

SEASON OF CREATION 1 September – 4 October

THE PARISH OF PORTSTEWART

North Connor Pastoral Community

2023

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3rd September 2023 Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday A / Weekdays 1 Psalter Week 2

MASS TIMES IN OUR PARISHES

STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH, PORTSTEWART

Saturday Vigil Mass at 5pm Sunday Mass at 10am Tuesday Mass at 7pm Wednesday – Saturday: Mass at 9.30am

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION RECOMMENCES ON THURSDAY 7th SEPTEMBER FROM 10am – 5pm

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

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, PORTRUSH

Saturday Vigil Mass at 7pm Sunday at 12 noon Monday, Tuesday & Friday at 10.30am

ST MALACHY'S CHURCH, COLERAINE

Saturday Vigil at 6.30pm, Sunday at 11am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday at 10am CONFESSIONS:

After Mass on Friday and before Mass on Saturday and Sunday

OUR LADY & ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYMONEY

Saturday Vigil at 6pm, Sunday at 9.30am & 5pm Monday & Wednesday 10am, Friday 7pm

COLLECTIONS

PORTSTEWART

Last weekend's Parish Collection: £1636
Our account details are: Portstewart Parish
Sort Code: 95-04-28 Account number: 91011049
Please use your name as our reference.

PORTRUSH

Last weekend's Parish Collection came to £558
Our account details are: Portrush Parish
Sort Code: 95-06-79 Account number: 00254207
Please use your name as our reference.

COLERAINE

Last weekend's Parish Collection came to £971
Our account details are: St Malachy's Church
Sort Code: 90-48-00 Account number: 88609151
Please use your name as our reference.

Thank you for your generosity and support.
You can also support your parish through a regular standing order or by making a one-off payment through your bank or online.
Gift Aid Forms are also available

PORTSTEWART

Parish Secretary: Ruth McGuckian 7083 2534 Email: portstewart@downandconnor.org

<u>Parish Office Hours 4 – 8 September</u> Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9am – 2pm

Deacon Terence Butcher 07783 117077
Parish Pastoral Council: Emer O'Keeffe 07709 043921
Email: portstewartpastoralcouncil@gmail.com
SVP Helpline: 07508 549572



Star of the Sea Portstewart portstewartparish.website

REST IN PEACE RECENT: Massie McAleer, Noel Quigg, Dessie Campbell,

James Etherson
ONE YEAR AGO: Sean Farrell, Sarah Brown
ANNIVERSARIES: Jean Loughrey, Sarah Sweeney,
Susan McCorry, Andrew Diamond, Bobby Stuart, Mark
McGarry

NEXT WEEKEND 9-10 SEPTEMBER (PORTSTEWART)

Minister of the Word: Seamus O'Hara

Eucharistic Ministers: Helen Conway, Martina Murphy,

Mary Loughrey
SUNDAY 10am

Minister of the Word: Teresa Dolan, Deirdre Bannon Eucharistic Ministers: Mark Donaghy* Mary McKenna*

Geraldine Doherty* Terry Butcher

BROADCAST MASS NEXT SUNDAY

On 10th September our 10am Mass will be the broadcast service on Radio Ulster.

There will be Choir Practice after the 7pm Mass on Tuesday evening.

The congregation must be seated by 9.30am on Sunday morning

CHILDREN'S LITURGY We will be back at the 10am Mass on Sunday 17th September. All children of primary school age are invited to join us.

Our Sacristan, Rosella McKenna, retired this week after 10 years of faithful service in Star of the Sea Church.

We wish her peace, health and happiness in her retirement.

Thank you, Ella, for all your dedication to our parish. You will be missed!

ST FRANCIS DE SALES PRAYER MORNING

Explore the writings and spirituality of this Doctor of the Church who brought thousands of people to the Catholic faith. Come to a session led by Brian Wilson in the Marian Hall after 9.30am Mass on **Friday 8th September.** All are very welcome.

