



# THE PARISHES OF PORTSTEWART, PORTRUSH & BUSHMILLS AND COLERAINE

North Connor Pastoral Community

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25<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday B / Weekdays 2 Psalter Week 2

## 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 in the Prayer Room (L102)

## COLLECTIONS

### PORTSTEWART

Last weekend's Parish Collection: **£1560**  
Sick & Retired Priests Collection: **£1261**  
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: **£578**  
Sick & Retired Priests Collection: **£266**  
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 **£1059**  
Sick & Retired Priests Collection: **£508**  
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](mailto:portstewart@downandconnor.org)

### Parish Office Hours 26 February – 1 March

Monday, Thursday & Friday 9am – 2pm

## REST IN PEACE

**RECENT:** Fr Sean Moore, Sean McFerran, Evelyn Foster, Mary McCormick, Michael McGurnaghan, Ian O'Hara, Eddie McLaughlin, Anthony Light RIP  
**ANNIVERSARIES:** Noeleen Kinney, John Dillon, Hugh Niblock, Margaret Matthews, Rose Donnelly, Ernest Mullan, Olive McAlea, Ellen Bradley, Teresa Higgins, John Flynn, Bernard Goodfellow, Francis McAuley, Mary Wall

### NEXT WEEKEND 2-3 March (PORTSTEWART)

**VIGIL Minister of the Word:** Alison Rankin  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Martina Murphy, Mary Loughrey, Mary McMahan  
**SUNDAY 10am Minister of the Word:** Michael Bradley  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Ruth McGuckian\* Margaret Conway\* Margaret McLernon\* Terry Butcher

## 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 always welcome.

## PORTRUSH

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

### Parish Office Hours 26 February – 1 March

Tuesday 9am – 2pm

## REST IN PEACE

**RECENT:** Fr Sean Moore, Kathleen Williamson, Dorothy Dallat, Tony Sonderup (Ontario) RIP  
**ANNIVERSARIES:** John Butcher, Mairead McCallion, Rose McAlister, Joseph D'Arcy, Maureen McAuley

### NEXT SUNDAY 3 March (PORTRUSH)

**Minister of the Word:** John McNally  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Malgorzata Rutka

## ALTAR SOCIETY

17 Feb – 1 March: Ann Maguire, Pat Neely  
2 – 15 March: Rose Minihan, Kathleen Curran

**PORTRUSH SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION will take place on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm in St Patrick's Church**

## COLERAINE

### Parish Office Hours 26 February – 1 March

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

## REST IN PEACE

**RECENT:** Fr Sean Moore, Sean McFerran, Ian O'Hara, Lawrence Mailey, Elizabeth McCrudden RIP  
**ONE MONTH AGO:** Betty Bradley  
**ANNIVERSARIES:** John McCann, Annie Loughran, George Leslie, Margaret Hutton (nee Moore), Patrick Doherty, Joseph Lynn, Mark McGill, Annie Moore, John Quinn, James Higgins

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE 2024

FRIDAY 1<sup>st</sup> 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

All welcome

### DOWN & CONNOR PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

10 – 15<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> July 2024 (5 & 7 Night options available)

Please visit [www.downandconnor.org/lourdes](http://www.downandconnor.org/lourdes) for more information or call the Pilgrimage Office ☎ 9077 0162 or email: [lourdes@downandconnor.org](mailto:lourdes@downandconnor.org)

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

**DOCTORS AND NURSES – Will you lend us a hand?**

For more information please email your contact details to: [lourdes@downandconnor.org](mailto: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](mailto:c.mcgrath@downandconnor.org) or ☎ 90654157.

## RIGHT TO LIFE

Support an amendment to reduce the abortion law from 24 weeks to 22 weeks. There are postcards at the back of the church which you can fill in and post to your MP to register your support.

## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

The Permanent Deacon responds to the call of Jesus and his Church through the ministry of Charity, the ministry of the Word and the ministry of the Altar. The Diocese invites expressions of interest from men, (married or single), who feel called to the Diaconate. Further information is on the website: <https://www.downandconnor.org/living-church/diaconate/>



## 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

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross at 11am 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

Thursday evenings in the Marian Hall, Portstewart (access through the side door of the Church) from 7-8pm.



### LIVING FAITH

A five week programme for 18-30 year olds. 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.

## PARISH BULLETIN

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