

# THE PARISHES OF PORTSTEWART, PORTRUSH & BUSHMILLS

North Connor Pastoral Community

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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

19<sup>th</sup> November 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  
**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  
**Eucharistic Adoration First Friday of the Month from 11am – 3pm**  
**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

### UNIVERSITY MASS

Wednesday at 1.20pm in the Prayer Room UUC

## COLLECTIONS

### PORTSTEWART

Last weekend's Parish Collection: **£1465**  
 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: **£533**  
 Our account details are: Portrush Parish  
 Sort Code: 95-06-79 Account number: 00254207  
 Please use your name as our reference.

## PORTSTEWART

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

**Parish Office Hours 20-24 November**  
**Monday, Thursday & Friday 9am – 2pm**

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

 Star of the Sea Portstewart  
 portstewartparish.website

## REST IN PEACE

**RECENT:** Terry Johnston, Liam Lafferty, Phillip Doherty, Breedh Dunn, Ken Magee, Irene Alcorn RIP  
**ONE MONTH AGO:** Alexander (Lexie) Devlin  
**ONE YEAR AGO:** Gerald Mullan, Maeve Irwin  
**ANNIVERSARIES:** Theresa O'Reilly, Clare Gottschalk, Elizabeth Millar, Sr Assumpta Horner, May & Jack Laverty, Eugene Campbell, Catherine Crawford, Pat Donnelly, Pauline Robinson, Pat Curran RIP

## NEXT WEEKEND 25-26 NOVEMBER (PORTSTEWART)

**VIGIL - Minister of the Word:** Brendan McLernon  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deirdre McCann, Margaret McQuillan, Martina Murphy  
**SUNDAY 10am - Minister of the Word:** Michael Bradley  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Margaret McLernon\* Deirdre Bannon\* Pat Calvert\* Brian Lenahan

## PORTRUSH

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

**Parish Office Hours 20-24 November**  
**Tuesday 9am – 1pm**  
**Please address all enquiries outside these hours to Portstewart Parish Office ☎ 7083 2534**

## REST IN PEACE

**ONE MONTH AGO:** Alexander (Lexie) Devlin  
**ANNIVERSARIES:** Mary & Barney McIntyre, Patricia O'Neill, Shaun Richardson, Theresa O'Reilly, Brian Martin, Betty Faulkner, Eugene Campbell RIP

## NEXT WEEKEND 25-26 NOVEMBER (PORTRUSH)

**SUNDAY 12 noon**  
**Minister of the Word:** John McNally  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Tomasz Michalski

**ALTAR SOCIETY**  
 11<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> November: Rose Minihan & Kathleen Curran



## PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE

The Parable of the Talents

*"For to everyone who has will be given more"*

A talent was a huge sum of money, thought to equate to the pay for 15 to 20 years' of work. The Master in today's Gospel reading has, therefore, placed great trust in his servants, giving them stewardship of such vast riches. God, Our Father, has placed the same trust in each one of us. At our baptism, He gave each one of us a unique set of gifts and charisms, "each in proportion to [our] ability". We received this lifetime of riches to equip us to continue God's work on earth, to build His Kingdom, to scatter on His behalf and to yield fruit for His harvest. Our lives as baptized Catholics are lives of service and mission, in our homes, our schools, our workplaces, and our parishes. We are called to use the baptismal gifts we have received, the talents we have been trusted to grow, in the service of God, the people we encounter in our daily lives, and the communities within which we live, work and study. Our faith is not passive or individual to us. Our faith is active and to be shared and grown. God is calling each one of us to renew His Church in Down and Connor using the talents He has entrusted us with. How will you use yours?



Respond to Christ's call to renew His Church in Down and Connor and in our parishes. Play your part in building our new Families of Parishes and communities of faith. Let the lamp of your faith and your love of God and neighbour shine brightly as we journey on our Pathways to the Future, guiding others along the paths with us with hearts on fire and feet on the move. A meeting on *Pathways to the Future* will be held in St. Malachy's Parish Hall on **Thursday 23 November @ 7pm**. To register, please contact the parish office on 02870832534 or email: portstewart@downandconnor.org. This is your opportunity to join the conversation about the future of our Church in Down and Connor and to be a voice of hope for the future.

*"Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates." Proverbs 31:31*  
 To find out more go to [www.pathwaystothefuture.org](http://www.pathwaystothefuture.org)

**ANNUAL MASS FOR THE DECEASED TEACHERS OF THE DIOCESE OF DOWN AND CONNOR**  
**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 7.30pm**  
**All Saints' Church, Ballymena**

Also available online on the parish website.  
 Ballymena Kirkinriola Parish – Facebook

Sunday A / Weekdays 1 Psalter Week 1

## PRAYING FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

**COMFORT: Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 7pm**  
**in St Mary's Star of the Sea Church**

November is a time for remembering and praying for our loved ones who have gone before us. Grief and loss can affect us all in different ways. Following the death of Jesus, the apostles huddled in fear in the upper room grieving the loss of their teacher, friend and master. Jesus entered bringing them his comfort and peace. During our liturgy a member of your family will be invited to light a candle as a visible sign of Christ's presence among us as we offer prayers for our loved ones. Candles will be available in the church on arrival.



**The Knights of St Columbanus**  
**Mass for Deceased Brothers CK69**  
**Friday 24 November 2023 at 7.00pm**  
**in St Malachy's Church. Light refreshments served in Crypt after Mass. All Welcome**



St Colum's Preschool are holding a Coffee Morning in Star of the Sea Parish Centre **TODAY Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November** after the 10am Mass, from 11am – 1pm. Please support this fundraising appeal.

## ST COLUM'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Open Evening for prospective pupils on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November** from 6-7pm. Come along and see our school, meet the teachers and join in fun activities.



Star of the Sea Church Choir meet every **Tuesday evening after the 7pm Mass** to prepare for our Christmas Masses. All welcome – new members and old.

## CANTEMUS CONCERT

Cantemus Choir annual Christmas Concert on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm** in Star of the Sea Church. Tickets £5 (including refreshments) available from the Repository or ☎ Emer 07709 043921.

**SVP PORTSTEWART SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS LUNCH**  
**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 1pm**  
**in The Cromore Halt Restaurant**

Spaces are limited to 80 parishioners and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Forms are at the back of the Church and must be completed and returned by **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November** to the Parish Office or to a member of the SVP, with a donation of £10 enclosed. Contact Terence ☎ 07783 117077



**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](mailto:portstewart@downandconnor.org) by 12 noon on Thursday.