: Brendan McLernon

Eucharistic Ministers: Geraldine Doherty, Margaret McQuillan, Deirdre McCann

SUNDAY 10am

Minister of the Word: Sheila Brannigan

Eucharistic Ministers: Mark Donaghy* Mary McMahan* Pat Calvert* Brian Lenehan