



THE PARISHES OF PORTSTEWART, PORTRUSH & BUSHMILLS

North Connor Pastoral Community

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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH



Sunday C / Psalter Week 1

29th December 2024

MASS TIMES

STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH, PORTSTEWART

Sat. 28th Dec: 11.00am
 Sat. 28th Vigil Mass: 5.00pm
 Sun. 29th Dec: 10.00am
 Tues. 31st Dec: 11.00am
 New Years Day: 11.00am
 Thurs. 2nd – Sat. 4th Jan: 9.30am

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, PORTRUSH

Sunday 29th Dec: 12 Noon
 Monday 30th & 31st Dec: 10.30am
 New Year's Day: 10.30am
 Fri. 2nd Jan: 10.30am

ST MALACHY'S CHURCH, COLERAINE

Sat. 28th Vigil Mass: 6.30pm
 Sun. 29th Dec: 11.00am
 Mon. 30th & Tues. 31st Dec: 10.00am
 New Years Day: 10.00am
 Thurs. 2nd – Fri. 3rd Jan: 10.00am

OUR LADY & ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYMONEY

Sat. 28th Dec: 2.00pm
 Vigil Mass: 6.00pm
 Sun 29th Dec: 9.30am
 New Years Day Mass & Benediction: 10.00am
 Friday 3rd Jan Holy Hour: 6.00pm
 Friday 3rd Jan Novena Mass: 7.00pm

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



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PORTSTEWART

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REST IN PEACE

RECENTLY DECEASED: Teresa Sweeney, Margaret McCloskey, Carol Pitcher, Peter Gilmore, Jill Parr RIP

ANNIVERSARIES: Harry Moore, Sam Duggan, Johnny Madden, Mary Madden, Laurence Duffy, Anna May Millar, Anne Canning, Michael Noel Carlin, Mary Carlin, Yvonne Marie Butler, Ellie Sweeney, Dan McCrossan, Lily O'Doherty, Noel O'Hara, Bridget O'Hara, Martha McWilliams, Michael O'Loughlin, Mary Alice O'Kane, Hugh McGarry, Annie Lavery, Eddie McGuinness, Dan McCrossan, Colm Kelly RIP

NEXT WEEKEND - 04 & 05 JAN (PORTSTEWART)

VIGIL Minister of the Word: Mary T. O'Hara
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Loughrey, Martina Murphy, Helen Conway

SUNDAY 10am Minister of the Word: Michael Bradley
Eucharistic Ministers: Pat Calvert* Geraldine Doherty* Mark Donaghy* Brian Lenehan

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>

PORTSTEWART TRAVELLING SERVICE

Sunday 5th 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

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Parish Office Hours : CLOSED

REST IN PEACE

RECENT: Danny Crilly RIP
MONTH'S MIND MASS: Maria Carrigy RIP
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 7-9pm from 14 Jan - 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 McGuckien 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

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!

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Heavenly Father, as we stand on the threshold of a new year, we come before You with hearts full of gratitude for the blessings of the past and hope for the future. We lift our voices in prayer, seeking Your divine presence and guidance in the days that lie ahead.

Lord Jesus, we thank You for the gift of life and the countless blessings You have bestowed upon us. As we enter into this new year, we humbly ask for Your abundant grace to be upon us. Grant us the wisdom to make righteous choices, the strength to face challenges, and the courage to follow Your path.

Heavenly Father, we pray for the precious gift of peace in our lives and in the world around us. May Your peace, which surpasses all understanding, guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Let Your calming presence be felt in our homes, communities, and nations. Bring reconciliation where there is discord, understanding where there is confusion, and unity where there is division.

Lord, we also lift up our physical and mental well-being to You. In the name of Jesus, we ask for Your healing touch to rest upon those who are facing illnesses or challenges to their health. Strengthen their bodies, comfort their spirits, and grant them the assurance of Your love and care. May the year ahead be marked by a renewed sense of vitality and health.

We entrust our plans, dreams, and aspirations for the coming year into Your hands, O Lord. May everything we do be guided by Your will and directed towards Your glory. Help us to be a source of love, compassion, and encouragement to those around us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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 for more details.

Parish Office will be closed from 20th December – Monday 6th January.