



22<sup>nd</sup> December 2024

# THE PARISHES OF PORTSTEWART, PORTRUSH & BUSHMILLS

North Connor Pastoral Community

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Sunday C / Psalter Week 4

## MASS TIMES DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

### STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH, PORTSTEWART

Christmas Eve: 9.30am (Morning Mass)  
6.00pm (Children's Mass)  
9.00pm

Christmas Day: 10.00am

St. Stephen's Day: 11.00am

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Dec: 11.00am

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Dec: 11.00am

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Dec: (Vigil Mass) 5.00pm

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Dec: 10.00am

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> Dec: 11.00am

New Years Day: 11.00am

Normal Mass times resume from Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

### ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, PORTRUSH

Christmas Eve: 10.30am (Morning Mass)  
9.00pm

Christmas Day: 11.00am

St. Stephen's Day: 10.30am

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Dec: 12 Noon

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> Dec: 10.30am

New Year's Day: 10.30am

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan: 10.30am

### ST MARY'S CHURCH, BUSHMILLS

Christmas Day: 8.00am

### ST MALACHY'S CHURCH, COLERAINE

Christmas Eve: 10.00am (Morning Mass)  
6.00pm (Children's Mass)  
9.00pm

Christmas Day: 11.00am

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

Christmas Eve: 6.00pm (Vigil Mass)  
12 Midnight

Christmas Day: 9.30am

### PORTSTEWART

Parish Secretary: 028 7083 2534  
Email: [portstewart@downandconnor.org](mailto:portstewart@downandconnor.org)

#### REST IN PEACE

**RECENT:** Teresa Sweeney, Margaret McCloskey, Carol Pitcher, Peter Gilmore, Jill Parr RIP

**ONE YEAR AGO:** Alan Doherty RIP

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Joan McQuaid, Johnny Madden, Mary Madden, Helen O'Hare, Joan Kerr, Bridget Curtis, Phonsie Mullan, Bridie Duffy, Michael McGlade, Martha Mullan, Willie McElroy, Martha McElroy, Patrick Elliott, Laurence Duffy, Mary Rose Lundy, Anna May Millar, Anne Canning, Michael Noel Carlin, Mary Carlin, Harry Moore, Yvonne Marie Butler, Ellie Sweeney, Dan McCrossan, Lily O'Doherty, Noel O'Hara, Bridget O'Hara RIP

#### NEXT WEEKEND - 28 & 29 DEC (PORTSTEWART)

**VIGIL Minister of the Word:** Brendan McLernon

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mary Loughrey, Deirdre McCann, Tracy McMorrough

**SUNDAY 10am Minister of the Word:** Una Crowe

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Margaret McLernon\* Geraldine Doherty\* Mark Donaghy\* Brian Lenehan

#### LORETO COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Loreto College Coleraine invites parents and transferring pupils to attend its Open Day on Saturday 11 January 2025 Those who live West of the River Bann are asked to attend at 9.30am for the Principal's address and those who live East of the River Bann should arrive at 11.00am for the second Principal's address. Both talks will be followed by organised tours of the school. All P6 & P7 Pupils and Parents are welcome! Please visit our website: [www.loretocollege.org.uk](http://www.loretocollege.org.uk) for more details.

#### PORTSTEWART TRAVELLING SERVICE

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January

The annual ecumenical event on the first Sunday of the year **starts at 11.30am** at the Methodist Church, Heathmount and then moves to the nearby Portstewart Presbyterian Church, then Agherton, Church of Ireland and finishes at St. Mary's, Star of the Sea Church. It is a service of prayers, hymns, and readings at each of the four churches in the town. The service ends around 12.30pm and everyone is welcome to Agherton Parish Centre for refreshments. Come and join us.

### PORTRUSH

Fr Patrick Delargy: 028 7082 3388  
Email: [portrush@downandconnor.org](mailto:portrush@downandconnor.org)

#### Parish Office Hours : CLOSED

#### REST IN PEACE

**RECENT:** Maria Carrigy, Danny Crilly RIP

**MONTH'S MIND MASS:** Maria Carrigy (29<sup>th</sup> Dec, 12noon)

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Vincent McEvoy, Gerry McLarnon, Ann Boote, David Boote, Mary Traynor, Margaret Elizabeth Duffy, Noel Duffy, Eileen Mullan, John Eddie Mullan, Martha Mullan, Tony McCaughan, Mary Treanor, Mary Dixon, Bridget McMullan, Andrea McKeown, Seamus Martin, Agnes Donaghy, Annie Kirkpatrick RIP

#### 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 7pm - 9pm from 14 January - 8 April 2025**  
Bushtown Hotel, 283 Drumcroon Rd, Coleraine

#### Invitation to Opening of Jubilee Year

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](http://www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral)

#### PORTSTEWART CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

There will be Confessions after the weekend Masses in Portstewart this weekend. There will also be Confession after the 9.30am Mass on Christmas Eve.

#### Account Details – Thank you for your support!

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

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

#### Christmas Message from Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ

As we celebrate the joy of Christmas, I send heartfelt greetings to all the faithful of our diocese, embracing the hope that Christ brings into our world. In this Jubilee Year of Hope, may the tender love of God shown by the birth of Jesus guide us, inspiring renewal and deepening our faith. I extend my deep gratitude to the clergy and our dedicated parish volunteers whose selfless service brings the warmth of God's love to life in our community. May God's abundant blessing be with you and your loved ones this Christmas and throughout the coming year.

Prospective students and their parents are warmly invited to

#### DOMINICAN COLLEGE, PORTSTEWART OPEN DAY Saturday 18 January 2025 (9.15 am – 1.15 pm)

Parents/Guardians and prospective pupils are warmly invited to visit our school on Saturday, 18 January 2025 between 9.15 am and 1.15 pm. The day will be split into two sessions. There will be an introductory talk from the Principal at 9.15 am and 11.30 am, followed by a tour of the school. To ensure that pupils and parents receive the best experience possible, we will be operating a booking system. Tickets can be reserved using the following link: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/dominican-college-portstewart>



**The Clergy from the Causeway Family of Parishes - Frs Kevin McGuckien, Damian McCaughan, Nideesh Varghese, Monsignor Paddy Delargy and Deacon Terence Butcher, wish all the parishioners of our parishes every blessing for the Christmas season and a very happy New Year!**

Parish Office Closed from 20<sup>th</sup> December – 6<sup>th</sup> January. All anniversaries/notices for inclusion in the parish weekend bulletin, not included here, will be included in 5<sup>th</sup> Jan Bulletin.

Please email: [portstewart@downandconnor.org](mailto:portstewart@downandconnor.org) by 9am on Monday. Thank you.