



4<sup>th</sup> January 2026

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

North Connor Pastoral Community

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SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS



SUNDAY YEAR A/PSALTER WEEK 2

## MASS TIMES

### STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH, PORTSTEWART

**TUES:** 9.30am & 7.00pm  
**WED:** 9.30am  
**THURS:** 9.30am  
**FRI:** 9.30am  
**SAT VIGIL:** 4.30pm  
**SUN:** 10.00am

### ST. MALACHY'S CHURCH, COLERAINE

**MON:** 7.00pm  
**TUES:** 11.00am  
**THURS:** 10.00am  
**FRI:** 10.00am  
**SAT:** 10.00am  
**SUN:** 11.30am & 5.00pm

### ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, PORTRUSH

**MON, TUES & FRI:** 10.30am  
**SUN:** 12 Noon

### OUR LADY & ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYMONEY

**TUES:** 10.00am & 7.00pm  
**WED:** 10.00am  
**FRI:** 7.00pm  
**SAT VIGIL:** 6.00pm  
**SUN:** 9.30am

## COLLECTIONS

### PORTSTEWART

Last weekend's Collections: Weekly Offering: £1975  
 Christmas Offering: £4035  
 Our account details are: Portstewart Parish  
 Sort Code: 95-04-28 Account number: 91011049

### PORTRUSH

Last weekend's Collections: Weekly Offering: £687  
 Christmas Offering: £1568  
 Our account details are: Portrush Parish  
 Sort Code: 95-06-79 Account number: 00254207

### ST. MALACHY'S COLERAINE

Last weekend's Collections: Weekly Offering: £1299  
 Christmas Offering: £2352  
 Our account details are: St Malachy's Church  
 Sort Code: 90-48-00 Account number: 88609151

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY!**

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](mailto:portstewart@downandconnor.org)  
 Parish Office: Mon: 9am-2pm & Thurs & Fri: 10am-3pm

### REST IN PEACE

**RECENT:** Elizabeth Gilmore, Brendan McBride RIP  
**ONE YEAR AGO:** Michael Thompson RIP  
**ANNIVERSARIES:** Michael Thompson, Ian Madden, Lily O'Doherty, Noel O'Hara, Bridget O'Hara, Annie Lavery, Vincent McAreavey, Marie Kennedy, Charlie McKeever, Fr. Liam Mullan, Patsy McCrory, Agnes McCullagh RIP

### NEXT WEEKEND – 10 & 11 JAN (PORTSTEWART)

#### VIGIL MASS: 4.30pm

**Minister of the Word:** Seamus O'Hara  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Margaret McQuillan, Tracy McMorrough, Alison Rankin/Deirdre McCann

#### SUNDAY MASS: 10.00am

**Minister of the Word:** Paddy Mulvenna  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Julie Roantree\*, Ruth McGuckian\*, Margaret McLernon\*, Susan Kelly

### ST. MALACHY'S, COLERAINE

Phone Number: 028 7034 3156  
 Email: [coleraine@downandconnor.org](mailto:coleraine@downandconnor.org)  
 Parish Office: CLOSED

### REST IN PEACE

**RECENT:** Eileen McCauley, Donny Varcoe RIP  
**ANNIVERSARIES:** Ian Madden, Noel O'Hara, Bridget O'Hara, Brian MacKenna, Margaret Butcher, Pegg Butcher, Paul Cummings, May Duffy, Varkey Jacob, Mary McKillop, Anthony McCrudden, Agnes Bradley, Anne Bradley, Raymond Hutchinson, James Kealey, Margaret Kealey, Brigid McMullan, Victor Durkan RIP

### PORTRUSH

Fr Patrick Delargy: 028 7082 3388  
 Email: [portrush@downandconnor.org](mailto:portrush@downandconnor.org)  
 Parish Office: Tuesday: 9am-2pm

### NEXT SUNDAY – 11 JANUARY (PORTRUSH)

#### SUNDAY: 12 Noon

**Minister of the Word:** Marie McAuley  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Mary McIntyre-Loveridge

### REST IN PEACE

**RECENT:** Maureen Carroll, Annette Nelis, John Walker RIP  
**ONE YEAR AGO:** Jim Love RIP  
**ANNIVERSARY:** Jackie McNally, Sheila McNally, Mary Thompson, Chrissie McAlister RIP

