

1st October 2023

Twenty-sixth 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
CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT THE SUNDAY 10am MASS
Tuesday Mass at 7pm
Wednesday – Saturday: Mass at 9.30am
EUCCHARISTIC 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
CONFESSIONS: Friday at 10am

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: **£1223**
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 **£488**
Our account details are: Portrush Parish
Sort Code: 95-06-79 Account number: 00254207
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 from the Parish
Office. If you have not already signed a form, and
you are a UK taxpayer, please consider signing up
now – you will considerably increase your
donations at no extra cost to yourself. Thank you.

PORTSTEWART

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

Parish Office Hours 2 – 6 October
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9am – 2pm
The office is closed on Wednesday

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

 Star of the Sea Portstewart
portstewartparish.website

REST IN PEACE

RECENT: Wendy Olphert, John Mullan
ANNIVERSARIES: Terry O'Keefe, Ian Travers, Thomas
Duffy, Ellen McCullagh, Philomena Gormley Crooks RIP

NEXT WEEKEND 7-8 OCTOBER (PORTSTEWART)
VIGIL

Minister of the Word: Mary O'Hara
Eucharistic Ministers: Jimmy Dempsey, Margaret
McQuillan, Martina Murphy
SUNDAY 10am
Minister of the Word: Michael Bradley
Eucharistic Ministers: Geraldine Doherty* Margaret
McLernon* Deirdre Bannon* Terry Butcher

PORTRUSH

Fr Patrick Delargy 7082 3388
Email: portrush@downandconnor.org

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED THIS WEEK
All Parish Enquires to be directed to
Portstewart Parish Office - 70832534

SVP Helpline: 07508 549574

REST IN PEACE

ANNIVERSARIES: Joe McNamee, John Molloy,
Margaret Doherty, Seamus Quinn, Tony Quinn, Fr John
Conway, Ann McAtamney, Catherine Mullan, Ellen
McCullagh, Terry O'Keefe RIP

NEXT WEEKEND 7-8 OCTOBER (PORTRUSH)
SUNDAY 12 noon

Minister of the Word: Mary McIntyre-Loveridge
Eucharistic Minister: Pat Gillan

Altar Society: 30th Sept - 13th Oct - Marie McAuley,
Marie Conway & Mary McIntyre-Loveridge

NOTICES

MASS TO CONCLUDE THE SEASON OF CREATION



The parishes of Portstewart, Portrush, Bushmills, Ballymoney and Coleraine will hold a Mass to conclude the Season of Creation on **Tuesday 3rd October at 7pm in Star of the**

Sea Church, Portstewart. We encourage our parishioners to join the priests of our parishes for this time of prayer and reflection as we mark the end of the Season of Creation. Refreshments will be provided after Mass in the Marian Hall.

A JOURNEY INTO FREEDOM - Giving God Another Chance continues on **Wednesday 4th October** in St Malachy's Parish Centre. The theme for week three is **'Friendship (oikos) Evangelisation'** and the guest speakers will be Ann and Noel Thompson from Leixlip, Dublin. These evenings commence at 7.00pm and conclude at 8.30pm. Light refreshments will be served. All are very welcome.

A TASTE OF THE BIBLE:

How the Faith spread in the First Century AD

An opportunity for inter-denominational, cross-community bible study. Explore the Acts of the Apostles and discuss its relevance today. The course continues on **Thursday evenings from 8-9.30pm by Zoom (FREE)**
For more information, email: tasteofbible@gmail.com
Ernestine ☎ 07760 647665 Bernadette ☎ 07941 733502

ADULT FAITH DEVELOPMENT AT DRUMALIS
Pathways – Adult Faith Development Programme

Have you ever thought of taking time out, to reflect, to better understand your faith in all its richness, to explore how it might be integrated with your busy, daily life and to nurture in a focussed way your relationship with God? The course runs one Saturday per month (10 am – 4 pm) from October to June, either in-house at Drumalis or via Zoom. **Certificate in Christian Thought (2 year p/t course)**
The Certificate in Christian Thought aims to offer a space where adults can explore, reflect upon, discuss and study faith and how it relates to life in today's world, both at a personal and community level. It is possible to do the course for validation by St Mary's University College or for personal development only. The course is offered either in-house at Drumalis, Larne or via Zoom over 7 Saturdays from September to May. For further information or to register on either of these courses, please contact Drumalis Mon-Fri, 9 am – 5 pm – 028 28276455/28272196 or email

maura@drumalis.co.uk Further information also available on Drumalis website: <http://www.drumalis.co.uk>

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

Arrangements are being finalised for the celebration of **First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation** next year. Children attending **St. Colum's Primary School, Portstewart** and **St. Patrick's Primary School, Portrush** are already enrolled for the sacraments and will make their preparation in school.

Children attending other schools who wish to make their sacraments in 2024 need to participate in a sacramental preparation course which will be held in **St Malachy's Parish Centre, Coleraine** beginning in October 2023.

An enrolment meeting (for parents/guardians only) will take place in **St Malachy's Parish Centre** on **Thursday 5th October** at 7pm.

The children eligible for the sacraments are as follows:

First Confession & First Communion – children in P4 (or older)
Confirmation – children in P7 (or older)
For further information please contact the Parish Office – 02870832534.



ST COLUM'S PRIMARY SCHOOL MASS

The staff and pupils of St Colum's PS invite parishioners to their Opening of Year School Mass on **Friday 6th October** at **10.30am** in **Star of the Sea Church.**

The 9.30am Mass will be celebrated as usual.

BREAST CANCER COFFEE MORNING – Raising funds for Action Cancer. The Coffee Morning will take place on Saturday 14th October from 10.30am – 12.30pm in Portstewart Guide Hall, Convention Avenue. All donations gratefully received.

Nine First Fridays Novena - This year Ballymoney Parish will once again make a novena of the nine First Fridays in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The novena runs from October through to next June. Each First Friday we will have a Holy Hour of Adoration from 6-7pm with confessions available finishing with Benediction. At 7pm we will have Mass and novena prayers to the Sacred Heart. In addition to praying for our own intentions we will also pray for vocations to the priesthood and women's religious life. Begins this Friday, October 6th at Our Lady & St Patrick's church, Castle St.