



THE PARISHES OF PORTSTEWART, PORTRUSH & BUSHMILLS

North Connor Pastoral Community

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Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday B / Weekdays 2 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

Eucharistic Adoration Thursday 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

PORTSTEWART

Parish Secretary: Ruth McGuckian 7083 2534

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Parish Office Hours 11-15 December

Monday, Thursday & Friday 9am – 2pm

Deacon Terence Butcher 07783 117077

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Star of the Sea Portstewart

portstewartparish.website

REST IN PEACE

RECENT: Bishop Tony Farquhar, Patsy Bradley, Charles (Cathal) Corr, Thomas Dunn, Bridie Kearney (Swatragh), Peter Bradley (Dublin) RIP

ONE MONTH AGO: Liam Lafferty, Phillip Doherty

ANNIVERSARIES: Martha Diamond, Frances Fitzpatrick, Neal McCaughan, Liam Moore, Hugh Kelly, Joe McGarry, Patrick Mooney, Patricia and Jenny Wych, Rose McMahon, Sean O'Boyle, John McAreavey RIP

NEXT WEEKEND 16-17 December (PORTSTEWART)

VIGIL Minister of the Word: Clíodhna Rae

Eucharistic Ministers: Tracy McMorrough, Mary Loughrey, Geraldine Doherty

SUNDAY 10am Minister of the Word: Curtis White

Eucharistic Ministers: Ruth McGuckian*, Mary McMahon*, Brian Lenehan, Terry Butcher

PORTRUSH

Fr Patrick Delargy 7082 3388

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Parish Office Hours 11-15 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: John Eddie and Eileen Mullan RIP

NEXT SUNDAY 17 December (PORTRUSH)

Minister of the Word: Stephen O'Neill

Eucharistic Minister: Pat Gillan

ALTAR SOCIETY

9th – 22nd December: Mary Gordon & Marie McAuley



CAUSEWAY PRESCHOOL, PORTRUSH
The Coffee Morning advertised in last weekend's bulletin has been **cancelled** and will now take place in the new year.

COUNTERPOINT CHOIR & CAUSEWAY CHURCHES FORUM

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

St Malachy's Church, Coleraine TODAY Sunday 10th

December at 5pm. No tickets, free admission, and all welcome!



GIVING SUNDAY PORTRUSH

TODAY Sunday 10th December

St Patrick's Portrush SVP Conference

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.

Mondays in St. Malachy's Parish Centre, Coleraine after 10am Mass and

Thursdays in the Marian Hall, Portstewart from 7-8pm. (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.



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

CAROLS IN STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH

ST COLUM'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Carol Service on Thursday 14th December at 6pm.

DOMINICAN COLLEGE

Parishioners are invited to the Dominican College Carol Service on Monday 18th December at 7.30pm.



CHURCHES FRIENDSHIP GROUP, PORTSTEWART

Carol Singing in Portstewart Residential Homes will take place on Wednesday 13th December. Singers to meet at Agherton Grange, Mill Road at 7pm. Refreshments afterwards in Portstewart Presbyterian Church Centenary Room. Please come along and join us around some of the local sheltered housing and residential homes and the Crib at Spar.



ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, PORTRUSH

P1-3 Nativity Play in the School Hall on Friday 15th December at 7pm

P4-7 CAROL SERVICE in St Patrick's Church on Tuesday 19th December at 7pm.

CAROLS AROUND THE CHURCHES IN BUSHMILLS

Wednesday 13th December starting at 7pm at Dunluce Presbyterian Church then travelling to St Mary's Church, Bushmills Presbyterian Church and Dunluce Parish Church and finishing with supper at Dunluce Parish Centre.



Me & Mrs Jones, Portstewart on Wednesday 13th December at 8.00pm. Come along and join in.



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

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

TRÓCAIRE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

Are you a retired teacher or someone who has experience presenting to groups of school children? Do you have a passion for making this world a better place, especially for the most vulnerable? Trócaire is looking for volunteers to support our School Talks Programme for Lent 2024 in the Down & Connor Diocese Area. If you think you have the right skills and experience and will have a few free hours during Lent then we would love to hear from you!

For more information call Casey Schell ☎ 02890 808033 or email casey.schell@trocaire.org



SVP Helplines

PORTSTEWART: 07508 549572

PORTRUSH: 07508 549574

COLLECTIONS

PORTSTEWART

Last weekend's Parish Collection: **£1370**

Monthly Stipend Collection: **£1295**

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: **£399**

Monthly Stipend Collection: **£631**

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 SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY

PARISH BULLETIN

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