

# PORTSTEWART PARISH

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community

25th June 2023

Sunday A / Weekdays 1 Psalter Week 4

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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## MASSES THIS WEEK IN STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH

**PLEASE NOTE THE ADDITIONAL MASS ON  
SUNDAY MORNING DURING JULY AND AUGUST**

Tuesday: Mass at 7pm

Wednesday – Saturday: Mass at 9.30am

Saturday Vigil Mass at 5pm

Sunday Mass at 8am (July & August only) & 10am



### CONFESSIONS

Saturday at 10am & 4pm

and at 10am on the First Friday of the month



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION THIS THURSDAY  
from 10am – 5pm**

**THERE WILL BE NO EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION  
DURING THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST**

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

## REST IN PEACE

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Tommy O’Kane, Margaret Kelly, Thomas Beckett, Mary Duffy, Eileen Freeburn, Alexander Moore, Ricki Hennessey, Gerard Gilmore RIP

**ONE YEAR AGO:** Denis Friel, Jimmy Alymer

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Patrick Doherty, Fr William McKeever, John Madden, Bryan Rooney, Edelle McGlade, Michael Tangney, Patricia McLaughlin



## PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Do not be afraid!"* (Matthew 10:26)

This is a time of major change – politically, economically, socially, and within our Church. Change can be unsettling and even a little frightening, especially when it impacts on something that we love, cherish, and rely upon, like our parish communities and how we celebrate our faith. Over recent weeks, we have heard about changes that are coming to our parishes and Diocese. Changes in the number of priests in active ministry in years to come, changes in how our parishes will work together in new families of parishes, changes in the active role that lay people will play working alongside our clergy in new ministries, leadership roles and the management of our parishes. The Holy Spirit is moving within these changes, and Jesus is calling each one of us to renew and to rebuild His Church. As Bishop Donal McKeown said in his Pastoral Letter at Pentecost, *"The Spirit which acted with such unexpected force and fullness in Pentecost is the same Spirit we can call upon and put our entire trust in today."*

The Pathways to the Future team is concluding its initial planning work. Further information about our new Families of Parishes, lay ministries, and new ways for our lay people and clergy to work together in the service of God and each other will be shared through a series of events across the Diocese in the autumn. This will be the start of ongoing conversations that will continue within parishes and across parishes as we start to build our new parish families. As Bishop McKeown said at Pentecost, *"Together we can renew and rebuild the Church. Together, we can become part of God's amazing dream for ourselves and for the whole of creation. Like the disciples at Pentecost, let us embrace the future with confidence and hope."* In doing so, let us hear Jesus' voice as He continues to tell each of us: "Do not be afraid".



To find out more:

[www.pathwaystothefuture.org](http://www.pathwaystothefuture.org)



## REMEMBERING OUR DEAD

**CEMETERY SUNDAY**

**TODAY**

**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.



## 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. Contact Claire Tel: 02890 690920 Email: [livingchurch@downandconnor.org](mailto:livingchurch@downandconnor.org)

## 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.



## VOLUNTEER FOR ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY CAUSEWAY

Would you like to support your local community by helping to ensure that people who are worried about or affected by dementia are aware of the support and advice services we offer? We have the role for you!

You'll support local events, and distribute leaflets in a variety of venues and locations highly visible in your local community, such as libraries and GP surgeries. You'll also establish connections with local organisations and community groups to help achieve widespread awareness of the support Alzheimer's Society offer.

This role will require attending events in the local area of Coleraine, Ballymoney and Ballycastle.

For more information:

<https://jobs.alzheimers.org.uk/vacancies/701/awareness-raising-volunteer-coleraine.html>

## APOSTOLIC WORK

Our monthly meeting will be held in the Marian Hall on **Friday 30th June after the 9.30am Mass.** New members are always very welcome.



**Does anyone have a bicycle in working order that is no longer in use? It would be greatly appreciated by asylum seekers living in Portstewart. Please contact a member of SVP if you can help ☎ 07508 549572**

## COLLECTIONS

Last weekend's Parish Collection came to £1452

The Collection for Peter's Pence came to £862

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.

## MASSES IN OUR PARISHES

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MASS TIMES  
DURING JULY AND AUGUST**

### MASS IN PORTRUSH

Saturday Vigil Mass at 7pm

Sunday at 12 noon

Monday, Tuesday & Friday at 10.30am

### MASS IN ST MALACHY'S, COLERAINE

Saturday Vigil at 6.30pm, Sunday at 11am

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday at 10am

### MASS IN BALLYMONEY

Saturday Vigil at 6pm, Sunday at 9.30am & 5pm

Monday & Wednesday 10am, Friday 7pm

## NEXT WEEKEND 1-2 JULY

### VIGIL

**Minister of the Word:** Clíodhna Rae

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Helen Conway, Tracy McMorrough, Mary Loughrey

**SUNDAY 8am**

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

**Eucharistic Minister:** Mary McMahan

**SUNDAY 10am**

**Minister of the Word:** Teresa Dolan

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Pat Calvert\* Margaret McLernon\* Ruth McGuckian\* 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](mailto:portstewart@downandconnor.org)