

THE PARISHES OF PORTSTEWART, PORTRUSH & BUSHMILLS AND COLERAINE

North Connor Pastoral Community

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2nd Sunday of Christmas

Sunday C / Weekdays 1 Psalter Week 2

5th January 2025

MASSES IN OUR PARISHES THIS WEEK

STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH, PORTSTEWART

Saturday Vigil Mass at 5pm

Sunday Mass at 10am

(Children's Liturgy will resume on Sunday 12th January)

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY (Holy Day of Obligation)

Monday 6th January 2025

Masses: 9.30am & 7.00pm

Tuesday: Mass at 7pm

Wednesday – Saturday: 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

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY (Holy Day of Obligation)

Monday 6th January 2025

Mass: 10.30am

Tuesday & Friday 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 will resume on Sunday 12th January)

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY (Holy Day of Obligation)

Monday 6th January 2025

Masses: 10am & 7pm

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday at 10am

CONFESSIONS: After 10am Mass on Friday
Saturday from 6.00pm – 6.20pm
Eucharistic Adoration: Friday 10.30am – 12noon

OUR LADY & ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYMONEY

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

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY (Holy Day of Obligation)

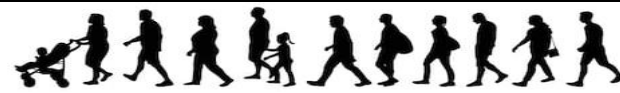
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Masses: 10am & 7pm

Wednesday at 10am, Friday at 7pm

Bishop Alan's Jubilee Message

Copies of Bishop Alan's Pastoral Letter (Jubilee 2025) are available at the back of the Church or can be downloaded or viewed from the Parish Website and Parish Facebook.



PORTSTEWART TRAVELLING SERVICE

Sunday 5th January

This annual ecumenical event on the first Sunday of the year **starts at 11.30am** at the Methodist Church, Heathmount, Portstewart, moves to the nearby Portstewart Presbyterian Church, then Agherton Church of Ireland and finally to 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 with refreshments in Agherton Church Hall.

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>

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.

125th ANNIVERSARY OF THE PIONEER ASSOCIATION

Bishop Alan McGuckian will celebrate Mass in **St Mary's, Chapel Lane, Belfast at 5:30pm on Saturday 11 January** to mark the 125th anniversary of the Pioneer Association. Pioneers and friends of the PTAA are all welcome to attend.

PORTSTEWART

Parish Secretary: Bridgeen McNicholl 7083 2534

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Parish Office Hours 6 – 10 January
Monday, Thursday & Friday 10am – 3pm

REST IN PEACE

RECENT: Bet Hegarty, Teresa Sweeney, Margaret McCloskey, Eileen O'Connell, Jill Parr RIP
(The Requiem Mass for Jill Parr (late of Swilly Drive, Portstewart) will be celebrated on Saturday 11th January in St. Mary's, Star of the Sea Church at 11am.)

ONE YEAR AGO: Bishop Patrick Walsh RIP

ANNIVERSARIES: Kevin McKeown, Sally Liddy, Ann Marshall, Lily O'Doherty, Noel O'Hara, Bridget O'Hara, Vincent McAreavey, Marie Kennedy, Charlie McKeever, Fr Liam Mullan, Patsy McCrory RIP

NEXT WEEKEND 11 - 12 January (PORTSTEWART)

VIGIL Minister of the Word: Seamus O'Hara

Eucharistic Ministers: Margaret McQuillan, Deirdre McCann, Geraldine Doherty

SUNDAY 10am Minister of the Word: Curtis White

Eucharistic Ministers: Deirdre Bannon,* Ruth McGuckien,* Margaret McLernon,* Susan Kelly

PORTRUSH

Fr Patrick Delargy 7082 3388

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Parish Office Hours 6 – 10 January
Tuesday 7th January 9am – 2pm

REST IN PEACE

RECENT: Elizabeth (Bet) Hegarty RIP

ONE YEAR AGO: Bishop Patrick Walsh, Colm McLaughlin
ANNIVERSARIES: Ethna McLaughlin, Jackie McNally, Mary Thompson, Chrissie McAlister, Frances O'Hara RIP

NEXT SUNDAY 12 January (PORTRUSH)

Minister of the Word: Marie McAuley

Eucharistic Minister: Rose Minihan

THE CAUSEWAY COAST PEACE GROUP

On Tuesday, 14th January, 10:00-12:00
(Tea/Coffee 10:00-10:30)

In St Patrick's Church Hall, Portrush

Speaker: Rev Norman Hamilton

Theme: Revisiting Peace in Northern Ireland
New members/Attendees always welcome

COLERAINE

REST IN PEACE

RECENT: Brendan Murray, Malcolm Sharp RIP

ONE YEAR AGO: Bishop Patrick Walsh RIP

ANNIVERSARIES: Margaret Butcher, Pegg Butcher, May Duffy, Bridget & Noel O'Hara, Varkey Jacob, Mary McKillop, Anthony McCrudden RIP

COLLECTIONS

PORTSTEWART

Last weekend's Parish Collection: **£1850**

Christmas Collection: **£4055**

Our account details are: Portstewart Parish
Sort Code: 95-04-28 Account number: 91011049
Please use your name as our reference.

PORTRUSH

Last weekend's Parish Collection: **£758**

Christmas Collection: **£2108**

Our account details are: Portrush Parish
Sort Code: 95-06-79 Account number: 00254207
Please use your name as our reference.

COLERAINE

Last weekend's Parish Collection came to **£1102**

Christmas Collection: **£2268**

Our account details are: St Malachy's Church
Sort Code: 90-48-00 Account number: 88609151
Please use your name as our reference.

Thank you for your generosity throughout the year in supporting the parishes.

STAY CURIOUS: TRY ALPHA

Join us for the Alpha programme, where we engage in thought-provoking presentations and group conversations about the meaning of life and faith. This friendly interdenominational setting fosters open dialogue and connection among participants from different backgrounds. Whether you're questioning, exploring, or seeking to deepen your understanding of your faith, Alpha warmly welcomes you to this programme.

The programme will run on Tuesday evenings from 7pm – 9pm beginning on 14 January and running to 8 April 2025. It will take place in Bushtown Hotel, 283 Drumcroom Rd, Coleraine

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