



SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

THE PARISHES OF PORTSTEWART, PORTRUSH & BUSHMILLS AND COLERAINE

Fr Kevin McGuckien PP

4th February 2024

North Connor Pastoral Community

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday B / Weekdays 2 Psalter Week 1

MASS TIMES IN OUR PARISHES THIS WEEK

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

OUR LADY & ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYMONEY

Saturday Vigil at 6pm, Sunday at 9.30am & 5pm

Monday & Wednesday 10am, Friday 7pm

COLLECTIONS

PORTSTEWART

Last weekend's Parish Collection: **£1531**

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: **£530**

Our account details are: Portrush Parish

Sort Code: 95-06-79 Account number: 00254207

Please use your name as our reference.

COLERAINE

Last weekend's Parish Collection came to **£1044**

Our account details are: St Malachy's Church

Sort Code: 90-48-00 Account number: 88609151

Please use your name as our reference.

Thank you

PORTSTEWART

Parish Secretary: Ruth McGuckian 7083 2534

Email: portstewart@downandconnor.org

Parish Office Hours 5 – 9 February

Monday, Thursday & Friday 9am – 2pm

REST IN PEACE

RECENT: Michael McGurnaghan, Ian O'Hara, Eddie McLaughlin RIP

ONE YEAR AGO: Kathleen Mullan, Andrew Stanton

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary McKenna, William Craig, Annie McCaughan, Una Spears, Frank McAlonan, James Close, Charlie McManus, Henry McCann, Danny McMullan, Sally Loughrey, John Kearney Brolly, Paula Haughey, Bridget McPeake

NEXT WEEKEND 10-11 February (PORTSTEWART)

VIGIL Minister of the Word: Mary O'Hara

Eucharistic Ministers: Jimmy Dempsey, Martina Murphy, Margaret McQuillan

SUNDAY 10am Minister of the Word: Eugene Kelly

Eucharistic Ministers: Geraldine Doherty*, Seamus O'Hara*, Susan Kelly, Terry Butcher

PORTRUSH

Fr Patrick Delargy 7082 3388

Email: portrush@downandconnor.org

Parish Office Hours 5 – 9 February

Tuesday 9am – 1pm

REST IN PEACE

RECENT: Dorothy Dallat, Colm McLaughlin RIP (Colm McLaughlin's Month's Mind will be held on Sunday 11th February at 12 noon)

ANNIVERSARIES: John McNeill, Phil McNally

NEXT SUNDAY 11 February (PORTRUSH)

Minister of the Word: Stephen O'Neill

Eucharistic Minister: Mary McIntyre-Loveridge

ALTAR SOCIETY

3 – 16 February: Mary Gordon, Marie McAuley

PARISH BULLETIN

If you have any item for inclusion in the parish weekend bulletin, please email:

portstewart@downandconnor.org

by 11am on Thursday.

COLERAINE

Parish Office Hours 5 – 9 February

OFFICE CLOSED

Please address all enquiries to

Portstewart Parish Office ☎ 7083 2534

REST IN PEACE

RECENT: Margaret Boyle, Betty Bradley, Lawrence Mailey, Elizabeth McCrudden RIP

ONE YEAR AGO: Brian Monaghan

ANNIVERSARIES: Maureen McIntyre, Lily McCandless

SERIES OF WORKSHOPS & STUDY VISITS ON DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION

Building Communities Resource Centre (BCRC) are providing an exciting and engaging series of **six sessions each Wednesday commencing on 7th February**. Four workshops will be based in BCRC, Ballymoney consisting of 3 hour sessions, and a further 2 study visits elsewhere in NI. Transport will be provided for the study visits. This FREE training is open to anyone who would like to grow their knowledge and awareness of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion. Booking is essential. To apply, please email: fergal@theresourcecentre.org or ☎ 07592 006003 for more details. We look forward to hearing from you.

Stay Curious: Try Alpha



You are warmly invited to presentations and group conversations exploring life, faith and meaning in a friendly inter-denominational setting.

Mondays 7-9pm

at **Fidela Coffee, 9 Newmills Road, Coleraine.**

Free, but for catering purposes please let Bernadette or Ernestine know if you plan to come:

Alphanorthcoast@gmail.com ☎ 077 6064 7665

ENRICHMENT PROGRAM FOR MINISTERS OF THE WORD

This program is called **Proclaiming the Word of God in the Gathered Community**, and will be facilitated by Aishling Steen and Fr Paul Byrne of Living Church. The 90-minute online session enables Ministers of the Word to gather in a time friendly and convenient way to refresh their catechetical knowledge and the enrichment day allows us to take time out to nourish ourselves and our ministry.

The first part of the program will take place online via Zoom on Tuesday 27th February from 7-8:30pm.

The in-person enrichment day will take place on Saturday 2nd March from 10:00am-3:45 pm at Dunloy Parish Centre.

To book your place, please contact Aishling Steen or click on the booking link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/K1kyN1NnUD>

e-mail: a.steen@downandconnor.org ☎ 9069 0920



Today is Safeguarding Sunday and we take the opportunity to reflect on the work that goes on all year within our parish to make it a safe and welcoming place for us all. Today is also an opportunity to recommit ourselves to maintaining and fostering a culture of Safeguarding in our parish.

In today's Gospel story, Jesus went to meet the mother-in-law of Simon Peter who was ill. We are told that Jesus 'took her by the hand and helped her up'. This same Jesus, as the Risen Lord, continues to reach out and lift up those in need of his healing touch. It is the mission of the Church to imitate Jesus in this ministry of healing, not least with those who have been abused and their families. In this work, we all have a vital part to play in supporting the work of Safeguarding through our prayers and our actions.

Please take a copy of Bishop Donal McKeown's letter as you leave the Church.

For more information on the Diocesan Safeguarding initiatives, please visit: <https://downandconnorsafeguarding.com>

Coleraine Apostolic Work Meeting
Monday 5th February at 7.30pm
in St.Malachy's Parish Centre.
New members will be very welcome.



This topic has been on the agenda of the Diocese for some time, and arrangements have now been made to offer advice and guidance to parishes to help them overcome some of the difficulties they may encounter if they do not have compliant processes in place.

A Presentation covering Copyright and Music Licensing will be held at All Saints' Parish and Community Centre, Ballymena on Tuesday 27th February from 7.30 – 9pm.

Tea/coffee will be served from 7pm.

The presentation will be particularly relevant to choir directors, choir members, cantors, psalmists, parish musicians and parish contemporary music groups. Those who are responsible for setting up or maintaining parish websites are especially welcome. This will be an invaluable resource for our parish that will help us to be compliant, and I would encourage as many participants as possible to attend this presentation.



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