### THE CLOSE OF THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025

Bishop Alan McGuckian will celebrate the Rite of the Closing of the Jubilee Year with Mass at 3.00pm in St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast this weekend, Sunday 4th January 2026. He would like to invite as many as possible, from across the Diocese, to join him for the Mass and some refreshments afterwards in St Comgall's Centre. While the Jubilee Year of Hope will formally close, the task ahead will be to carry its Message of Hope with us into the New Year.

### PORTRUSH COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

The Community Coffee Morning will resume in St. Patrick's Hall, Portrush on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January at 11am. Wishing all a Happy Christmas & thanks for your support during the year!

### LORETO COLLEGE COLERAINE - OPEN DAY

#### SATURDAY 10 JANUARY 2026

Loreto College invites prospective Year 8 pupils and their parents to attend our Open Day. The Principal's address is at:  
**9.30am for families living West of the River Bann**  
**11am for families living East of the River Bann**  
 Year 12 students hoping to apply for Post-16 studies are also welcome to attend. For more details:  
[www.loretocollege.org.uk](http://www.loretocollege.org.uk)



### 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](mailto:Alphanorthcoast@gmail.com) or telephone: 077 6064 7665



### 4th Motorbike Pilgrimage Through Europe

Leaving around 28th April 2026. Interested? Contact Damien on 0756 3333 903.  
 "For many, reaching Medjugorje is the culmination of a long, reflective ride across borders, symbolizing both physical endurance and spiritual devotion. It stands as a powerful testament to faith on two wheels!"

### POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY:

**For prayer with the Word of God.** Let us pray that praying with the word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

### PORTSTEWART PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL



The Pastoral Council would like to thank all the parishioners who took time to fill out the parish questionnaire. It is great to hear your views and ideas and we look forward to formulating a pastoral plan in the coming weeks. If you would still like to complete the questionnaire, you may do so until the end of January. Just scan this QR code with the camera on your phone and take 5 minutes to answer the questionnaire which is anonymous and comes directly to the Parish Office. Thank you.

### Acts of the Apostles – Online Course

Join us to read through the book of Acts to explore the experiences of the first followers of Jesus that gave birth to the Church.

Learn from:

- The Power of Pentecost
- Early Faith Communities
- Spreading the Gospel
- Facing problems and opposition

### Course Details

**Start Date:** Thursday 22 January 2026 for 6 weeks  
**Time:** 7.00-8.30pm  
**Online** via GoogleMeet  
 To register contact Kieran Hill on 07964287839  
 E mail: [kc.hill@btinternet.com](mailto:kc.hill@btinternet.com)

### A MEN'S RETREAT – THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME

From Nazareth to Now – Called, Anointed, Sent: Living the Faith publicly. **In Portglenone Monastery on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January from 9.00am-1.00pm.** Beginning with Rosary at 9am, followed by Mass at 9.30am (Celebrant – Fr. Aelred) **'Living the Faith as a man in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century'**. Keynote Address by Dr. Gaven Kerr, Lecturer in Philosophy at St. Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth. For more info, please contact Thomas Carey on 07967620435 or [sean@catholicminute.co.uk](mailto:sean@catholicminute.co.uk)



**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January** is a Holy Day of Obligation. It is the **Feast of the Epiphany**. Mass will be celebrated in our Family of Parishes at the following times:

**St. Mary's, Star of the Sea Church, Portstewart:** Tues 6<sup>th</sup> @ 9.30am & 7.00pm  
**St. Malachy's Church, Coleraine:** Mon. 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7.00pm  
 Tues 6<sup>th</sup> @ 11.00am  
**St. Patrick's Church, Portrush:** Tues 6<sup>th</sup> @ 10.30am  
**Our Lady & St. Patrick's Church, Ballymoney:** Tues 6<sup>th</sup> @ 10.00am & 7.00pm

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