

THE PARISHES OF PORTSTEWART, PORTRUSH & BUSHMILLS AND COLERAINE

North Connor Pastoral Community

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

18th August 2024

Sunday B / Weekdays 2 Psalter Week 4

MASSSES IN OUR PARISHES THIS WEEK
<p>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</p> <p>NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION DURING JULY AND AUGUST</p> <p>CONFESSIONS: Saturday at 10am & 4pm and at 10am on First Friday of the month</p>
<p>ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, PORTRUSH Sunday at 12 noon Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday at 10.30am</p> <p>CONFESSIONS: Friday at 10am</p>
<p>ST MALACHY'S CHURCH, COLERAINE Saturday Vigil at 6.30pm, Sunday at 11am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday at 10am</p>
<p>OUR LADY & ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYMONEY Saturday Vigil at 6pm, Sunday at 9.30am & 5pm Monday & Wednesday 10am, Friday 7pm</p>

PORTSTEWART
<p>Parish Secretary: Ruth McGuckian 7083 2534 Email: portstewart@downandconnor.org</p>
<p>Parish Office Hours 19-23 August Monday, Thursday & Friday 9am – 2pm</p>
<p>REST IN PEACE RECENT: Archbishop Noel Treanor, Gerry McGowan RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Owen McWilliams, Edith O’Kane, Fr Brendan McGarry, Mary McKenna, Hugh Kelly, Jim Loughrey, Betty McHugh, Mary McHugh, William Cunning, Geraldine Begley, Jim O’Connor, Tony Mulholland RIP</p>
<p>NEXT WEEKEND 24-25 AUGUST (PORTSTEWART) VIGIL Minister of the Word: Clodhna Rae Eucharistic Ministers: Deirdre McCann, Helen Conway, Tracy McMorrough SUNDAY 10am Minister of the Word: Eugene Kelly Eucharistic Ministers: Geraldine Doherty* Margaret McLernon* Pat Calvert* Terry Butcher</p>

PORTRUSH
<p>Fr Patrick Delargy 7082 3388 Email: portrush@downandconnor.org</p>
<p>Parish Office Hours 19-23 August Tuesday 9am – 2pm</p>
<p>REST IN PEACE RECENT: Archbishop Noel Treanor, Peter McMeel, Una Beatty</p>
<p>NEXT SUNDAY 25 AUGUST (PORTRUSH) Minister of the Word: Mary McAlister Eucharistic Minister: Jimmy Friel</p>
<p>ALTAR SOCIETY 17 – 30 August: Rose Minihan, Kathleen Curran</p>
<p>COLERAINE Fr Nideesh Varghese 7034 3156 Email: coleraine@downandconnor.org</p>
<p>Parish Office Hours 19-23 August Monday – Thursday 8am – 1pm</p>
<p>REST IN PEACE RECENT: Archbishop Noel Treanor, Dympna Tohill, Tony Sheridan RIP ONE YEAR AGO: Linda Henry ANNIVERSARIES: Breedh Doey, Kathleen Ewert, Willie McCandless, Margaret McKeever, Martin McNickle, Patrick Loughran RIP</p>

Baptism is not only a sacrament of initiation into the Christian community; it is also a deep call to embrace our responsibilities within the Church. Through Baptism, we are each gifted by the Holy Spirit and encouraged to actively participate in parish life. Every member, regardless of age, background, or experience, has a unique and valuable role in building our community. We each have different gifts—some for teaching, others for hospitality, administration, or service. These gifts are meant to be shared for the benefit of all. The responsibility for our parish doesn't rest solely on the clergy or a select few; it belongs to every baptized member. By embracing this co-responsibility, we can strengthen our parish, making it a vibrant and welcoming place for everyone. One meaningful way to contribute is by sharing your talents with the Parish Pastoral Council. This council plays a crucial role in guiding and supporting the Church's mission. Your insights and skills can help shape our parish's direction, ensuring we meet the spiritual and pastoral needs of our community. Think about how you might use your gifts in this role. Whether you have leadership experience, a passion for outreach, or a knack for organisation, your contributions can truly make a difference. By stepping forward, you are answering the call of your Baptism and helping to create a parish that reflects the diversity and strength of the Body of Christ. Let's remember that together, we are the Church. Let's embrace our shared responsibility and work together to build a parish where faith is lived, shared, and celebrated.

