



TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

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

29th September 2024

THE PARISHES OF PORTSTEWART, PORTRUSH & BUSHMILLS

North Connor Pastoral Community

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TWENTY-SIXTH 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

Eucharistic Adoration: Friday 11am – 1pm

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 **£1679**

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

PORTRUSH

Last weekend's Collections: Weekly Offertory **£950**

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: 07508 549572

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 30 Sept – 4 Oct

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 9am – 2pm

REST IN PEACE

RECENT: James Campbell, Gerald McLaughlin, Margaret Kelly, Sophie Fleming, Ronnie McDowell RIP

ONE MONTH AGO: Teresa McClarnon

ANNIVERSARIES: Terry O'Keefe, Noreen Doherty, Philomena Gormley Crooks, Anne McDonald, Susan Haughey, Patricia Farren, Jean Mullan, Paddy Metrustry, Alec McCorriston, Kathleen Quigg, John Donaghy RIP

NEXT WEEKEND

5-6 OCTOBER (PORTSTEWART)

VIGIL Minister of the Word: Alison Rankin

Eucharistic Ministers: Deirdre McCann, Ruth McGuckian, Margaret McQuillan

SUNDAY 10am Minister of the Word: Michael Bradley

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary McMahon* Deirdre Bannon* Margaret McLernon* Brian Lenehan



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 their evening practices this Monday 30th September at 7.30pm in the Church Gallery, or just come along and join us at the 10am Mass and help make a joyful noise in our Parish Church! The Choir are always delighted to welcome new members.

Reconstitution & Formation Of Parish Pastoral Councils

Parishioners who are interested in becoming part of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) are invited to an information evening on **Wednesday 16 October 7pm to 9pm, in St Malachy's Parish Centre**. This second session will provide an overview of the context, role, and responsibilities of a PPC, and the gifts, skills, and qualities required to be a member, helping those who may have an interest in this leadership role to understand what it entails and whether it's for them.

Please register your interest to attend the meeting with the Parish Office.

PORTRUSH

Fr Patrick Delargy 7082 3388

Email: portrush@downandconnor.org

Parish Office Hours 30 Sept – 4 Oct

OFFICE CLOSED THIS WEEK

REST IN PEACE

RECENT: James Campbell RIP

ANNIVERSARIES: Fr John Joe Conway RIP

NEXT SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER (PORTRUSH)

Minister of the Word: John McNally

Eucharistic Minister: Jimmy Friel

ALTAR SOCIETY

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.

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**.

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

To mark the Season of Creation, Ballymoney parish invite you to bring along pets and animals to be blessed this **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 Benvarden Animal Rescue.



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.

PORTRUSH MUSIC SOCIETY PRESENTS

'BEAUTY AND THE BEAST' 18th - 26th October in Coleraine Leisure Centre. Tickets are on sale now. www.ticketsource.co.uk/portrush-music-society

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

Arrangements are being finalised for the celebration of First Confession, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation next year. Children attending St. Colum's Primary School in Portstewart and St. Patrick's Primary School, Portrush are already enrolled for these sacraments and will undertake their preparation in school.

For children attending other schools who wish to receive their sacraments in 2025, participation in a sacramental preparation course is required. This course will be held at St Malachy's Parish Centre in Coleraine, beginning in October 2024.

An enrolment meeting for parents and guardians of children taking part in the sacramental preparation courses will take place in St Malachy's Parish Centre on Wednesday, 9th October at 7pm.

The following children are eligible for the sacraments:

- First Confession & First Communion - children in P4 (or older)
- Confirmation - Children in P7 (or older)

For further information, please contact the Parish Office – Portstewart: 028 7083 2534 Coleraine: 028 70343156 Ballymoney: 028 2766 2003 Portrush: 028 70823388

EOGHAN RUA IRISH LANGUAGE CLASSES

In the Eoghan Roe Clubrooms, starting on Wednesday 2nd October and continuing every Wednesday until 4th December.

CLASSES:

Bun Rang 1 (Beginners) **6.45in – 7.30in** Cait Passmore
Bun Rang 2 (Beginner Improvers) **6.45in – 7.30in** An tAthair Barney
Mean Rang: **7.45in – 8.30in** Cait Passmore
Ard Rang: **7.45in – 8.30in** TBC
Fee: £30 for members and £40 for non-members.

Walking with God - Journey Through the Bible Programme commencing Thursday 3rd October from 7.00pm – 8.30pm

- Dates: **Thursdays 3rd 10th, 17th, 24th, & 31st October**
- Location: **St Malachy's Parish Centre Coleraine**

ST. MALACHY'S COLERAINE APOSTOLIC WORK - Annual Display, Raffle And Cake Sale in St. Malachy's Parish Centre after Masses on 12th & 13th October.

There will be an opportunity to contribute to the purchase of sacred vessels for missionary work.

If you wish to donate something for the cake sale or raffle, the parish centre will be open between 2pm & 3pm on Saturday 12th afternoon. All contributions will be greatly appreciated.

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