



# THE PARISHES OF PORTSTEWART, PORTRUSH & BUSHMILLS

North Connor Pastoral Community

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First Sunday of Advent

Sunday B / Weekdays 1 Psalter Week 1

## 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 – Thursday: Mass at 9.30am

Eucharistic Adoration Thursday 10am – 5pm



FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION 8<sup>th</sup> December

Vigil Mass on Thursday at 7pm

Mass on Friday at 9.30am

Saturday: Mass at 9.30am

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 at 10am

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION 8<sup>th</sup> December

Vigil Mass on Thursday at 7pm

Mass on 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

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION 8<sup>th</sup> December

Mass on Friday at 10am & 7pm

### UNIVERSITY MASS

Wednesday at 1.20pm in the Prayer Room UUC



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.

3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023

## PORTSTEWART

Parish Secretary: Ruth McGuckian 7083 2534  
Email: [portstewart@downandconnor.org](mailto:portstewart@downandconnor.org)

### Parish Office Hours 4-8 December

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9am – 2pm

Deacon Terence Butcher 07783 117077  
Pastoral Council: Emer O'Keefe 07709 043921  
Email: [portstewartpastoralcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:portstewartpastoralcouncil@gmail.com)

Star of the Sea Portstewart  
[portstewartparish.website](http://portstewartparish.website)

### REST IN PEACE

RECENT: Bishop Tony Farquhar, Patsy Bradley, Charles (Cathal) Corr, Liam Lafferty, Phillip Doherty, Thomas Dunn, Bridie Kearney (Swatragh) RIP

ONE MONTH AGO: Breedh Dunn, Ken Magee

ANNIVERSARIES: Michael Gerard Magee, Anne Connors, John Murphy, Mary Madden, Dan O'Connor, Rosie & Andrew Carlin, Hannah O'Connell, Elizabeth Devenney, Dorothy Mullan, Ernie McKinney, Colum O'Doherty RIP

### NEXT WEEKEND 9-10 December (PORTSTEWART)

VIGIL Minister of the Word: Mary Loughrey

Eucharistic Ministers: Ruth McGuckian, Tracy McMorrough, Jimmy Dempsey

SUNDAY 10am Minister of the Word: Eugene Kelly

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary McKenna\*, Mark Donaghy\*, Pat Calvert, Terry Butcher

## PORTRUSH

Fr Patrick Delargy 7082 3388  
Email: [portrush@downandconnor.org](mailto:portrush@downandconnor.org)

### Parish Office Hours 4-8 December

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: The McEvoy & Magee families, Michael Kelly, Jack McAuley, Catherine Mulholland, D P McGowan, Thelma O'Lynn, Frances Nash RIP

### NEXT SUNDAY 10 December (PORTRUSH)

Minister of the Word: Marie Conway  
Eucharistic Minister: Stephen O'Neill

ALTAR SOCIETY  
25<sup>th</sup> Nov – 8<sup>th</sup> Dec: Marie McAuley, Marie Conway, Mary McIntyre-Loveridge  
9<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> December: Mary Gordon & Marie McAuley



CAUSEWAY PRESCHOOL, PORTRUSH  
Coffee Morning in St Patrick's Parish Hall:  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 1pm. All welcome!



GIVING SUNDAY PORTRUSH  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December

St Patrick's Portrush SVP Conference will be holding their Annual Collection next Sunday. This is a difficult time of the year for many families and individuals, and your help is invaluable in aiding our Conference to assist those in need. During the year we have spent £21,300 helping people in our community. **How you can donate:**

- The SVP Red Box
- Leave an envelope in the Parochial House
- Gift aid your donation (if you are a taxpayer) using the blue envelope. Thank you.



'Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man.'  
Pope Francis

### ADVENT LECTIO DIVINA

Lectio Divina is a beautiful, meditative way of finding stillness and silence in the midst of a busy world. With lots of time for silence and reflection, this prayer time really helps us to get in touch with the Living Word of God and see how God is speaking to us in and through our lives. Why not come along and experience it for yourself this Advent! All are very welcome.

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December in St. Malachy's Parish Centre, Coleraire after 10am Mass and on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December in the Marian Hall, Portstewart from 7.45pm – 8.45pm (Please note, change of time) as the Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is at 7pm. Access to the Marian Hall through the side door of the Church.

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



Choir practices are in full swing for Christmas after the 7pm Mass on Tuesday evenings in Portstewart. We've been delighted to have lots of new members with us (newcomers always welcome) but the excellent men of our choir would be very grateful for more male voices to join them so they aren't overrun by ladies! Any singers please come along on Tuesday evenings 7.45-9pm and share your talent at this special time of year.

COUNTERPOINT CHOIR & CAUSEWAY CHURCHES FORUM  
Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols  
St Malachy's Church, Coleraire on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm. No tickets, free admission, and all welcome!



TODAY SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER  
11am-1pm in Star of the Sea Parish Centre  
ST COLUMBA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA  
CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING  
with Santa, raffle, tombola, Christmas crafts.  
All proceeds go towards school funds.



PIZZA NIGHT AT MORELLI'S,  
PORTSTEWART  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm



Pizza + wine or soft drink – donation £20 in aid of the Salvation Army/SVP Christmas Appeal and Rotary Charities. Music by Men's Shed. Ticket includes free draw.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER ARRANGING  
AT EOGHAN RUA CLUB ROOMS  
Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December from 10am – 12 noon.

Guidance, oasis, some greenery provided. Bring your own flowers, extra greenery and pots.

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A MARRIAGE AND RELATIONSHIP COUNSELLOR WITH ACCORD NI?

Accord NI is seeking applications for a 2- year part-time course. You do not need previous counselling experience or academic qualifications. Course fees will be funded and placement will be provided by Accord NI. **The closing date for receipt of applications is 20th December.** For further information, contact Brenda ☎ 9023 3002 or email: [info@accordni.co.uk](mailto:info@accordni.co.uk)



There are currently more children (from birth to around 5 years old) waiting to be adopted in Northern Ireland than families approved to adopt, and there is an urgent need for new families to come forward. If you think you could offer a child/ren a new life in a family of their own and would like an informal chat to find out more: [email@familycareadoption.org](mailto:email@familycareadoption.org) or ☎ 02890 691133



Star of the Sea Repository is open after all Masses for the sale of Christmas cards, calendars & gifts. Come in and browse!

### COLLECTIONS

#### PORTSTEWART

Last weekend's Parish Collection: **£1327**

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: **£450**

Our account details are: Portrush Parish  
Sort Code: 95-06-79 Account number: 00254207  
Please use your name as our reference.