



7th December 2025

MASS TIMES

On Monday, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Mass times in our Family of Parishes are as follows:

Portstewart: 9.30am & 7.00pm
Portrush: 10.30am
St. Malachy's: 11.00am
Ballymoney: 10.00am & 7.00pm



STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH, PORTSTEWART

MONDAY: 9.30am & 7.00pm
TUESDAY: 7.00pm
WEDNESDAY – FRIDAY: 9.30am
SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: 4.30pm
SUNDAY MASS: 10.00am

Children's Liturgy at the Sunday 10am Mass

CONFESSION:

SATURDAYS: 3.45-4.15pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

THURSDAYS: 10.00am-5.00pm

ST. MALACHY'S CHURCH, COLERAINE

MONDAY: 11.00am
TUES, THURS, FRI & SAT: 10.00am
SUNDAY MASSES: 11.30am & 5.00pm

Children's Liturgy at the Sunday 11.30am Mass

CONFESSION:

SATURDAYS: 10.30am
SUNDAYS: 4.30pm

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, PORTRUSH

MONDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY: 10.30am
SUNDAY MASS: 12 Noon

OUR LADY & ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYMONEY

MONDAY: 10.00am & 7.00pm
WEDNESDAY: 10.00am
FRIDAY: 7.00pm
SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: 6.00pm
SUNDAY MASS: 9.30am

COLLECTIONS

PORTSTEWART

Last weekend's Collections: Weekly Offering: £1551

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

PORTRUSH

Last weekend's Collections: Weekly Offering: £478

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

ST. MALACHY'S COLERAINE

Last weekend's Collections: Weekly Offering: £1124

Our account details are: St Malachy's Church
Sort Code: 90-48-00 Account number: 88609151

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY!

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

North Connor Pastoral Community

Fr Kevin McGuckien PP Telephone: 028 7083 2534 Email: k.mcguckien@downandconnor.org

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PORTSTEWART

Parish Secretary: 028 7083 2534

Email: portstewart@downandconnor.org

Parish Office: Mon: 9am-2pm Thurs & Fri: 10am-3pm

REST IN PEACE

RECENT: Ellie Quigg RIP

ANNIVERSARIES: Derek Bond, Frank Quigg, Martha Diamond, Teresa Sweeney, Thelma O'Lynn, D.P. McGowan, Anne Boote, Frances Nash, Sean O'Boyle, Ernie McKinney, Neal McCaughan, Hugh Kelly, Helen O'Hare RIP

NEXT WEEKEND – 13 & 14 DEC (PORTSTEWART)

VIGIL MASS: 4.30pm

Minister of the Word: Parish Youth

Eucharistic Ministers: Margaret McQuillan, Tracy McMorrough, Alison Rankin/Deirdre McCann

SUNDAY MASS: 10.00am

Minister of the Word: Eugene Kelly

Eucharistic Ministers: Julie Roantree*, Ruth McGuckian*, Margaret McLernon*, Susan Kelly

ST. MALACHY'S, COLERAINE

Phone Number: 028 7034 3156

Email: coleraine@downandconnor.org

Parish Office: CLOSED (Please send anniversaries & bulletin notices to portstewart@downandconnor.org)

REST IN PEACE

RECENT: Patrick Butcher, Billy Steele RIP

ONE MONTH AGO: Eamon Kneeland RIP

ANNIVERSARIES: Charles (Dickie) Bradley, Thomas Boyce, John McCormick, James Keegan, Ernie McKinney, Tom Kelly, Margaret Carton, Patrick Carton, William Carton, Helen O'Hare, Brendan McGuigan, Michael McGuigan RIP

PORTRUSH

Fr Patrick Delargy: 028 7082 3388

Email: portrush@downandconnor.org

Parish Office: Tuesday 9th December: 9am-2pm

NEXT SUNDAY – 14 DECEMBER (PORTRUSH)

SUNDAY: 12 Noon

Minister of the Word: Stephen O'Neill

Eucharistic Minister: Mary McIntyre-Loveridge

REST IN PEACE

RECENT: Charlie McConaghy, Maura Holly RIP

ANNIVERSARY: Catherine Mulholland, John Eddie Mullan, Eileen Mullan RIP

✿ Christmas Flower Arranging - Saturday 13th Dec

From 10:00am - 12:00 Noon at Eoghan Rua Club ☺

Bring along some greenery from the garden, a few flowers and maybe a container. Guidance, oases and craic provided. Looking forward to seeing you there ..NO

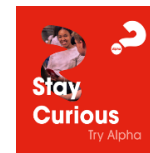
EXPERIENCE NEEDED 😊😊

CANTEMUS CONCERT

In St. Mary's Star of the Sea Church, Portstewart on **Friday 12th December at 7.30pm**. Tickets are £10 including refreshments and can be purchased from the repository or by contact Emer on 07709043921!

