



# THE PARISHES OF PORTSTEWART, PORTRUSH & BUSHMILLS

North Connor Pastoral Community

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19<sup>th</sup> May 2024

PENTECOST SUNDAY

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: **£1160**  
 Our account details are: Portstewart Parish  
 Sort Code: 95-04-28 Account number: 91011049

### PORTRUSH

Last weekend's Parish Collection: **£486**  
 Our account details are: Portrush Parish  
 Sort Code: 95-06-79 Account number: 00254207  
 Please use your name as our reference. Thank you.



**TODAY SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MAY AT 12 NOON**  
 It is with great joy that we welcome Bishop Alan McGuckian to Portstewart Parish today to 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.

## PORTSTEWART

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

### Parish Office Hours 20 – 24 May

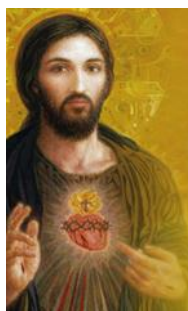
**Tuesday & Friday 9am – 2pm**  
 Please note change of days for this week

## REST IN PEACE

**RECENT:** Tony McCafferty, Celine Harley, Manus McElhone, Margaret Magee, Canon Brendan Beagon, Tom King RIP  
**ONE MONTH AGO:** Michael Donnelly, Maureen McCloskey RIP  
**ANNIVERSARIES:** Maura and Aidan Clancy, Hugh Johnston, Mary Maggie O'Connor, Mary Neely, Paddy McPeake, Rita Dougan, Sally Loughrey RIP

### NEXT WEEKEND 25-26 May (PORTSTEWART)

**VIGIL Minister of the Word:** Mary Loughrey  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Margaret McQuillan, Rosella McKenna, Ruth McGuckian  
**SUNDAY 10am Minister of the Word:** Paddy Mulvenna  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mark Donaghy\* Pat Calvert\* Seamus O'Hara\* Brian Lenehan



## Down & Connor Diocesan Novena to The Sacred Heart: Renew Our Hearts May 30th to June 7th, the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

As Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ begins his time as Bishop of the Diocese he would love everyone in the Diocese to join him in nine days of prayer, asking Jesus to give us a new heart. Many people among us are weary or wounded, hurting in one way or another. He wants us to make a novena for each other, aware that we are brothers and sisters in Christ. The prayers will be available in a booklet you can pick up at Mass or read online; it will also include a piece of scripture and a reflection for each day for those who wish to go a little deeper. Bishop Alan's hope is that this novena will be prayed either individually or together by parishes, groups, schools or families. Even young children can join in with the short prayers!

## PORTRUSH

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### Parish Office Hours 20 – 24 May

**Thursday 9am – 2pm**  
 Please note change of day for this week

## REST IN PEACE

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Rosina McAuley, Mary Neely, Nellie McKinley RIP

### NEXT SUNDAY 26 May (PORTRUSH)

**Minister of the Word:** Mary McIntyre-Loveridge  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Jimmy Friel

### ALTAR SOCIETY

11 – 24 May: Marie McAuley, Marie Conway, Mary McIntyre-Loveridge  
 25 May – 7 June: Mary Gordon, Marie McAuley

## LAUDATO SI' WEEK 19 – 26 MAY

**'Responding to the Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor'**  
 The week beginning Sunday 19 May 2024 has been set aside by Pope Francis to reflect on 'Care for Creation' with the theme **'Seeds of Hope'**. It is an opportune time to remind ourselves of the messages contained within the encyclical *Laudato Si'* – here is one A/B/C selection ....

A	St Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life. (L.Si' para 1)
B	... other living Beings have a value of their own in God's eyes: 'by their mere existence they Bless him and give him glory. (L.Si' para 69)
C	Society as a whole and the state in particular are obliged to defend and promote the Common good. (L.Si' para 157)

## 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. [@PrayforLife\\_ie](https://facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena) on X and [@prayforlifenovena](https://instagram.com/prayforlifenovena) on Instagram. This is an initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference.



## PORTSTEWART CEMETERY SUNDAY

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

**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)**

## 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 ☎ 9069 0920  
 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)

## ROSARY ON THE COAST

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



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