

# THE PARISHES OF PORTSTEWART, PORTRUSH & BUSHMILLS

North Connor Pastoral Community

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Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday B / Weekdays 2 Psalter Week 3

17<sup>th</sup> December 2023

<b>MASS TIMES IN OUR PARISHES</b> <b>18 – 23 DECEMBER</b>
<b>STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH, PORTSTEWART</b> Tuesday Mass at 7pm Wednesday – Saturday: Mass at 9.30am Saturday Vigil at 5pm <b>Eucharistic Adoration Thursday 10am – 5pm</b>
<b>ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, PORTRUSH</b> Monday, Tuesday & Friday at 10.30am
<b>ST MALACHY'S CHURCH, COLERAINE</b> Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday at 10am Saturday Vigil at 6.30pm
<b>OUR LADY &amp; ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYMONEY</b> Monday & Wednesday 10am, Friday 7pm Saturday Vigil at 6pm
<b>UNIVERSITY MASS</b> Wednesday at 1.20pm in the Prayer Room UUC



<b>ST MARY'S, STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH, PORTSTEWART</b>	
Sunday 24 December	Mass at 10am
Christmas Eve	Children's Mass at 6pm Carols at 8.30pm Christmas Vigil Mass at 9pm
Monday 25 December	Christmas Mass at 10am
Christmas Day	Mass at 11am NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION ON THURSDAY 28 DECEMBER
Tuesday – Saturday 26 – 30 December	ADORATION ON THURSDAY 28 DECEMBER
Saturday 30 December	Vigil Mass at 5pm
Sunday 31 December	Mass at 10am

<b>ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, PORTRUSH</b>	
Sunday 24 December	Mass at 12 noon
Christmas Eve	Family Christmas Mass at 6pm
Monday 25 December	Mass in <b>Bushmills</b> at 8am
Christmas Day	Portrush Mass at 12 noon
Tuesday 26 December	Mass at 10.30am
Friday 29 December	Mass at 10.30am
Sunday 31 December	Mass at 12 noon

<b>ST MALACHY'S CHURCH, COLERAINE</b>	
Sunday 24 December	Mass at 11am
Christmas Eve	Mass at 6pm & 9pm
Monday 25 December	Christmas Mass at 11am
Christmas Day	Mass at 10am
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 26-29 Dec	Mass at 10am

<b>OUR LADY &amp; ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYMONEY</b>	
Sunday 24 December	Mass at 9.30am Christmas Vigil at 6pm Midnight Mass at 12
Monday 25 December	Christmas Mass at 9.30am
Christmas Day	

## PORTSTEWART

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

**Parish Office Hours 18-22 December**  
Monday & Thursday 9am – 2pm

**REST IN PEACE**  
**RECENT:** Dolores Burns, Michael Scally, Katya Watson, Mickey Crilly (Limavady), Nan Higgins (Maghera), Marie Tracey (Dublin) RIP  
**ONE MONTH AGO:** Cathal Corr  
**ANNIVERSARIES:** John Murphy, Joe D'Arcy, Anne Canning, John Armstrong, Rose McLaughlin, Helen O'Hare, Joan Kerr, Anne Kelly, Sheila Hennessey, Laurence Duffy, Willie & Martha McElroy, Anna May Millar RIP

**NEXT WEEKEND 23-24 December (PORTSTEWART)**  
**VIGIL Minister of the Word:** Jane Nugent  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Helen Conway, Martina Murphy, Mary McMahan  
**SUNDAY 10am Minister of the Word:** Edel Mooney  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Brian Lenehan, Deirdre Bannon, Pat Calvert, Terry Butcher

**STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH PORTSTEWART**  
**Preparing for Christmas**  
We are hoping to start decorating the Church on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 6pm**. If you are available and would like to help with cleaning and decorating our Church, you will be very welcome.

**SVP ANNUAL APPEAL: THANK YOU**  
A huge thank you to our parishioners for their response to the special SVP Christmas appeals in Portstewart and Portrush.

**To date we have received**  
**Portstewart: £4000**  
**Portrush: £1871**

Thank you all for your generosity which will allow us to continue supporting those in need in our community.

**TRÓCAIRE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS**  
Are you a retired teacher or someone who has experience presenting to groups of school children? 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, we would love to hear from you!  
**For more information call Casey Schell**  
☎ 02890 808033 or email [casey.schell@trocaire.org](mailto:casey.schell@trocaire.org)

## PORTRUSH

Fr Patrick Delargy 7082 3388  
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**Parish Office Hours 18-22 December**  
Tuesday 9am – 1pm  
Please address all enquiries outside these hours to Portstewart Parish Office ☎ 7083 2534

**REST IN PEACE**  
**RECENT:** Ann Kelly  
**ONE YEAR AGO:** Peter McGill  
**ANNIVERSARIES:** Gerry Quinn, Anna Walker, Carol Hamill, Paddy Diamond RIP

**NEXT SUNDAY 24 December (PORTRUSH)**  
**Minister of the Word:** Mary McIntyre-Loveridge  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Marie McAuley

**ALTAR SOCIETY**  
**9<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> December:** Mary Gordon & Marie McAuley  
**23<sup>rd</sup> December – 5<sup>th</sup> January:** Ann Maguire & Pat Neely

**PORTRUSH CAROLS TOGETHER**  
You are invited to join us on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**, beginning in Holy Trinity Church at 7pm and walking to Portrush Presbyterian, Portrush Methodist and St Patrick's Church, followed by refreshments in St Patrick's Church Hall. All welcome.

## SCHOOL CAROL SERVICES IN OUR PARISHES

**DOMINICAN COLLEGE CAROLS**  
Parishioners are invited to the Dominican College Carol Service on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December** at 7.30pm in Star of the Sea Church.

**LORETO COLLEGE ANNUAL CAROL SERVICE**  
**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December** at 7.00pm in the school followed by Tea and Mince Pies. Admission is free and Advance Booking is advised.  
☎ 7032 6579 All Welcome.

**ST PATRICK'S PS, PORTRUSH**  
**P4-7 CAROL SERVICE** in St Patrick's Church on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** at 7.00pm. All welcome.

**CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS**  
**18 – 24 DECEMBER**  
**PORTSTEWART**  
After each Mass from Tuesday – Saturday  
**PORTRUSH**  
After Mass on Monday, Tuesday & Friday  
**COLERAINE**  
After each Mass from Monday – Saturday  
**BALLYMONEY**  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> - 7-8pm  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> - 6-6.50pm  
Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> - 5-5.50pm  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> - 10.30-11.30am

**SVP Helplines**  
**PORTSTEWART:** 07508 549572  
**PORTRUSH:** 07508 549574

**COLLECTIONS**  
**PORTSTEWART**  
Last weekend's Parish Collection: **£1345**  
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: **£410**  
Our account details are: Portrush Parish  
Sort Code: 95-06-79 Account number: 00254207  
Please use your name as our reference.