Stay Curious: Try Alpha

You are warmly invited to a short film and small group discussion exploring life, faith and meaning in a friendly, relaxed, cross-community setting.



- Tuesdays 7-9pm from 13 January 2026
- Bushtown Hotel, 283 Drumcroon Rd, Coleraine
- Further information: Alphanorthcoast@gmail.com or telephone: 077 6064 7665


DOMINICAN COLLEGE CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

On Wednesday 17th December at 7.30pm in St. Mary's, Star of the Sea Church. Always a beautiful and powerful evening of music, prayer and reflection! Service for the School on Thursday 18th December morning!

ST COLUM'S PRIMARY SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE

Come and join the children and staff from St. Colum's Primary School for their annual Carol Service on **Thursday 11th December at 6.30pm**. It is always a real treat!

LORETO COLLEGE, COLERAINE CAROL SERVICE

 Loreto College Coleraine warmly invites you to their **Christmas Carol Service** on **Tuesday 16th December at 7pm**. Tea, coffee and mince pies will be served after in Café Lorette. Free Admission. Tickets available from Ticket Source.

SERVICE OF LIGHT & COMMITMENT FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

In St. Malachy's Church, Coleraine on Thursday 11th December 2025 at 7.00pm.



NOVEMBER DEAD LISTS

We would like to thank all who gave Mass offerings with their November Dead lists. £600 was sent from St. Patrick's Parish, Portrush to the fantastic charity, **Aid to the Church in Need**. We know that the work they are doing for the persecuted Christians throughout the world is invaluable.

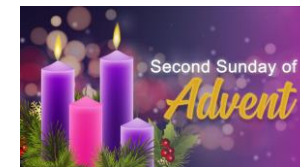
PILGRIMS OF HOPE PENITENTIAL SERVICE

There will be a Jubilee Celebration of Reconciliation in All Saint's Church, Ballymena on **Saturday 13th December from 12.00 Noon – 5.30pm**. Priests will be available for Confession throughout this time. Please avail of this wonderful opportunity to prepare our hearts for Christmas through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



DO THIS IN MEMORY

Our next Mass in the Parish preparation programme for First Holy Communion is next **Sunday 14th December in each of our parishes.**



SUNDAY YEAR A/PSALTER WEEK 2

FAMILY & YOUTH MASS IN PORTSTEWART

Our next **Family and Youth focused Mass** is taking place next Saturday night (13th December) at our vigil Mass - 4.30pm. Members of our Youth Group will be taking up various roles within the Mass. **After Mass** our youth group (**secondary aged children**) will be meeting in the **Marian Hall** for Fun, Faith, Friendship and Food. This is open to all secondary aged children within our family of parishes. Any new members can turn up and register on the night.



HAVE YOURSELF A MUSICAL CHRISTMAS

The choir at St Malachy's are looking for more singers & musicians to come & join us, as we prepare for our Christmas Masses. Rehearsals every Tuesday from 7.30pm to 8.30pm in the Sacristy of our Church. Enter via the back door. We look forward to meeting new members & you shall be greeted with a very warm welcome.

COUNTERPOINT CHOIR

FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS

In **St. Malachy's Church Coleraine** on **Sunday 7th December at 7.30pm**, in conjunction with Causeway Churches' Forum. All are most welcome to attend this festive event. **Free Admission.**



BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

(BLESSING OF BABY JESUS CRIB FIGURES)

Please bring the 'Baby Jesus' figurines from **your home for blessing to the Vigil Mass on Sat 13th Dec & all the Masses in our parishes on Sun 14th Dec.**

Next Sunday (14th December) is **Gaudete Sunday**, the 3rd Sunday of Advent. Gaudete means "rejoice" and on this Sunday we rejoice because we are almost at Christmas, the day when we will celebrate the coming of Jesus into the world; the greatest gift we have ever been given. On Gaudete Sunday, our parish will join with parishes around the world, in celebrating the tradition of 'Bambinelli Sunday'.

The Baby Jesus crib figures will be blessed. After the blessing, you are invited to wrap the Baby Jesus crib figure in wrapping paper and to place him under your Christmas tree.

On Christmas morning let this be the first gift to be unwrapped in your family home.

'SVP GIVING SUNDAY 13TH/14TH DECEMBER.

The annual **Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVP)** Christmas collection will take place after **ALL Masses in Portstewart, Portrush and St. Malachy's Church, Coleraine on 13th & 14th December. All donations will be warmly welcomed. Our thanks to everyone for their donations throughout the year. You can contribute if you can afford to do so, to your SVP members, online at svp-ni.co.uk or by calling 02890750161.**

SVP SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY

PORTSTEWART: 07508 549572

PORTRUSH: 07508 549574 **COLERAINE:** 07738 837959

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