

THE PARISHES OF PORTSTEWART, PORTRUSH & BUSHMILLS

North Connor Pastoral Community

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Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

15th October 2023

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

COLLECTIONS

PORTSTEWART

Last weekend's Parish Collection: **£1366**
 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 **£704**
 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 16-20 October
Monday & Tuesday 9am – 2pm

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



Star of the Sea Portstewart
 portstewartparish.website

REST IN PEACE

RECENT: Charlie Trolan, Dermot McFerran, Martin
 McLoone, Ken Crockett, Wendy Olphert, John Mullan,
 Gerry Mallon

ANNIVERSARIES: Una Proctor, Anthony Loughrey,
 Mary Cuning, Caroline Padley, Eileen Mullan, Rosalin
 Burke, Brigid Sweeney, James Sweeney, Jean Quinn,
 Roisin McGowan RIP

NEXT WEEKEND 21-22 OCTOBER (PORTSTEWART)

VIGIL

Minister of the Word: Brendan McLernon
Eucharistic Ministers: Tracy McMorrough, Jimmy
 Dempsey, Martina Murphy

SUNDAY 10am

Minister of the Word: Paddy Mulvenna
Eucharistic Ministers: Seamus O'Hara* Mary
 McMahon* Margaret Conway* Terry Butcher

PORTRUSH

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

Parish Office Hours 16-20 October
Tuesday 10am - 1pm

Outside these hours, please address all enquiries
to Portstewart Parish Office ☎ 7083 2534

REST IN PEACE

RECENT: Liam Hinphey
ANNIVERSARIES: Nora Bradley, Jack Amon, Aileen
 D'Arcy, Michael O'Boyle, Patsy Quinn, Carmel Carty,
 Patricia Diamond

NEXT WEEKEND 21-22 OCTOBER (PORTRUSH)

SUNDAY 12 noon

Minister of the Word: Marie Conway
Eucharistic Minister: Mary McIntyre-Loveridge

ALTAR SOCIETY:

14th - 27th October - Mary Gordon & Marie McAuley

NOTICES



PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 22:1-14 - Parable of the
 Wedding Feast

*"Go to the crossroads in the town and invite
 everyone you can find to the wedding."*

Like the king in today's Gospel, God sends us out as
 his servants to the towns and the crossroads of our
 daily lives to invite guests to His wedding feast. We
 share His invitation to join Him in our communities,
 our workplaces, our schools, and wherever we meet
 and engage with others. Through the witness of our
 lives, our faith, and our love, we draw and attract
 others to the banquet feast and to a personal
 relationship with God and with Christ, His son.

A few months ago, every Parish counted the
 number of people attending Mass as part of a
 Diocesan Census. It recorded that almost 37,000
 people gather each week to celebrate the Eucharist
 and be in the presence of Christ in the parishes
 across our Diocese. We should be thankful for that,
 but we want more people to join us and to
 experience the love of Christ.

Each one of us has a part to play in building the
 Church of today and tomorrow in Down and
 Connor. We are God's church. May we work with
 our clergy and with each other to make our faith
 communities vibrant, welcoming, and joyful.
 Through the invitation of the witness of our lives,
 may we attract others to join us each weekend as
 we gather in the presence of Christ to celebrate
 Mass and clothe ourselves in His love and mercy
 for the week ahead.

"See, this is our God in whom we hoped for
 salvation ... We exult and we rejoice that he has
 saved us" Isaiah 25:9



To find out more go to
www.pathwaystothefuture.org

A JOURNEY INTO FREEDOM - Giving God Another Chance
 Theme for week number 5: 'Renewal of Baptism' on
Wednesday 18th October in St Malachy's Church. This will
 be celebrated by Fr Nideesh at 7.00pm. Light refreshments
 will then be served in the parish centre. All welcome.

A TASTE OF THE BIBLE:

How the Faith spread in the First Century AD
 The course continues on Thursday evenings from 8-9.30pm
 by Zoom (FREE) tasteofbible@gmail.com
 Ernestine ☎ 07760 647665 Bernadette ☎ 07941 733502

Sunday A / Weekdays 1 Psalter Week 4

ENJOY LOCAL MUSIC, SONG AND STORYTELLING



Tuesday 17th October at 8pm in The Snug, Me &
 Mrs Jones, Portstewart. Come along to sing,
 play or listen ☎ Clodhna 07826 315543

PORTRUSH PARISH DISCUSSION

Bishop Barron's work on Eucharistic Revival

Thursday 19th October from 7-8.30pm in St Patrick's Hall,
 Causeway Street, Portrush. All welcome

ENRICHMENT PROGRAM FOR NEW AND EXISTING EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Living Church Office is offering an enrichment program
 for new and existing Extraordinary Ministers of Holy
 Communion in our parish this November. The program is
 called, *Eucharist – Food for the Journey*, and will be
 facilitated by Aishling Steen and Fr Paul Byrne. The
 program has a blended approach of an online session,
 followed by an in-person enrichment day. The 90-minute
 online session enables Extraordinary Ministers of Holy
 Communion to gather in a time friendly and convenient
 way to refresh their catechetical knowledge and the
 enrichment day allows us to take time out to nourish
 ourselves and our ministry.

The first part of the program will take place via Zoom
on Tuesday 7th November from 7-8.30 pm. The in-
person enrichment day will take place on Saturday
11th November from 10:00am-3.45pm at St Joseph's
Parish Centre, Dunloy. We look forward to seeing you!

To book your place on the program, please contact
 the parish office or Aishling Steen:

☎ 9069 0920 a.steen@downandconnor.org



PAUSE FOR HOPE AT CLONARD MONASTERY

An Ecumenical Prayer Service

on Sunday 22nd October at 3.30pm



SVP Helplines

PORTSTEWART: 07508 549572

PORTRUSH: 07508 549574

PARISH BULLETIN

If you have any item for inclusion in the parish
 weekend bulletin, please email:
portstewart@downandconnor.org
 by 12 noon on Thursday.

All notices, including anniversary requests, **must be**
submitted in writing, either by email or addressed to
 the parish office. Thank you.