



15th December 2024

THE PARISHES OF PORTSTEWART, PORTRUSH & BUSHMILLS

North Connor Pastoral Community

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE SUNDAY)



Sunday C / Psalter Week 3

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: £1127

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

PORTRUSH

Last weekend's Collections: Weekly Offering: £604.55

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

PORTSTEWART

Parish Secretary: 028 7083 2534

Email: portstewart@downandconnor.org

Parish Office Hours 16 - 20 December

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

REST IN PEACE

RECENT: Teresa Sweeney, Margaret McCloskey, Carol Pitcher, Peter Gilmore, Jill Parr, Alan Wych, Pat Martin, Maria Carrigy, Danny Crilly, Fr. Brendan McMullan RIP

ONE YEAR AGO: Katya Watson RIP

ANNIVERSARIES: Joan McQuaid, Patricia Wych, Jenny Wych, Willie McLaughlin, Rose McLaughlin, Liam Moore Rose McMahan, Sheila Hennessey, Kathleen Lynch, John McFerran, Nan McKenna, John McAreavey, John Armstrong RIP

NEXT WEEKEND - 21 & 22 DEC (PORTSTEWART)

VIGIL Minister of the Word: Bernadette Thompson

Eucharistic Ministers: Jimmy Dempsey, Deirdre McCann, Ruth McGuckian RIP

SUNDAY 10am Minister of the Word: Michael Bradley

Eucharistic Ministers: Margaret McLernon* Deirdre Bannon* Mark Donaghy* Brian Lenehan

SVP ANNUAL APPEAL – THANK YOU

A huge thank you to our parishioners for your response to the Special SVP Christmas Appeals in Portstewart, Portrush & Bushmills.

To date we have received:

Portstewart: £ 4000 Portrush: £1265



There are envelopes at the back of the Church for anyone who would still like to contribute. Thank you all so much for your generosity, which will help us

greatly in our work of supporting those who are most in need in our local communities. Thank-you also to everyone who has helped us by donating to SVP throughout the year. We wish you all a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

CHURCH DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS

We hope to decorate the Church on **Wednesday 18th December at 6.30pm**. If you are available and would like to help with cleaning and decorating our Church, you will be very welcome.

PORTRUSH

Fr Patrick Delargy: 028 7082 3388

Email: portrush@downandconnor.org

Parish Office Hours 16 - 20 December

Tuesday 9am – 2pm

REST IN PEACE

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Eileen Mullan, John Eddie Mullan RIP

NEXT SUNDAY – 22 DECEMBER (PORTRUSH)

Minister of the Word: Marie McAuley

Eucharistic Minister: Jimmy Friel

ALTAR SOCIETY

7 – 20 Dec: Rose Minihan, Kathleen Curran

21 Dec – 3 Jan: Marie McAuley, Marie Conway, Mary McIntyre-Loveridge

COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

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

DONATION FOR PORTRUSH PARISH

We would like to acknowledge the very generous recent donation of £500 given to our parish. Thank you so much to the donor!

DOMINICAN COLLEGE CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Monday 16th 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 17th December morning!

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.)

PORTRUSH CAROL SERVICE AROUND THE CHURCHES

You are most welcome to join us on Tuesday 17th December, for our Carol Service around the Churches, beginning at Holy Trinity Church at 7pm.

ROSARY ON THE COAST

Rosary on Benone Beach today, Sunday 15th December at 3pm. All are very welcome!



MASS FOR THE BEREAVED

"Blessed are those who mourn: they shall be comforted!"

The Vigil Mass on Saturday 21st December at 5pm will be offered for all those who are bereaved in our parish. We know that it is never an easy time of the year, and we would like to offer support and prayer at this time. All are very welcome!



ST COLUM'S PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

SUNDAY 15th DECEMBER

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

CHURCHES FRIENDSHIP GROUP, PORTSTEWART

Carol Singing in Portstewart Residential Homes will take place on Monday 16th December. Come along and join with us in the singing. We are meeting at Agherton Grange, Mill Road at 7pm.

Invitation to Opening of Jubilee Year – 29th December

On Christmas Eve 2024, Pope Francis will open the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica and the Jubilee of Hope will begin in Rome. The theme the Holy Father has chosen for this year of special graces is 'Pilgrims of Hope' and he invites the whole People of God – clergy and laity – to celebrate God's Gift of Grace through their expressions of Deep Faith, Lively Hope and Active Charity. The Holy Year in the Diocese will begin on the Feast of the Holy Family. All parishioners are warmly invited to join Bishop Alan McGuckian at the Solemn Opening Mass of the Jubilee Year of Hope on Sunday, 29th December at 3pm in St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast. We encourage everyone to attend and be part of this celebration for the Jubilee Year. The webcam will allow for people to view the Mass from home: www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral

Loreto College Coleraine warmly invites you to their **Christmas Carol Service** on

Tuesday 17th December at 7pm. Free Admission. Tickets available from Ticket Source (<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/>)



Parish Office – Christmas Holidays

The Parish Office in St. Malachy's, in Portstewart and in Portrush will be closed over Christmas. Please send to us, any anniversaries or notices occurring between 20th Dec and 5th Jan, that you would like included in the Parish Bulletin by emailing portstewart@downandconnor.org or by calling the Parish Office on 02870832534 before Friday 20th December to ensure inclusion in the bulletins for the Christmas period.

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