COLLECTIONS
<p>PORTSTEWART Last weekend's Collections: Weekly Offertory £1636 Our account details are: Portstewart Parish Sort Code: 95-04-28 Account number: 91011049</p>
<p>PORTRUSH Last weekend's Collections: Weekly Offertory £478 Our account details are: Portrush Parish Sort Code: 95-06-79 Account number: 00254207</p>
<p>COLERAINE Last weekend's Collections: Weekly Offertory £1106 Our account details are: St Malachy's Church Sort Code: 90-48-00 Account number: 88609151</p>
<p>Thank you for your generosity and support. You can also support your parish through a regular standing order or by making a one-off payment through your bank or online. Please use your name as our reference. If you haven't already done so, please consider signing a Gift Aid form (available from the Parish Office) to increase your donation at no extra cost to yourself. Thank you.</p>

BANK HOLIDAY SEQUENCE DANCE
 in Star of the Sea Parish Centre, Portstewart on Monday 26th August. Dancing from 8.30-11pm. Admission £6 (including light refreshments). Music by Liam McLaughlin. Everyone welcome! All proceeds going to Parish Funds.

FLAME CLUB PORTSTEWART
 We look forward to the return of our Parish youth club, Flame Club, on Friday nights in September. As ever, alongside adult support, our club is led by the brilliant youth of our parishes. We invite any young people to register their interest in joining our team of junior and senior volunteer leaders by contacting Emer on 07709 043921 or flameclubportstewart@gmail.com Flame Club is a great and really rewarding way to give of your time, gain experience in working with children, build your skills, creativity and leadership, all whilst having fun. It also is a great addition to your CV and works in conjunction with all awards programmes such as John Paul II, Duke of Edinburgh and Oscar Romero awards.

Dressing Up outfits wanted for Little Stars Toddler Group!
 Please contact Schira 07725 213083 if you can help.

ROSARY ON THE COAST
 This Sunday 18th August at 3pm on Benone Strand.

Reconstitution & Forming of Parish Pastoral Councils
 In the coming weeks we will be reconstituting our Parish Pastoral Councils in both Portstewart and St. Malachy's, Coleraine and forming a new Parish Pastoral Council in Portrush. This is a significant moment in the life of our parishes as we seek to form and reconstitute the councils. We warmly invite all parishioners to consider stepping into this important role within the parish. Last week, we discussed the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) and its important role in our community. **This week, let's focus on a key value of the PPC: CO-RESPONSIBILITY.** Vatican II highlighted that all baptized members of the Church share the responsibility for its mission — leading others into friendship with Christ. This is not just the task of priests and bishops; it involves all of us. Co-responsibility is rooted in the understanding that all baptized individuals share in the priesthood of Christ. We are called to be witnesses of His love in the world and within our parish community.

Funeral Arrangements for His Excellency, The Most Reverend Noël Treanor DD Apostolic Nuncio to the European Union Bishop Emeritus of Down & Connor



Sunday 18 August
 Archbishop Treanor's remains will be received at St Peter's Cathedral at 6.00pm, followed by the Liturgical Vigil for the Deceased.

Monday 19 August
 The Cathedral will be open from 8.00am-8.00pm for those who wish to pay their respects. Parish Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am as usual. Evening Prayer of the Church will be celebrated at 7.00pm.

Tuesday 20 August
 Solemn Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 12.00 noon, followed by burial in the Cathedral Chapel of the Resurrection.

Eternal Rest grant unto your servant and bishop Noel. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. St Macartan, St Malachy & St MacNissi, St Columbanus, pray for him
 Webcam at www.stpetersbelfast.ie



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