



THE PARISHES OF PORTSTEWART, PORTRUSH & BUSHMILLS & ST. MALACHY'S COLERAINE

North Connor Pastoral Community

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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



23rd February 2025

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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

Tues. & Fri. at 10am

CONFESSIONS: After 10.00am 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: **£1618**

Sick & Retired Priests Collection: **£1212**

Our account details are: Portstewart Parish

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

PORTRUSH

Last weekend's Collections: Weekly Offering: **£495.22**

Sick & Retired Priests Collection: **£318.80**

Our account details are: Portrush Parish

Sort Code: 95-06-79 Account number: 00254207

ST. MALACHY'S COLERAINE

Last weekend's Collections: Weekly Offering: **£1117.84**

Sick & Retired Priests Collection: **£559.18**

Our account details are: St Malachy's Church

Sort Code: 90-48-00 Account number: 88609151

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.



PORTSTEWART: 07508 549572

PORTRUSH: 07508 549574

COLERAINE: 07738 837959

PORTSTEWART

Parish Secretary: 028 7083 2534

Email: portstewart@downandconnor.org

Parish Office Hours 24 – 28 February

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

REST IN PEACE

RECENT: Stephen Mullen, Dolores McGowan, Brendan Mulholland, Rita Mulholland, Phil McMullan, Mary Bartram, Sr. Frances Vass, RIP

ONE YEAR AGO: Michael McGurnaghan RIP

ANNIVERSARIES: David McGurnaghan, Deacon Hugh Robinson, Una Spears, Mary Convery, Noeleen Kinney, Rose Donnelly, Ernest Mullan, Bernard McNicholl, Francis McAuley Snr. RIP

NEXT WEEKEND - 01 & 02 MARCH (PORTSTEWART)

VIGIL 5pm Minister of the Word: Lorna O'Brien

Eucharistic Ministers: Helen Conway, Mary Loughrey, Margaret McQuillan

SUNDAY 10am Minister of the Word: Una Crowe

Eucharistic Ministers: Ruth McGuckian* Mark Donaghy* Seamus O'Hara* Susan Kelly

COLERAINE

Fr. Nideesh Varghese: 028 7034 3156

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Parish Office: CLOSED

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REST IN PEACE

RECENT: Ann McGowan, Amanda Lennox RIP

ONE MONTH AGO: Gillian Anne Simpson RIP

ANNIVERSARIES: John Quinn, William Doherty, Hugh Doherty, Annie Loughran, Joseph Lynn, Sean McFerron, Mark McGill, Annie Moore, James Higgins, Brendan McAuley, Patrick Doherty, Annie Moore nee Callaghan RIP

LENTEN PROGRAM – PORTSTEWART

We invite you to join us for our new Lenten program, **Pilgrim Hearts – Walking in the steps of Jesus** this Lent, a 6-week Lenten journey inspired by the Sunday gospels and the lives of the Irish Saints who embraced faith in times of challenge. From St Patrick's prayers on the mountain to St Brigid's acts of compassion, their lives remind us that holiness is lived in simple, everyday choices. Sessions will be held directly after **Friday morning Mass**, starting **Friday 7th March** in the Marian Hall, all welcome.

PORTRUSH

Fr Patrick Delargy: 028 7082 3388

Email: portrush@downandconnor.org

Parish Office Hours: Tues 25th February – 9am - 2pm

REST IN PEACE

RECENT: Oonagh Stratford, Malgorzata Zamojska, Gerry O'Kane, Teresa O'Kane, Sr. Frances Vass RIP

ANNIVERSARIES: Maureen McAuley, Michael McAuley, Deacon Hugh Robinson RIP

NEXT SUNDAY – 02 MARCH (PORTRUSH)

Minister of the Word: Marie McAuley

Eucharistic Minister: Jimmy Friel

ALTAR SOCIETY

15-28 Feb: Marie McAuley, Marie Conway, Mary McIntyre-Loveridge

01-14 March: Mary Gordon, Marie McAuley

'SING FOR JOY!' - A DAY OF MUSIC AND MINISTRY

Are you involved, or keen to become involved in Church Music in your Parish, School, University etc.?

We invite you to join us for 'Sing for Joy!' - A Day of Music and Ministry. Saturday 26th April 2025 at Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co. Donegal. Boat departs at 9:30am.

There will be various inputs as well as time to pray, connect with others and explore this Sacred place. The day will conclude with the Celebration of the Eucharist at 5pm (open to the public). This day is open to young people aged 18-35 and is free to attend (supported by the Knights of St Columbanus). **Registration is essential via <https://bit.ly/SingforJoy>. For further information please contact: +447759496677 or info@knightsstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk**

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - PORTSTEWART

This year's World Day of Prayer service will take place in **Portstewart Methodist Church on Friday 7th March at 7.30pm** with light refreshments after the service. The theme this year is *'I made you wonderful'* and was written by women from the Cook Islands. Join us as our local churches come together to explore the culture and beauty of the Cook Islands as we pray for justice, peace, and healing; that our world will come to treat all people as "fearfully and wonderfully made." All welcome.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - COLERAINE

This year the service of the World Day of Prayer will be in **Macosquin Church of Ireland, Coleraine on Friday 7th March at 7.30pm**. The service was prepared by the Christian women from the Cook Islands. The theme "I made you wonderful". Everyone welcome!



"Hope" – A Retreat for Those Discerning the Priesthood

Are you considering the call to the priesthood? Join us for a Vocation to the Priesthood Retreat from 7th–9th March at Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne. This year's theme, **"Priests as Men of Hope,"** invites us to reflect on the joy and strength that come from trusting in God's plan. To book a place or for more information, contact the Vocations Director: Fr Conor McGrath at c.mcgrath@downandconnor.org

DROMANTINE SUMMER CAMP 2025

Registration for Camp 2025 goes live on Saturday 1st March for players (11-16) and the leadership team (17+). For more information about camp and how to register please visit our website at www.dromantinesummercamp.co.uk.

2025 Camp dates are as follows:

- Boys week 1: 20th - 25th July
- Boys week 2: 27th July - 1st August
- Girls week 1: 3rd - 8th August
- Girls week 2: 10th - 15th August

DIOCESAN MASS FOR VICTIMS & SURVIVORS OF ABUSE

Pope Francis has invited Bishops around the world to establish a special day of prayer in the Church year to support the journey of human and spiritual recovery. This day is not only for victims and survivors who have been so severely injured, either inside or outside our Church, but also for the families and communities affected by grief for their loved ones. Within Down and Connor, our Apostolic Administrator, Mass will be celebrated on **FRIDAY 7th February 2025 in Saint Patrick's Church, Donegall Street, Belfast at 1:00pm** to pray for and remember victims and survivors of abuse within our Church. At this Mass the Candle of Atonement will be lit. You are invited to attend this important Diocesan event.

UNIVERSITY/PARISH BREAKFAST YOUTH GATHERING

All 18-30yr olds are invited to a gathering in the Marian Hall for **'breakfast and a chat'** after 10am Mass in St. Mary's Star of the Sea, Portstewart on Sunday 2nd March. This is open to all university students and all young people from our Family of Parishes! Why not come along and meet with other young people to celebrate our faith!

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary in Portstewart are inviting all auxiliaries as a **'Thank You'** for your prayers and support for the Legion, to tea/coffee with scones and fruit loaf in **St. Mary's, Star of the Sea Parish Centre on Thursday 27th February after 9.30am Mass**. Please contact the Legion on 07851749547 if you can attend. We look forward to seeing you then!

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