

THE PARISHES OF PORTSTEWART, PORTRUSH & BUSHMILLS AND COLERAINE

North Connor Pastoral Community

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18th February 2024

First Sunday of Lent

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

UNIVERSITY OF ULSTER, COLERAINE

Wednesday at 1.15pm

COLLECTIONS

PORTSTEWART

Last weekend's Parish Collection: **£1003**

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: **£509**

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 **£1096**

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: 07508 549572
PORTRUSH: 07508 549574
COLERAINE: 07738 837959

PORTSTEWART

Parish Secretary: Ruth McGuckian 7083 2534

Email: portstewart@downandconnor.org

Parish Office Hours 19 – 23 February

Monday, Thursday & Friday 9am – 2pm

REST IN PEACE

RECENT: Evelyn Foster, Mary McCormick, Michael McGurnaghan, Ian O'Hara, Eddie McLaughlin, Anthony Light RIP

ONE YEAR AGO: Kevin Dolan

ANNIVERSARIES: Clare McGuckian, Paddy Conway, David McGurnaghan, PJ O'Kane, Nan Morelli, Corrado Morelli, Angelo Morelli, Jenny Bell, John and Margaret O'Hanlon, Bertie Kelly

NEXT WEEKEND 24-25 February (PORTSTEWART)

VIGIL Minister of the Word: Seamus O'Hara

Eucharistic Ministers: Margaret Conway, Jimmy Dempsey, Tracy McMorrough

SUNDAY 10am Minister of the Word: Teresa Dolan

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary McMahan*, Mark Donaghy*
Brian Lenehan, Terry Butcher

PORTRUSH

Fr Patrick Delargy 7082 3388

Email: portrush@downandconnor.org

Parish Office Hours 19 – 23 February

Tuesday 9am – 1.30pm

REST IN PEACE

RECENT: Kathleen Williamson, Dorothy Dallat RIP

ONE YEAR AGO: Desmond O'Neill

ANNIVERSARIES: John Butcher

NEXT SUNDAY 25 February (PORTRUSH)

Minister of the Word: Peter Sheridan

Eucharistic Minister: Rose Minihan

ALTAR SOCIETY

17 Feb – 1 March: Ann Maguire, Pat Neely

COLERAINE

Parish Office Hours 12-16 February

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
8am – 1pm

REST IN PEACE

RECENT: Ian O'Hara, Betty Bradley, Lawrence Mailey,
Elizabeth McCrudden RIP



CELEBRATING THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT IN OUR PARISHES

There is Early Morning Mass at 7am every week day during Lent at St Malachy's Church, Coleraine



LIVING LENT WITH LOVE

Wanting to do something extra during Lent?

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross at 12 noon

every Friday at St Patrick's Church, Portrush

Eucharistic Adoration and Stations of the Cross in St Malachy's Church every Friday: confessions at 6.30pm followed by Stations of the Cross at 7pm



LIVING WITH THE WORD OF GOD: LECTIO DIVINA

A meditative reading of the Word of God, focusing on the Sunday Gospels through quiet reflection and prayer. Thursday evenings in the Marian Hall (access through the side door of the Church) from 7-8pm.



LIVING FAITH

A five week programme for 18-30 year olds, discussing central aspects of our faith and helping us to move from being mere spectators to being fully committed disciples of Jesus. Each Wednesday in the Marian Hall from 6-7.30pm.



VESPERS AND TAIZE PRAYER

Each Tuesday in St. Mary's Star of the Sea Church from 6-7pm followed by Mass. Starting with the Angelus at 6pm, there will then be Vespers (Evening Prayer of the Church) followed by quiet, meditative prayer with music, Scripture and times of silence.



LENTEN ROSARY WALK

Each Friday at 1pm in Agherton Cemetery, and then to Portstewart Cemetery, walking around and praying the Rosary for our Beloved Dead.



DEMENTIA FRIENDLY MASS

Ballymoney parish is offering special Dementia Friendly Masses at 2pm on the Saturdays of Lent from 17th February to 23rd March. Carers and families are invited to bring along loved ones with dementia or memory issues for a shorter (30 minute) Mass with familiar prayers and hymns. There will also be a chance to light candles, receive the sacrament of the sick or go to confession.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE 2024

FRIDAY 1st MARCH at 7.30pm



This year's service was prepared by the Christian women of Palestine. The theme is: 'I beg you, bear with one another in love.'

These ecumenical services take place in:
PORTSTEWART: Agherton Parish Church
PORTRUSH: Holy Trinity Church
COLERAINE: Methodist Church

Everyone welcome

STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH CHOIR

Choir practices for St Patrick's Day and Easter take place every Tuesday after the 7pm Mass. New members are really welcome and you don't have to be able to read music, just be enthusiastic!

DOWN & CONNOR PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

10 – 15th/17th July 2024. 5 & 7 Night options available.

Please visit www.downandconnor.org/lourdes for more information or call the Pilgrimage Office

☎ 9077 0162 or email: lourdes@downandconnor.org

Youth Team (10-17th July): online applications now open for all aged 17 -24 (closing date 15th March)

DOCTORS AND NURSES – Will you lend us a hand?

For more information please email your contact details to: lourdes@downandconnor.org

DIOCESAN VOCATION WEEKEND

Have you ever considered the possibility that God is calling you to the priesthood? If so, take this opportunity to gather with other men who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood. This retreat will create the time and space to help you discern God's calling in your life. The retreat will take place in Drumalis Retreat Centre, from Friday 8th – Sunday 10th March. If you wish to attend this retreat or would like further information contact: Fr Conor McGrath: c.mcgrath@downandconnor.org or ☎ 90654157.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

The Permanent Deacon responds to the call of Jesus and his Church in three specific ways: through the ministry of Charity, the ministry of the Word and the ministry of the Altar with a particular focus on the ministry of charity.

The Diocese invites expressions of interest from men, (married or single), who feel called to the Diaconate.

Further relevant information is on the Diocesan website <https://www.downandconnor.org/living-church/diaconate/>

PARISH BULLETIN

If you have any item for inclusion in the parish weekend bulletin, please email: portstewart@downandconnor.org by 11am on Thursday.