

# **SEASON OF CREATION** 1 September – 4 October

# THE PARISH OF PORTSTEWART

**North Connor Pastoral Community** 

2023

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10th September 2023

## **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 EVERY THURSDAY** FROM 10am - 5pm

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

#### ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, PORTRUSH

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: £1205 Monthly Stipend Collection: £1254 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 £542 Monthly Stipend Collection: £609 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 £1077 Monthly Stipend Collection: £672 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

Parish Office Hours 4 – 8 September 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



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#### **REST IN PEACE**

RECENT: Massie McAleer, Noel Quigg, James Etherson, Adrienne Lafferty

**ONE MONTH AGO:** Dessie Campbell

**ONE YEAR AGO:** Frank Horner, Sr Mary Ann McMullan ANNIVERSARIES: Eamon Forbes, Alojzy Matuszewski, Maud Chambers, Margaret McCrory, Nan McCorriston, Paddy McGarry, Susan McGarry, Joseph McGarry, Nora Hickey

## **NEXT WEEKEND 16-17 SEPTEMBER (PORTSTEWART)** VIGIL

Minister of the Word: Alison Rankin

Eucharistic Ministers: Tracy McMorrough, Martina

Murphy, Mary Loughrey

**SUNDAY 10am** 

Minister of the Word: Paddy Mulvenna **Eucharistic Ministers:** Margaret Conway\* Ruth McGuckian\* Seamus O'Hara\* Brian Lenehan

#### WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY 2023

St John's Church, Falls Road will host a short ecumenical service on Sunday 10th September **at 7pm** An open invitation is extended to everyone to come and spend some time in prayer and quiet reflection as we remember together all those who have died by suicide. Please feel free to bring along a framed photo of a loved one lost to suicide to place on the table in front of the altar. A member of the suicide awareness charity Papyrus will be on hand to provide support and resources. Refreshments will be available.



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

## LITTLE STARS

Our Parish Parent & Toddler Group takes place every Tuesday (term time) from 10-11.30am There is 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. We ask for a small donation of £2 per family to cover costs.

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### **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

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 aged 14+ who are interested in becoming a Junior (14+) or Senior (16+) Leader. 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.

Contact Emer **a** 07709043921 flameclubportstewart@gmail.com

# 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.

## ROSARY ON THE COAST

Next Sunday 17th September at 3pm on Benone Strand.

# LIVING CHURCH ONE DAY LOUGH DERG PILGRIMAGE: SATURDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 29069 0920 Email: livingchurch@downandconnor.org

# **Portstewart Churches Friendship Group** invite you to

Sunday A / Weekdays 1 Psalter Week 3

# A QUIET DAY IN CORRYMEELA Tuesday 17th October 2023

9.30am - 4.30pm Facilitator Fr. Kevin McGuckien Theme: "Dying to self- The Cost of Discipleship" Cost £25 includes lunch and refreshments Numbers are limited. Payment of fee at the time of registration secures a place. To book contact Bernadette Thompson 🕿 07941 733502

## **LEGION OF MARY** PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK **Sunday 24th September leaving Portstewart**

Prom at 7.30am. Cost: Bus £20 + Dinner £20 Alice Quinn 07851 749547

If you are interested in finding out more about the Legion of Mary, please come and join us in the Parish Centre on Monday evenings from 7pm.

# DAY TRIP TO KNOCK: Saturday 7th October.

Bus leaving St Patrick's Church Loughguile at 6am. Contact Patricia Campbell 2028 2764 1120 or 07871 626940. Price £25-30 depending on numbers.

The Totus Tuus Men for Christ Conference 2023 - a Catholic Conference for Men will be LIVE & EXCLUSIVE on Radio Maria Ireland Saturday 16th September from 2pm. Speakers for this years Conference are Fr. Billy Swan, Fr. Chris Hayden, Anthony Crossey & Fr. John **Harris OP** 

**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

*I wish to thank everyone sincerely for their* kindness and support to me over the years and also for the surprise celebration on my last Sunday. Be assured of my prayers. Thank you. Ella