



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

North Connor Pastoral Community

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

9th March 2025



Sunday C / First Week of Lent / Psalter Week 1

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

Monday – Friday – 7.00am

Mon., Tues., 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



MASS TIMES FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Holy Day of Obligation

Portstewart: 10am

Portrush: 10.30am

St. Malachy's Coleraine: 7am & 10am

Ballymoney: 10am

COLLECTIONS

PORTSTEWART

Last weekend's Collections: Weekly Offering: **£1748**

Monthly Offering: **£1260**

Our account details are: Portstewart Parish

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

PORTRUSH

Last weekend's Collections: Weekly Offering: **£612.70**

Monthly Offering: **£486.70**

Our account details are: Portrush Parish

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

ST. MALACHY'S COLERAINE

Last weekend's Collections: Weekly Offering: **£1036**

Monthly Offering: **£631**

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 10 – 14 March

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

REST IN PEACE

RECENT: Stella Stuart, Eddie Devenney, Stephen Mullen, Dolores McGowan, Irene Kempston RIP

ONE YEAR AGO: Kate Boyle RIP

ANNIVERSARIES: Hugh Stewart, Ann Lundy, Donal Roantree, Brendan Fitzpatrick, Maria O'Boyle, Mary Charley, Willie Butcher, Vincent Fulton, Monica Horner, Marleen King, John King, Maureen Forde RIP

NEXT WEEKEND - 15 & 16 MARCH (PORTSTEWART)

VIGIL 5pm Minister of the Word: Seamus O'Hara

Eucharistic Ministers: Deirdre McCann, Martina Murphy, Ruth McGuckian

SUNDAY 10am Minister of the Word: Eugene Kelly

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary McMahan* Mark Donaghy* Pat Calvert* Susan Kelly

COLERAINE

Fr. Nideesh Varghese: 028 7034 3156

Email: coleraine@downandconnor.org

Parish Office: CLOSED

Please contact Portstewart Parish Office with Anniversaries and Notices for the Bulletin

REST IN PEACE

RECENT: Patricia Smyth, Ann McGowan, Amanda Lennox RIP

ANNIVERSARIES: James McCamphill, Isabella Doherty, John Doherty, Tommy Mailey RIP

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.

DO THIS IN MEMORY

Our next Mass in the Parish Preparation Programme for First Holy Communion is next **Sunday 16th March**. There will be light refreshments after 10am Mass in the Marian Hall for all the children and families taking part in the programme. There will also be Do This in Memory in each of the other churches in our family of parishes at the usual Sunday Mass times!

PORTRUSH

Fr Patrick Delargy: 028 7082 3388

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Parish Office Hours: Tues 11th March – 9am - 2pm

REST IN PEACE

ANNIVERSARIES: Michael McAuley, Liam McLaughlin Mary Donaghy, Brendan McAuley RIP

NEXT SUNDAY – 16 MARCH (PORTRUSH)

Minister of the Word: Mary McAlister

Eucharistic Minister: Rose Minihan

ALTAR SOCIETY

01-14 March: Mary Gordon, Marie McAuley

15-28 March: Ann Maguire, Pat Neely

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!



EOGHAN RUA ST. PATRICKS DAY CELEBRATION

☘ Come join Eoghan Rua in craic, ceol agus damhsa at Star of the Sea Parish Centre, celebrating St Patrick's day on Monday 17th March. 11-1pm. Refreshments provided. Free entry. Donations appreciated. ☘

HELP US IN OUR SEARCH FOR THE TRUTH

If you or a family member have been affected by a Mother and Baby Home Institution, Magdalene Laundry, or Workhouse, the Truth and Recovery programme would like to hear from you.

The Truth Recovery Independent Panel has been appointed by the Northern Ireland Executive Office to carry out an independent investigation.

We wish to to hear from:

- Any person who has been directly impacted
- Relatives of those directly impacted
- Any person who has worked, volunteered in, or lived in close proximity to one of these institutions

Can you help? Please get in touch:

Address: Truth Recovery Independent Panel, 4th Floor, Equality House 7 - 9 Shaftesbury Square, Belfast, BT2 7DB
Phone: 028 9052 0263 (Open Monday – Friday 11am - 12pm and 3pm - 4pm or leave a voicemail on our secure answering service any time outside of these hours.)

Email: testimony@independentpanel.org.uk

Web: www.independentpanel.truthrecoveryni.co.uk

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 with Confessions from 6.30pm and Adoration

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

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**, in the Marian Hall, all welcome.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

Please join us directly after 9.30am Mass on Saturdays in St Mary's Star of the Sea Church, Portstewart

We will:

- Venerate the Divine Mercy Image
- Consecrate ourselves to the Divine Mercy
- Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Pray St Faustina's praises to the Divine Mercy

Our prayer intentions for March are:

Peace in the world, the well-being and intentions of Pope Francis, the intentions of all parishioners, family life in our parish.

(our Divine Mercy Devotions will last for 30 minutes)

Choir Practice

This Monday at 7.30pm in Portstewart Church. All new members very welcome!



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