

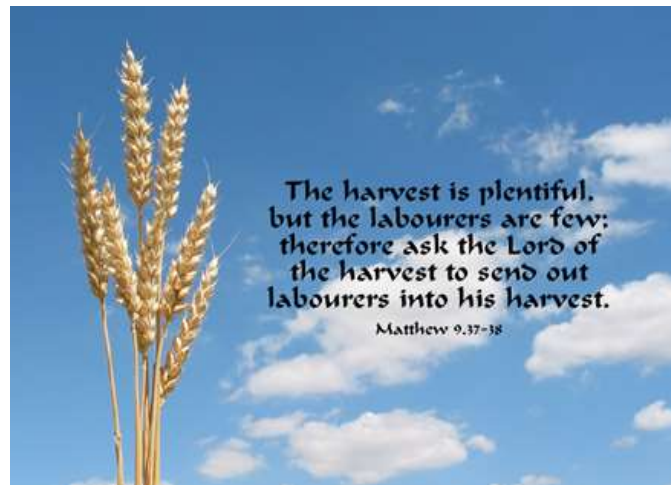
PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community

18th June 2023

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Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Parish Office Hours 19th – 23rd June
MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY
from 9am – 2pm
THE OFFICE IS CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY

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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



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: Mary Duffy, Eileen Freeburn,
Alexander Moore, Ricki Hennessey RIP

ANNIVERSARIES: Cathal McManus, Sean Patrick
Gallagher, Sean Mulholland, Pauline Higgins, Kathleen
O’Neill & Margaret Clyde RIP



PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand." (Matthew 10:7)

In St Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus tells His disciples that “**the harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to the harvest**”. We must continue to ask God for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life, but we must also recognise that we all have a calling from God and through our Baptism, we have received the gifts or charisms of the Holy Spirit to equip us to fulfil it.

In the coming months, we will begin to establish our new Families of Parishes across the Diocese. These are not simply parish structures, but are communities of faith where all, lay and ordained, work together to serve God and to serve, love, and care for each other. The new Families will be asking people to come forward to be trained and commissioned in a range of ministries such as catechesis, youth ministry and funeral ministry. Volunteers will be needed to help with management and administration. Liturgy teams will be needed to plan and organise prayer services and celebrations. Parish Families will need Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, altar servers, musicians, and so much more.

As we begin the process of renewal that Bishop McKeown spoke of at Pentecost, and as we plan for the practical changes that this will entail, we invite you to take time to pray and reflect on what this will mean for you personally. What role could you play? How will you use your Baptismal gifts for the glory of God and the love of others? How will you respond to God’s call for you?

To find out more go to

www.pathwaystothefuture.org

DAY FOR LIFE SUNDAY 18th JUNE 2023

The theme is ‘Listen to Her’ and focuses on the experience of one Catholic woman in the aftermath of abortion. It tells of her journey towards healing. The hope is that this will help people to listen, to understand and to respond with compassion. You can read the message in full on www.councilforlife.ie

In listening to Mary, our Mother, and following her example, Pope Francis invites us to discover our personal call from God who is the source of our existence, reminding us that, "Each human being is called by God to enjoy the fullness of life; and, is entrusted to the maternal care of the Church. Every threat to human dignity and life cannot but have an effect on her heart, on her maternal 'womb'. To defend life is not an ideology for the Church. It is a reality; a human reality which involves all Christians, precisely because they are Christian and because they are human".



LOUGH DERG 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. Contact Claire Tel: 02890 690920 Email: livingchurch@downandconnor.org

TOBAR MHUIRE SUMMER INSTITUTE 22-23 JUNE “Blessed are the peacemakers”

Speakers: Fr Chris Monaghan CP,
Peter McBride & Brian McKee

Each day begins at 10am with tea/coffee and finishes each afternoon with optional liturgy at 4.30pm. Conference Costs: £40 per day. Residential Cost for Evening Meal/B&B: £75 – single/£60 shared (plus conference cost) For further information or to book your place: contact Tobar Mhuire ☎ 0284483044 or secretary@tobarmhuire.com

THE CAUSEWAY COAST PEACE GROUP

invite you to their 21st Anniversary Service to be held in St Mary’s and St Joseph’s Church, Ballintoy on **Sunday 25th June at 6.30pm** with Canon Brian Daly and Rev Dr Godfrey Brown. The Guest Speaker will be Rev Cheryl Meban, Chaplain to the University of Ulster, who will speak on “**Acorns of Justice.**” Music led by Kiran Wimberly and friends. Church collection will be in aid of Corrymeela Centre. Tea and Coffee will be served in the Community Hall opposite the Church after the service.

COLLECTIONS

Last weekend’s Parish Collection came to **£1458**

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.

ROSARY ON THE COAST

18th June at 3pm, Benone beach. All welcome.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who contributed to the success of our Corpus Christi Procession and Gathering last Sunday. It was a joy to be able to come together to celebrate this beautiful feast day, led by the fabulous children of our parish. We are grateful to Dominican College for the generous sharing of their space, to everyone who made the effort to be there and those who helped in any way: from table settings to tray bakes, tea pouring to tidying up and everything in between!

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



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.

NEXT WEEKEND 24-25 JUNE

VIGIL

Minister of the Word: Mary O’Hara

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Loughrey, Margaret McQuillan, Deirdre McCann

SUNDAY 10am

Minister of the Word: Paddy Mulvenna

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary McMahon* Seamus O’Hara* Margaret Conway* Terry Butcher

PARISH BULLETIN

Please email all requests for inclusion in the weekend bulletin including anniversary requests

by 1pm on Thursday to:

portstewart@downandconnor.org