



2nd March 2025

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

North Connor Pastoral Community

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EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – TEMPERANCE SUNDAY



Sunday C / Weekdays 1 Psalter Week 4

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. Wed. & 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

Monday – Friday – 7.00am

Tues., Wed., Thurs., & 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

ASH WEDNESDAY 5TH MARCH

Portstewart: 9.30am & 7pm

Portrush: 10.30am

Coleraine: 7am, 10am & 7pm

Ballymoney: 10am & 7pm

University: E102B Riverside Suite: 1.30pm

Causeway Hospital: Ashes distributed in Chapel
between 12.30pm & 1.15pm (No Mass/ Service)



COLLECTIONS

PORTSTEWART

Last weekend's Collections: Weekly Offering: **£1355**

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

PORTRUSH

Last weekend's Collections: Weekly Offering: **£482.62**

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

ST. MALACHY'S COLERAINE

Last weekend's Collections: Weekly Offering: **£992.36**

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

Parish Secretary: 028 7083 2534

Email: portstewart@downandconnor.org

Parish Office Hours 03 – 07 March

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

REST IN PEACE

RECENT: Stella Stuart, Eddie Devenney, Stephen Mullen, Dolores McGowan, Irene Kempston RIP
ANNIVERSARIES: Margaret Padley, Dorothy Cox, Pat Higgins, Teresa Higgins, Ellen Bradley, Dermot Hennessey, Joseph Wright RIP

NEXT WEEKEND - 08 & 09 MARCH (PORTSTEWART)

VIGIL 5pm Minister of the Word: Alison Rankin
Eucharistic Ministers: Deirdre McCann, Margaret Conway, Tracy McMorrough
SUNDAY 10am Minister of the Word: Paddy Mulvenna
Eucharistic Ministers: Margaret McLernon* Mary McKenna* Geraldine Doherty* Brian Lenehan

COLERAINE

Fr. Nideesh Varghese: 028 7034 3156

Email: coleraine@downandconnor.org

Parish Office: CLOSED

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REST IN PEACE

RECENT: Ann McGowan, Amanda Lennox RIP
ANNIVERSARIES: Robert George Leslie, Michael McKeefry, Mary Catherine McKeefry, Grainne McKeefry, Tommy Mailey, Eileen Bradley, Pete McCotter, John Cassidy, Ethna Shanley, Margaret Bradley, Margaret Carton, John McCann RIP

APOSTOLIC WORK SOCIETY

Next meeting of St. Malachy's branch of Apostolic Work will be Monday 3rd March at 7.30pm in the parish centre. New members will be very welcome.

SHORT TERM PLEDGE FOR LENT

Pope Francis has invited us this Lent to "journey in hope together". A short-term pledge is available via www.pioneerassociation.org for parishioners who wish to become a "pilgrim of hope" for people who are living under the shadow of addiction.

VACANCY FOR TEMPORARY CLEANER

St. Colum's P.S. require a temporary cleaner, 15 hours per week(afternoons). Please contact the school office for further information. Telephone 0287083010

PORTRUSH

Fr Patrick Delargy: 028 7082 3388

Email: portrush@downandconnor.org

Parish Office Hours: Tues 04th March – 9am - 2pm

REST IN PEACE

RECENT: Gerry O'Kane, Teresa O'Kane, RIP
ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Donaghey, Angela McKenna, Joe D'Arcy RIP

NEXT SUNDAY – 09 MARCH (PORTRUSH)

Minister of the Word: John McNally
Eucharistic Minister: Mary McIntyre-Loveridge

ALTAR SOCIETY

01-14 March: Mary Gordon, Marie McAuley

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Date: Friday 7th March at 7.30pm

Locations: Portstewart Methodist Church
Macosquin Church of Ireland, Coleraine
Portrush Presbyterian Church

This year's theme is 'I Made You Wonderful' and was prepared by Christian 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." Everyone is very welcome.

PORTRUSH REHEARSAL FOR WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

All readers and choir members participating in the World Day of Prayer are invited to a practice today, Sunday 2nd March at 2.30pm in Portrush Presbyterian Church.

"Hope" – A Retreat for Those Discerning the Priesthood

Are you considering the call to the priesthood? Join us for a 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

CAUSEWAY COAST PEACE GROUP

Invite you to their next meeting on **Tuesday, 11th March.**

Time: 10.00am -12.00noon (Tea/Coffee 1000-1030)

Venue: Dunluce Presbyterian Church

Speaker: Fr. Kevin McGuckien

Theme: Embracing Grace

New members/Attendees always welcome!

A warm welcome will be extended to all who come along!

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS Each Saturday after 9.30am Mass in St. Mary's, Star of the Sea Church, Portstewart.



CELEBRATING THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT

There is Early Morning Mass at 7am every week day during Lent at St Malachy's Church, Coleraine

Wanting to do something extra during Lent?



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St. Patrick's Church, Portrush: Each Monday & Tuesday after 10.30am Mass

St. Mary's Star of the Sea Church, Portstewart: Each Friday at 3.00pm

St. Malachy's Church, Coleraine: Each Friday at 7.00pm

Our Lady & St. Patrick's Church, Ballymoney: Tuesdays at 7.00pm with Benediction

LIVING WITH THE WORD OF GOD: LECTIO DIVINA

A meditative reading of the Word of God, focusing on the Sunday Gospels through quiet reflection, music and prayer. Thursday evenings in the Marian Hall (access through the side door of the Church) from 7-8pm.

LIVING FAITH

A five week programme for 18-30 year olds, discussing central aspects of our faith and helping us to move from being mere spectators to being fully committed disciples of Jesus. Each Tuesday during Lent in the Marian Hall from 7.30-9.00pm. We begin with some food!

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.

JUBILEE LENTEN REFLECTIONS

BY FR. DARREN BRENNAN

Join the Down and Connor Facebook Page or the YouTube Channel at 7pm each Sunday to reflect on 'Witnesses of Hope from the Scriptures.'

"HE HAS ANOINTED ME TO BRING GOOD NEWS TO THE POOR" LK.4:18)

Lenten Retreat - Saturday 8th March 2025

Venue: St Paul's Parish Centre, Falls Road Belfast

Time: 10.00am-4.00pm

Speaker: Fr. Darren Brennan

For further information contact Collette on 07791078453. Please bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be provided.



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