



1<sup>st</sup> December 2024

# THE PARISHES OF PORTSTEWART, PORTRUSH & BUSHMILLS

North Connor Pastoral Community

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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## 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

Tues.: Mass at 7pm

Wed. – Sat.: Mass at 9.30am

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday at 10am & 4pm and at 10am on First Friday of the month

**Eucharistic Adoration: Thursday 10am – 5pm**

### ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, PORTRUSH

Sunday at 12 noon

Mon., Tues. & Fri. 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

### Children's Liturgy at the Sunday 11am Mass

Mon., Tues., Thurs. & Fri. at 10am

**CONFESSIONS:** After 10am Mass on Friday

Saturday from 6.00pm – 6.20pm

### OUR LADY & ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYMONEY

Saturday Vigil at 6pm, Sunday at 9.30am & 5pm

Mon. & Wed. at 10am, Fri. 7pm

## COLLECTIONS

### PORTSTEWART

**Last weekend's Collections: Weekly Offering: £1320**

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

### PORTRUSH

**Last weekend's Collections: Weekly Offering: £445.35**

Our account details are: Portrush Parish  
Sort Code: 95-06-79 Account number: 00254207

### ST. MALACHY'S COLERAINE

**Last weekend's Collections: Weekly Offering: £2286**

Our account details are: St Malachy's Church  
Sort Code: 90-48-00 Account number: 88609151

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.

### Eoghan Rua 'Christmas By The Coast' Event

You are warmly invited to our 'Christmas By the Coast' Event at Eoghan Rua on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec from 6pm-8pm and Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec from 2pm-8pm. Lots of Christmas Craft Stalls and refreshments. All are very welcome!

## PORTSTEWART

Parish Secretary: 028 7083 2534

Email: [portstewart@downandconnor.org](mailto:portstewart@downandconnor.org)

### Parish Office Hours 02 - 06 December

Monday: 9am-2pm Thursday & Friday: 10am – 3pm

### REST IN PEACE

**RECENT:** Tommy McAleenan, Pat Martin, Maria Carrigy, Danny Crilly, Fr. Brendan McMullan RIP

**ONE YEAR AGO:** Phillip Doherty, Dolores Burns RIP

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Anne Teresa Connors, Gerry Downey, John Murphy, Dan O'Connor, Patrick Conway, Andrea McKeown, Alex McKeown, John Black, Francis Lagan RIP

### NEXT WEEKEND - 07 & 08 DEC (PORTSTEWART)

**VIGIL Minister of the Word:** Jane Nugent

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mary Loughrey, Helen Conway, Tracy McMorrough

**SUNDAY 10am Minister of the Word:** Teresa Dolan

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mary McKenna\* Pat Calvert\* Margaret McLernon \* Deacon Terence Butcher

### SVP PORTSTEWART SENIOR CITIZENS' & SVP PORTRUSH SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Tuesday 10th December

in the Cromore Hall, Portstewart @ 1pm.

Transport provided if required

Menus with registration forms, are available at the back of Portstewart and Portrush Churches. Please return the forms ASAP with your donation enclosed in an envelope to the Parish office.

**Closing date Tuesday 3rd December - Portstewart**

Please contact Stan Short, Portrush: 07872499160 or Deacon Terence, Portstewart: 07783117077

if you are unable to avail of a form.



**'SVP giving Sunday will take place on the 7th/8th December.**

**The cost of living is affecting everyone, so please only donate if you can. Our thanks to everyone for their donations throughout the year!**

**PORTSTEWART:** 07508 549572

**PORTRUSH:** 07508 54957

**COLERAINE:** 07738 837959

Christmas Tree Festival in Portstewart Presbyterian Church Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec. All are very welcome!  
Christmas Crib Festival, Methodist Church, Portstewart. 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Dec from 10am-8pm, 8<sup>th</sup> Dec from 1-4pm  
Special Service with Carols on 8<sup>th</sup> Dec at 11.45am

## PORTRUSH

Fr Patrick Delargy 7082 3388

Email: [portrush@downandconnor.org](mailto:portrush@downandconnor.org)

