

THE PARISHES OF PORTSTEWART, PORTRUSH & BUSHMILLS

North Connor Pastoral Community

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

26th 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: £1225
Bishops' Commissions: £1045
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: £555
Bishops' Commissions: £368
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 27 Nov – 1 Dec
Monday & Thursday 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: Bishop Tony Farquhar, Sue Monaghan
(Coalisland), Alice McCrory (Omagh), Patsy Mullan
(Limavady), Charles (Cathal) Corr, Liam Lafferty, Phillip
Doherty, Breedh Dunn, Ken Magee RIP
ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Heneghan, Christopher Trolan,
Derek Bond, Veronica Brolly, Roisin Gottschalk, Michael
Joseph Diamond, Felix McElhone, Anne Brolly, Patrick
Conway, Lily Mullen, Gerard McCloskey RIP

NEXT WEEKEND 2-3 December (PORTSTEWART)

VIGIL Minister of the Word: Alison Rankin
Eucharistic Ministers: Margaret McQuillan, Jimmy
Dempsey, Tracy McMorrough
SUNDAY 10am Minister of the Word: Teresa Dolan
Eucharistic Ministers: Seamus O'Hara*, Geraldine
Doherty*, Margaret McLernon, Terry Butcher

PORTRUSH

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

Parish Office Hours 27 Nov – 1 Dec
Tuesday 9am – 1pm

Please address all enquiries outside these hours
to Portstewart Parish Office ☎ 7083 2534

REST IN PEACE

RECENT: Bishop Tony Farquhar, Charles (Cathal) Corr
ANNIVERSARIES: Anne Brolly, Marie Doyle, Andrea
McKeown, Bridget McMullan, Seamus Martin, Mary
Dixon, Betty Faulkner RIP

NEXT WEEKEND 2-3 December (PORTRUSH)

SUNDAY 12 noon
Minister of the Word: Mary McAlister
Eucharistic Minister: Robert Crampsie

ALTAR SOCIETY
25th November – 8th December: Marie McAuley, Marie
Conway, Mary McIntyre-Loveridge



PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE

In excess of 1,000 people have registered or have
already attended one of the *Pathways to the
Future* conversations that are being held across
the Diocese during November. The conversations
have been animated, rich, and fruitful, with those present
sharing their hopes and dreams for their parishes and
Families of parishes, their cares and concerns, as well as ideas
and suggestions on how we build the Kingdom of God in
Down and Connor. The Holy Spirit is moving through our
parishes and our people, and there is a very real sense of
excitement and optimism, and a willingness among our
faithful to answer Christ's call to renew and rebuild His
Church for now and for the future.

On this Feast of Christ the King, as this church year draws to
a close and we move into a time of waiting, expectation and
preparation for the birth of Christ, our Saviour and King, let
us pray for the renewal of our Church in Down and Connor
and the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we plan for our future.
Let us pray to be guided by the Spirit in the discernment of
our own personal gifts and the role that God wants us to play
in sharing the Good News of the Gospel and the love of God
with all we meet and journey with in our lives.

*"I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in
view."* Ezekiel 34:11

PRAYING FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

LOVE: Wednesday 29th 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. Let
us take time to pause and reflect on the peace
and love God brings into our lives, especially in
times of doubt, uncertainty and grief. As a symbol
of love and hope, each family will leave with a
bulb/packet of seeds to plant at home as a
reminder of how new life can emerge from a long
dark winter into springtime.



ST COLUM'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, PORTSTEWART

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



CAUSEWAY PRESCHOOL, PORTRUSH FUNDRAISING EVENTS

- Winter Pub Quiz & Raffle: Friday 1st December
at 8pm in Kiwis Brew Bar Upstairs.
- Coffee Morning in St Patrick's Parish Hall:
Sunday 10th December at 1pm. All welcome!



ANNUAL COLLECTION
THIS WEEKEND 25-26 November
GIVING SUNDAY PORTSTEWART

Many people will face difficult choices this Christmas.
You can help by making a contribution to our appeal.
There are Gift Aid envelopes at the back of the Church.
Or donate online to: AIB Sort code 93 86 43
Account number 62400044 Thank you.

ADVENT LECTIO DIVINA

Why not take some time out this Advent to reflect
prayerfully on the Sunday Gospels and to allow space in
the silence for God to speak to our hearts! We will have
Lectio Divina, a gentle, meditative listening to the Word
of God:

- Each Monday in St. Malachy's Parish Centre,
Coleraine after 10am Mass, beginning Monday
27th November and
- Each Thursday, beginning Thursday 30th
November, from 7-8pm in the Marian Hall,
Portstewart (access through side door of the
Church.)

All are very welcome.

No knowledge of Scripture required, just an openness
to the Holy Spirit. Light refreshments afterwards!

THE ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS
who have died in this past year will take place on Tuesday
28th November in St Peter's Cathedral at 7:30 pm. You can
watch online at: www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral

MASS FOR DECEASED PIONEERS OF DOWN & CONNOR
will be celebrated in St Agnes' Church, Belfast on Wednesday
29th November at 10am. Celebrant is Fr Raymond McCullagh.

COFFEE MORNINGS

IN STAR OF THE SEA PARISH CENTRE, PORTSTEWART



TODAY Sunday 26th November
10.30am – 1.30pm The Olive Branch

The Olive Branch is a registered charity
which provides free professional counselling to anyone,
adult or child, who is suffering from mental health
problems.



NEXT SATURDAY 2nd December
10am – 1pm Apostolic Work

Christmas Coffee Morning, cake sale and
raffle. All proceeds in aid of the missions.

A donation of cakes, shortbread and mince pies would
be much appreciated. Contact Teresa ☎ 07544 738801

Counterpoint Choir & Causeway Churches Forum
FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS
In St Malachy's Church, Coleraine
On Sunday 10th December at 5pm.
No tickets, free admission, and all welcome!



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.