



8<sup>th</sup> December 2024

# THE PARISHES OF PORTSTEWART, PORTRUSH & BUSHMILLS

North Connor Pastoral Community

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Sunday C / Psalter Week 2

## 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

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Candlelight Dawn Mass**

**Rorate Mass**

**in honour of Our Lady's Maternity – 7.30am**

## COLLECTIONS

### PORTSTEWART

Last weekend's Collections: Weekly Offering: **£1750**

Monthly Collection: **£1470**

Our account details are: Portstewart Parish

Sort Code: 95-04-28 Account number: 91011049

### PORTRUSH

Last weekend's Collections: Weekly Offering: **£581**

Monthly Collection: **£593.40**

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

Parish Secretary: 028 7083 2534

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

### Parish Office Hours 09 - 13 December

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

### REST IN PEACE

**RECENT:** Jill Parr, Alan Wych, Pat Martin, Maria Carrigy, Danny Crilly, Fr. Brendan McMullan RIP

**ONE YEAR AGO:** Nan Pretty RIP

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Louis Sweeney, Sean O'Boyle,

Neal McCaughan, Martha Diamond, Ernie McKinney,

Frances Fitzpatrick, Mary Madden, Hugh Kelly, Benny

McIntyre, Colum O'Doherty RIP

### NEXT WEEKEND - 14 & 15 DEC (PORTSTEWART)

**VIGIL Minister of the Word:** Mary Loughrey

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Geraldine Doherty, Margaret McQuillan, Mary McWilliams

**SUNDAY 10am Minister of the Word:** Alison Rankin

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Ruth McGuckian\* Mary McMahon\* Pat Calvert \* Brian Lenehan

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

Tuesday 10th December

in the Cromore Halt, Portstewart @ 1pm.

Transport provided if required



'SVP giving Sunday will take place this weekend at all Masses. 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

### CAUSEWAY PRESCHOOL OPEN DAY

Is your child due to start Pre-school in September 2025? We warmly invite prospective pupils and their families to our Open Day on Monday 9th December from 1.30pm - 3 pm

### CAROLS AROUND THE CHURCHES IN BUSHMILLS

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December starting at 7pm** at St. Mary's Church, Bushmills, then travelling to each of the Churches and finishing with supper at Dunluce Presbyterian Church.

## PORTRUSH

Fr Patrick Delargy: 028 7082 3388

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### Parish Office Hours 09 - 13 December

Tuesday 9am – 2pm

### REST IN PEACE

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

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Gerry Quinn, Peter & Margaret McAleese RIP

### NEXT SUNDAY – 15 DECEMBER (PORTRUSH)

**Minister of the Word:** Kate Magee

**Eucharistic Minister:** Malgorzata Rutka

### ALTAR SOCIETY

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\*

### 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 13th 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!

### 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.

### 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 from 7-8pm in the Marian Hall, Portstewart** (access through side door of the Church.)

### 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



### ST COLUM'S PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

### CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

**SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

11am-12.30pm in 'Star of the Sea' Parish Centre with Santa, raffle, tombola, Christmas crafts. All proceeds go towards school funds.

### ST COLUM'S PRIMARY SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE

Carol Service on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm.

### CHURCHES FRIENDSHIP GROUP, PORTSTEWART

Carol Singing in Portstewart Residential Homes will take place on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Singers to meet at Agherton Grange, Mill Road at 7pm.

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

You are warmly invited to our 'Christmas By the Coast' Event at Eoghan Rua on 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!



### DO THIS IN MEMORY

Our next Mass in the Parish preparation programme for First Holy Communion is next **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December**. There will be light refreshments after 11am Mass in the Parish Centre for all the children and families taking part in the programme. We look forward to seeing you! There will also be Do This in Memory in each of the other churches in our family of parishes at the usual Sunday Mass times!



### BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

### (BLESSING OF BABY JESUS CRIB FIGURES)

Please bring the 'Baby Jesus' figurines from your home for blessing for the 5pm Vigil Mass on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec & the 10am Mass on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec**.

Next Sunday (15th December) is **Gaudete Sunday**, the 3rd Sunday of Advent. Gaudete means "rejoice" and on this Sunday we rejoice because we are almost at Christmas, the day when we will celebrate the coming of Jesus into the world; the greatest gift we have ever been given. On Gaudete Sunday, our parish will join with parishes around the world, in celebrating the tradition of 'Bambinelli Sunday'. The Baby Jesus crib figures will be blessed. After the blessing, you are invited to wrap the Baby Jesus crib figure in wrapping paper and to place him under your Christmas tree. On Christmas morning let this be the first gift to be unwrapped in your family home.

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.