



# THE PARISHES OF PORTSTEWART, PORTRUSH & BUSHMILLS

North Connor Pastoral Community

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

12<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Sunday B / Weekdays 2 Psalter Week 3

## MASSES IN OUR PARISHES THIS WEEK

### STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH, PORTSTEWART

Saturday Vigil Mass at 5pm  
Sunday Mass at 10am  
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: **£1417**  
Monthly Collection: **£1240**  
Our account details are: Portstewart Parish  
Sort Code: 95-04-28 Account number: 91011049

### PORTRUSH

Last weekend's Parish Collection: **£376**  
Monthly Collection: **£393**  
Our account details are: Portrush Parish  
Sort Code: 95-06-79 Account number: 00254207

Please use your name as our reference. Thank you.

### NEXT SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MAY AT 12 NOON

It is with great joy that we welcome Bishop Alan McGuckian to Portstewart Parish next Sunday. Bishop Alan will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for the children of St Colum's Primary School. Parishioners are invited to attend the Mass and to join us for refreshments afterwards in Star of the Sea Parish Centre. If you can help with home baking or in the Parish Centre on the day, please contact Emer ☎ 07709 043921

## PORTSTEWART

Parish Secretary: Ruth McGuckian 7083 2534  
Email: [portstewart@downandconnor.org](mailto:portstewart@downandconnor.org)

**Parish Office Hours 13 – 17 Ma7**  
**Monday & Thursday 9am – 2pm**

### REST IN PEACE


**RECENT:** Celine Harley, Manus McElhone, Margaret Magee, Michael Donnelly, Maureen McCloskey, Canon Brendan Beagon, Vince Power, Colette Quinn, Christine McLoone, Bobby Duffy RIP  
**ANNIVERSARIES:** Elizabeth O'Loughlin, Derek McKinney, Nelly McKinley, Oliver Goldsmith, Annie Moore, Hilary McGowan, Elizabeth Hayter RIP

### NEXT WEEKEND 18-19 May (PORTSTEWART)

**VIGIL Minister of the Word:** Brendan McLernon  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Helen Conway, Tracy McMorrough, Geraldine Doherty  
**SUNDAY 10am Minister of the Word:** Michael Bradley  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Pat Calvert\* Mary McMahan\* Margaret McLernon\* Terry Butcher

### CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF CAUSEWAY CHURCHES FORUM

An evening of music – 'Peace, Joy and Love'  
Lubbock Christian University Choir, Texas directed by Dr Philip Camp in St Malachy's Church, Coleraine on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm**. All are very welcome!

 **DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING will be available in St Malachy's Parish Centre on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 10:30am.** Contact Coleraine Parish Office.

**The Causeway Coast Peace Group** invite you to the Bi-Monthly Meeting to be held on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May** at 10.30am in Dunluce Parish Church Centre, Bushmills. The Speaker is Sian Mulholland, MLA and the theme will be 'Pathways of Hope'. A short AGM will be held chaired by Rev. Brian Harper. A warm welcome awaits all who attend. Refreshments served from 10.00 – 10.25am.

### MAY DAY SEQUENCE DANCE – THANK YOU

A special thank you to Liam McLaughlin, to the ladies of the Marian Club, and to all who helped in any way to make Monday's Dance Night a great success. An amazing £700 was raised, which will all go to Portstewart Parish funds.

## PORTRUSH

Fr Patrick Delargy 7082 3388  
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**Parish Office Hours 13 – 17 May**  
**Tuesday 9am – 2pm**

### REST IN PEACE

**RECENT:** T McCusker, Patricia Donaghey, Themis Saoulli RIP  
**ANNIVERSARIES:** Philip White, Danny Austin, RD Nash, E Pollard, Paul Duggan, Hugh McLaughlin RIP

### NEXT SUNDAY 19 May (PORTRUSH)

**Minister of the Word:** Stephen O'Neill  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Mary McIntyre-Loveridge

### ALTAR SOCIETY

11 – 24 May: Marie McAuley, Marie Conway, Mary McIntyre-Loveridge

### PRAY FOR LIFE NOVENA

The *Pray for Life* Novena is an invitation to join thousands of people across Ireland to pray for the protection of human life, from Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May to the Feast of the Visitation on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life in Ireland. Visit [www.prayforlife.ie](http://www.prayforlife.ie) for the daily novena prayers and to sign up for daily reminders. The prayers will also be posted on [@PrayforLife\\_ie](https://facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena) on X and [@prayforlifenovena](https://instagram.com/prayforlifenovena) on Instagram. Let us know if you are praying the novena together as a parish, family or other group via [www.prayforlife.ie/#home-events](http://www.prayforlife.ie/#home-events). This is an initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference.

**FOSTER CARE FORTNIGHT** runs from Monday 13 - Sunday 26 May and highlights how fostering transforms lives. As the number of children coming into care each year increases, more foster homes are needed across Northern Ireland. At HSC NI Foster Care, there are lots of ways people can get involved including short-term support, emergency care placement, supported lodgings/STAY, or long-term care. There is no such thing as a 'typical' foster carer. We welcome enquiries and applications from all backgrounds. Could you foster? **For more information, ☎ 0800 0720 137 or visit: [adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net](http://adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net)**

### ROSARY ON THE COAST

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm on Benone Strand. All welcome.

## CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS IN OUR PARISHES

### First Holy Communion

COLERAINE: Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 12 noon St Malachy's  
Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 12 noon other schools

### Confirmation

PORTSTEWART: Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 12 noon  
COLERAINE: Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm other schools  
Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 12 noon Sandelford



## PORTSTEWART CEMETERY SUNDAY

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June  
Agherton Cemetery at 3pm  
Portstewart Cemetery at 3.45pm

### DOWN & CONNOR PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Join the Living Church on pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June**. The price £40 per person includes luxury coach and refreshments. Early booking is advised. To book contact Claire, Tel: 90690920  
E: [livingchurch@downandconnor.org](mailto:livingchurch@downandconnor.org)

### DOWN & CONNOR DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA

Led by Bishop Alan McGuckian S.J  
**20<sup>th</sup> August 2024 for 7 Nights** Spiritual Directors Fr G McCloskey, Fr M Graham, Canon S Gilmore. £799 per person sharing. Full board Hotel Avenida. Direct return flights from Dublin to Lisbon. For further information contact Joe Catney ☎ 07776 425631 / 028 90714001

### SILENT RETREAT

**Theme:** "If you but knew the gift of God..."  
**Preached by:** Fr. Kilian Byrne, Foyer of Charity  
**Venue:** Carmelite Retreat Centre, Termonbacca, Derry  
**Date:** June 3<sup>rd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> 2024 **Cost:** £350 full board  
**Contact:** Helen Tel: 00353 86 1678027  
[hellywilliams@gmail.com](mailto:hellywilliams@gmail.com) [www.foyerofcharity.ie](http://www.foyerofcharity.ie)

### Lough Derg One Day Retreats in May

Dates and further details can be found at [www.loughderg.ie](http://www.loughderg.ie).  
€45 per person, booking essential.  
The traditional **Three Day Pilgrimages** begin on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May and continue until 15<sup>th</sup> August.



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