



TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

15th September 2024

THE PARISHES OF PORTSTEWART, PORTRUSH & BUSHMILLS

North Connor Pastoral Community

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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday B / Weekdays 2 Psalter Week 4

PORTSTEWART

Parish Secretary: Ruth McGuckian 7083 2534
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Parish Office Hours 16-20 September
Monday, Thursday & Friday 9am – 2pm

REST IN PEACE

RECENT: Gerald McLaughlin, Teresa McClarnon, Margaret Kelly, Sophie Fleming, Ronnie McDowell RIP
ONE YEAR AGO: John Mullan RIP
ANNIVERSARIES: Margaret McCrory, Nan McCorrison, Stephen McGlade, Paddy McGarry, Susan McGarry, Joseph McGarry, Roisin McCarron, Patrick McNicholl, Nora Hickey, Aaron Lundy, Tony O'Connor, Mary Anne McCrory, William and Winifred Baird RIP

NEXT WEEKEND

21-22 SEPTEMBER (PORTSTEWART)
VIGIL Minister of the Word: Alison Rankin
Eucharistic Ministers: Deirdre Bannon, Margaret McQuillan, Deirdre McCann
SUNDAY 10am Minister of the Word: Michael Bradley
Eucharistic Ministers: Seamus O'Hara* Ruth McGuckian* Margaret Conway* Terry Butcher



CHILDREN'S LITURGY returns during the 10am Mass this Sunday 15th September. All children of primary school age are welcome to join us



Our Parish Toddler Group takes place in Star of the Sea Parish Centre every Tuesday from 10am – 11.30am. All welcome.



FLAME YOUTH CLUB
Open to children from 6 up every Friday night in Star of the Sea Parish Centre from 6-8pm. Cost: £2 per child, including snacks.

LEGION OF MARY ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE
Sunday 29 September 2024

A coach will leave Portstewart Promenade at 7.30am, cost £20. Information/booking: 07851 749547

ROSARY ON THE COAST

Today Sunday 15th September at 3pm on Benone Beach. All welcome.

PORTRUSH

Fr Patrick Delargy 7082 3388
Email: portrush@downandconnor.org

Parish Office Hours 16-20 September
Tuesday 9am – 2pm

REST IN PEACE

RECENT: James Campbell RIP
ANNIVERSARIES: Brian Minihan, Phyllis Marshall RIP

NEXT SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER (PORTRUSH)

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

ALTAR SOCIETY 14-27 September: Mary Gordon, Marie McAuley
28 September-11 October: Ann Maguire, Pat Neely

COURSES AT DRUMALIS THIS AUTUMN

****PATHWAYS ADULT FAITH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**
The Pathways Adult Faith Development programme for 2024/25 begins on **Saturday, 12 October** at Drumalis. The programme takes place one Saturday a month from 10 am – 4 pm between October and June. All are welcome.

**GROWTH IN PRAYER AND REFLECTIVE LIVING

This 20-session course via Zoom between September and March is based on the insights of Ignatian Spirituality. **Places are also available on the Zoom course, "ROOTED IN LOVE", delivered over ten Thursday evening sessions from Sept to May– this course is ideal for anyone who has already completed Growth in Prayer and Reflective Living.**

For full details or to register, contact Drumalis ☎ 2827 6455 or E :drumalis@btconnect.com <http://www.drumalis.co.uk>

SILENT SPIRITUAL RENEWAL & HEALING RETREAT

5 Day Retreat given by Fr Anthony Saji VC at St Mary's Convent, Knock from Monday 30th September – Friday 4th October. Contact Roisin ☎ 00353-749363336 for details.

Reconstitution & Formation of Parish Pastoral Councils: Information Sessions

These two evening sessions will provide an overview of the context, role, and responsibilities of a PPC. It will also explore the gifts, skills, and qualities required to be a PPC member and help those who may be interested in this leadership role to understand what it entails and to discern if this is a role for them in the life of their Parish.
Session 1: Wednesday 25th September from 7pm - 9pm
Session 2: Wednesday 16th October from 7pm - 9pm
Sessions will be held in St Malachy's Parish Centre. Please register with the Parish Office if you would like to attend these sessions **by Thursday 19th September.**



DIOCESE OF DOWN & CONNOR JOB VACANCY

PARISH SECRETARY

A vacancy has arisen for the appointment of a Parish Secretary (Part-time) who will work across the 3 Parishes of Portstewart, Portrush and Ballymoney. The post holder will be required to:
*provide confidential, efficient and effective secretarial support to the Parish Priest within each of the three parishes, and assistance to visitors and parishioners who visit or make contact with these Parish offices.
*effectively and efficiently manage and maintain the Parish Offices.

The terms are based on a permanent appointment requiring 25 hours per week, work pattern to be agreed across the individual parish offices. Rate of Pay - £12.50 gross per hour. Full details can be found on the Diocesan website at: <http://www.downandconnor.org> clicking on the tab: JOB VACANCIES and on the Community NI website. **Closing date for applications will be 12.00 noon on Monday 16th September 2024**

TRÓCAIRE is looking for people to join our team of Christmas fundraisers to help respond to the urgent need of poor communities around the world, including the millions of children and families caught in conflict in Sudan and Gaza. You can take action and make a difference through a range of activities, including the promotion of our Gifts of Change – training and support will be provided. If you would like to find out more about what you can do to help now or over the Advent and Christmas period, then please email Mark McMahon at infony@trocaire.org or ☎ 9080 8030.

WEBINAR FOR THE SEASON OF CREATION: The Climate Crisis – What Can We Do?



In response to the Climate Crisis, you are invited to a Webinar facilitated by Jane Mellett of Trócaire on **Thursday 19th September** at 7.30 pm. To register for this webinar, click the link: <https://bit.ly/3XDKJct>

"Future generations will never forgive us if we miss the opportunity to protect our common home. We have inherited a garden; we must not leave a desert for our children." Joint statement from Pope Francis, the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and Archbishop Justin Welby of Canterbury.

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: Thursday 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
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 Collections: Weekly Offertory £1681
Our account details are: Portstewart Parish
Sort Code: 95-04-28 Account number: 91011049

PORTRUSH

Last weekend's Collections: Weekly Offertory £358
Our account details are: Portrush Parish
Sort Code: 95-06-79 Account number: 00254207

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.



PORTSTEWART: 07508549572
PORTRUSH: 07508 549574
COLERAINE: 07738 837959

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