### Parish Office Hours 02 - 06 December

Tuesday 9am – 2pm

### REST IN PEACE

**RECENT:** Maria Carrigy, Danny Crilly, Fr. Brendan McMullan RIP

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Michael Kelly, Betty Faulkner, Mary Dixon, Anne Brolly, Catherine Mulholland, Jack McAuley RIP

### NEXT SUNDAY – 08 DECEMBER (PORTRUSH)

**Minister of the Word:** John McNally

**Eucharistic Minister:** Rose Minihan

### ALTAR SOCIETY

23 Nov – 6 Dec: Ann Maguire, Pat Neely

7 – 20 Dec: Rose Minihan, Kathleen Curran

### COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

Coffee Mornings each **Monday** at 11.00am in St Patrick's Hall, Portrush. All very welcome.

### COUNTERPOINT CHOIR

### FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

St. Malachy's Church, Coleraine on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm. In conjunction with Causeway Churches' Forum. All are most welcome to attend this festive event.

\*FREE ADMISSION\*

### SING CAROLS WITH NORTH-WEST GOSPEL CHOIR

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm in St. Patrick's Parish Church, Portrush. All offerings in aid of the Shipwrecked Fishermen and Mariner's Royal Benevolent Society.

### ST. COLUM'S PRE-SCHOOL OPEN NIGHT

Is your child due to start Pre-school in September 2025? We warmly invite prospective pupils and their families to our Open Night on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 6.00-7.30pm.

### DOMINICAN COLLEGE CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm in St. Mary's, Star of the Sea Church. Always a beautiful evening of music, prayer and reflection! Service for the School on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December morning!

### CANTEMUS CONCERT

We are delighted to welcome back Cantemus Choir for their annual Christmas concert in Star of the Sea on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm. Always a highlight in our Christmas season, tickets are £10 including refreshments and can be purchased from the repository or by contacting 07818 636240!

### St. PATRICK'S PS PTA FESTIVE FAMILY FUN

Join us for an afternoon of Festive Family Fun today, Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December from 3pm-5pm in St. Patrick's Hall, Portrush. Christmas Jumpers encouraged!

Adults £3, Child £5

### ST. COLUM'S PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN NIGHT

Is your child due to start school in September 2025? We warmly invite prospective pupils and their families to our Open Night on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 6pm-7pm. Come along and see our school, meet the teachers and join in fun activities.

### COFFEE MORNING FOR THE OLIVE BRANCH

The Olive Branch are hosting their annual coffee morning and craft fair today, **Sunday 1st December from 10am - 1pm in the Star of the Sea Parish Centre.** The Olive Branch is a charity which provides free counselling services. Please come along and support this very worthy charity.

### ADVENT GUIDED PRAYER

You're very welcome to join us immediately after 9.30am Mass in St. Mary's Star of the Sea Church, Portstewart for 30 minutes of Guided Prayer and reflection on the Advent Sunday Gospels. Beginning: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November

### ADVENT LECTIO DIVINA

Why not take some time out this Advent to reflect prayerfully on the Sunday Gospels and to allow space in the silence for God to speak to our hearts! **Each Thursday, beginning Thursday 5th December, from 7-8pm in the Marian Hall, Portstewart** (access through side door of the Church.)

### MATT TALBOT MONTHLY MASS IN DERRY

There will be a Healing Mass for those suffering from addictions and their families in St. Eugene's Cathedral this Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 7.30pm. Venerable Matt Talbot Relics will be present for veneration!

### STAY CURIOUS: TRY ALPHA

You are warmly invited to presentations & group conversations exploring the meaning of life & faith in a friendly inter-denominational setting.

**Tuesdays 7-9pm from 14 Jan to 08 April 2025**

Bushtown Hotel, 283 Drumcroom Rd, Coleraine  
Further information: [Alphanorthcoast@gmail.com](mailto:Alphanorthcoast@gmail.com)  
or telephone: 077 6064 7665

**Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Monday 9th December at 7.30pm in the Crowne Plaza, Shaws Bridge, Belfast. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance. We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more email [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)**

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