LITTLE STARS PARENT & TODDLER GROUP will be back on Tuesday 5th September from 10 - 11.30am and every Tuesday in term time.

We invite all parents and caregivers with children of pre-school age to the Parish Centre (behind Buds) for some relaxed time for both children and adults to connect with each other. We will have a warm welcome for all, lots of fun toys and activities to occupy the little ones and refreshments for both kids and adults are provided. There will be a small charge of £2 per family to cover costs.

For any other information please keep an eye on our Facebook page or contact Emer on 07709043921

FLAME CLUB

Our parish youth club will be **back on Friday 15th September from 6-8pm** in the Parish centre for all kids 6 and over. Flame is a great place to have fun and led by our youth volunteers we offer a range of games and activities including arts and craft, baking, gardening and drama, music and prayer time.

Attendance forms are available at the back of the church

We invite any young people from 14+ who are interested in becoming a Junior (14+) or Senior (16+) Leader to come along to a **training and information evening on Friday 8th September at 5.30pm**. Volunteering with Flame is a great way to give of your time, gain experience in working with children, build your skills, creativity and leadership, all whilst having fun. It also is a great addition to your CV and works in conjunction with John Paul II, Duke of Edinburgh and Oscar Romero awards.

To register your interest contact Emer on 07709043921, email flameclubportstewart@gmail.com or just come along to the Parish centre on the 8th. We also have an urgent need for volunteers 18 and above to help supervise and support our brilliant youth leaders and kids, please get in touch if you can help on even just a monthly basis.

CAUSEWAY COAST PEACE GROUP

You are invited to join us on **Tuesday 12th September** in Ballintoy Parish Hall. Tea and Coffee will be served from 10am to 10.30am. Speaker: Dr. Alex Wimberly Topic: Lost Swan – Finding our Eternal Compass All are very welcome.

REPAIR CAFÉ

Bring your broken stuff to the Repair Café Event at Portstewart Men's Shed on **Saturday 9th September** from 10:30-12:30. This is a free event, everyone welcome. Catherine 07769 956049 for information.

A JOURNEY INTO FREEDOM - Giving God Another Chance

As we move forward as a Family of Parishes, you are encouraged to join us in this shared faith development programme, which is intended to lead us into a more personal relationship with Christ and deepen friendships among all who participate.

St Malachy's Parish Centre will be the venue for this programme which will begin on **Wednesday 20th September** and will run for 6 Wednesdays (finishing on 25th October). Each evening will commence at 7.00pm and conclude at 8.30pm. Refreshments will be served and there will be time for a chat with new (and old) friends. All are very welcome.

LIVING CHURCH ONE DAY LOUGH DERG PILGRIMAGE: SATURDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER

As this is a one day pilgrimage, fasting and walking barefoot are not required. Cost £55 includes luxury coach transfers, tea, coffee & scones on arrival, retreat day, light lunch, concluding with celebration of the Eucharist. Bus departs 7am from St Patrick's Church, Donegall Street. Contact Claire \$\frac{1}{2}\$ 9069 0920 Email: livingchurch@downandconnor.org

RADIO MARIA IRELAND

We are launching our Belfast Studio in St Mary's Church, Chapel Lane on **Thursday 7th September**, the Vigil of the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Starting with a 6pm Vigil Mass in St Mary's Church followed by tea/coffee and an information evening about Radio Maria and its Mission, Vision and how it can help support the faithful in Ireland today. www.radiomaria.ie 00353 86 838 9989.

LEGION OF MARY PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK Sunday 24th September leaving Portstewart Prom at 7.30am. Details and price later. Please register your interest with Alice Quinn 207851 749547

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE is a peer ministry to the bereaved, separated and divorced, based within the Family Ministry of the Diocese of Down and Connor. The loss of a partner through death, separation or divorce is devastating. Beginning Experience is offering a programme of bereavement support in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Ave, Belfast on three Saturdays (September 30th; October 28th and November 25th) Booking essential. To find out more, contact Marie on 07896119669 or belfastbe@yahoo.com