



TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

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

22nd September 2024

THE PARISHES OF PORTSTEWART, PORTRUSH & BUSHMILLS

North Connor Pastoral Community

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday B / Weekdays 2 Psalter Week 1

MASSES 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: 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 **£1376**

Autumn Offering: **£825**

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

PORTRUSH

Last weekend's Collections: Weekly Offertory **£481**

Autumn Offering: **£434**

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

For anyone who has lost their winter fuel payment and is concerned or worried about heating their home this winter, please contact St Vincent de Paul.

It is a confidential, non-judgemental service that is here to help everyone. If you, or someone you know, needs help, please call one of the numbers above.

PORTSTEWART

Parish Secretary: Ruth McGuckian 7083 2534

Email: portstewart@downandconnor.org

Parish Office Hours 23-27 September

Monday 9am – 2pm

REST IN PEACE

RECENT: James Campbell, Gerald McLaughlin, Teresa McClarnon, Margaret Kelly, Sophie Fleming, Ronnie McDowell, Mike McKenna (London) RIP

ONE MONTH AGO: Danny McCorriston RIP

ANNIVERSARIES: John Mullan (1st anniversary), Tony O'Connor, Jane Frances McKinney, Jackie McCloskey, Dolores Doherty, Eileen Kelly, Eileen Cushnahan, James Kealey, Elizabeth McWilliams, Teresa McCloskey, Cabrini McGrath, Margaret McKeague RIP

NEXT WEEKEND

28-29 SEPTEMBER (PORTSTEWART)

VIGIL Minister of the Word: Mary O'Hara

Eucharistic Ministers: Martina Murphy, Jimmy Dempsey, Tracy McMorrough

SUNDAY 10am Minister of the Word: Paddy Mulvenna

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary McKenna* Mark Donaghy* Pat Calvert* Terry Butcher



ST COLUM'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Opening of the School Year Mass will be held in Star of the Sea Church on

Wednesday 25th September at 10.30am. Family, friends and parishioners are all invited to join us.



FLAME CLUB is back in our Parish Centre on Friday evenings and we have some great young volunteers to lead the activities. To ensure the safety and happiness of every child, we need to increase our team of adult support and ask parishioners to consider if they could offer **one Friday evening a month** (6-8pm) to attend in a supervisory role to support the youth of our Parish. If interested please contact Emer on 07709043921



Star of the Sea Church Choir will be commencing evening practices soon and are always delighted to welcome new members. The first rehearsal is **Monday 30th September** at 7.30pm in the gallery, or just come along and join us at the 10am Mass and help make a joyful noise in our Parish!

PORTRUSH

Fr Patrick Delargy 7082 3388

Email: portrush@downandconnor.org

Parish Office Hours 23-27 September

Tuesday 9am – 2pm

REST IN PEACE

RECENT: James Campbell RIP

ANNIVERSARIES: Tanya Clyde, Frank Marshall, Catherine Gilmartin, Anna McMullan, Jane Frances McKinney RIP

NEXT SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER (PORTRUSH)

Minister of the Word: Peter Sheridan

Eucharistic Minister: Marie McAuley

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



COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

Coffee Mornings will recommence on **Monday 30th September** (after the 10.30am Mass) in St

Patrick's Hall, Portrush. Our first coffee morning will be in aid of Macmillan Cancer. All welcome.

RNLI THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Our Lady & St Patrick's Church this **Sunday 22nd September at 7pm**. There will be light refreshments afterwards. All welcome.

FROM CEASEFIRES TO CIRCLES OF CHANGE

A service marking the 30th anniversary of the Ceasefires on **Sunday 22nd September at 7pm in Clonard Monastery**. Guest speaker Tim Magowan. All welcome. Organised by the Clonard/Fitzroy Fellowship.

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY MASS

A monthly Mass for people with dementia and their families or carers at Our Lady & St Patrick's Church, Ballymoney takes place on the last Saturday of the month. **The September Mass will be next Saturday (28th) at 2pm**.

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

To mark the Season of Creation, Ballymoney parish invite you to bring along pets and animals to be blessed on **Sunday 29th September at 3pm**. A short outdoor service will take place at Our Lady & St Patrick's church including a procession round the grounds. This is a great chance to give thanks to God for the gift of animals and the joy they bring us. Collection for Benvardeen Animal Rescue.

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.

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 your interest with the Parish Office or Fr Kevin.



RCIA
A JOURNEY IN FAITH

RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a process to introduce

the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church to individuals who wish to learn more about Catholicism, including the opportunity, if they wish, to become Catholic through the Sacraments of Initiation. We meet on Monday nights from 6.30pm - 8pm at St Mary's Hall, Chapel Lane, Belfast from October to May, starting on Monday 7th October. Email: rcia@downandconnor.org for information or booking.



PARISH SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE

Safeguarding within our Church community is about making our Church a safe, welcoming and enriching place for children, young people and adults and those who may be at risk of harm. The Diocesan Safeguarding Office takes a lead role in outlining the key aspects of what needs to be in place to protect children and adults from harm. However, safeguarding is very much a shared community responsibility in which each and every one of us has a part to play, whether that is reporting a concern about a child or adult or by simply volunteering in the parish in any of our safeguarding activities.

In our own Family of Parishes, we have a new Safeguarding Committee, chaired by Karen Kelly, which comprises members of the four parishes. The members are Michele Shaw, Ita Harley, Ruth McGuckian (Portstewart); Caroline McNicholl, Andrew McGreevy (Portrush); Sarah McCaughan, Julie Diamond (Coleraine) and Donna Harrison, Mary B O'Neill (Ballymoney). The committee meets regularly to ensure that best practice is maintained in our parishes.

If you have any questions, please speak to one of our members. You can also find more information on the Diocesan website: downandconnorsafeguarding.com Specific concerns about a safeguarding matter should be reported to our Diocesan Designated Liaison Person, Philip O'Hara ☎ 9049 2798/07534 992124
Email: office@soddc.org

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