



1<sup>st</sup> February 2026

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

North Connor Pastoral Community

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Feast of St. Brigid, Secondary Patron of Ireland



Sunday Year A/Psalter Week 4

## MASS TIMES

### STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH, PORTSTEWART

TUES: 7.00pm  
WED: 9.30am  
THURS: 9.30am  
FRI: 9.30am  
SAT VIGIL: 4.30pm

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT 10.00AM MASS

SUN: 10.00am

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION THURSDAY 10am-5pm

### ST. MALACHY'S CHURCH, COLERAINE

MON: 7.00pm  
TUES: 10.00am  
THURS: 10.00am  
FRI: 10.00am  
SAT: 10.00am

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT 11.30AM MASS

SUN: 11.30am & 5.00pm

### ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, PORTRUSH

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

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FRIDAY 11am-1pm

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

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

## COLLECTIONS

### PORTSTEWART

Last weekend's Collections: Weekly Offering: £1705

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

### PORTRUSH

Last weekend's Collections: Weekly Offering: £484

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

### ST. MALACHY'S COLERAINE

Last weekend's Collections: Weekly Offering: £1214

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/online. Please use your name as 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-1pm, Tues & Thurs 2-5pm

Fri: 9am-5pm

### REST IN PEACE

RECENT: Steven Rafferty, Kathleen Reynolds, John Skelly, Jim Kelly, Sean O'Neill RIP

ONE YEAR AGO: Stephen Mullen RIP

ANNIVERSARIES: Fr. Con Flanagan CC, Michael McGurnaghan, Kathleen Mullan, Mary McKenna, Margaret Brennan, Alex O'Connell, Charlie McManus, Bridget McPeake, Billy Craig, Danny McMullan RIP

### NEXT WEEKEND – 07 & 08 FEB (PORTSTEWART)

### VIGIL MASS: 4.30pm

Minister of the Word: Brendan McLernon

Eucharistic Ministers: Martina Murphy, Tracy McMorrough, Alison Rankin/Deirdre McCann

### SUNDAY MASS: 10.00am

Minister of the Word: Alison Rankin

Eucharistic Ministers: Julie Roantree\*, Ruth McGuckian\*, Pat Calvert\*, Susan Kelly

### ST. MALACHY'S, COLERAINE

Phone Number: 028 7034 3156

Email: [coleraine@downandconnor.org](mailto:coleraine@downandconnor.org)

Parish Office: Mon: 2pm-5pm Thurs: 9am-1pm

### REST IN PEACE

RECENT: Steven Rafferty, Kevin McGuckin, Teresa Holmes RIP

ANNIVERSARIES: Fr. Gregory Cormican PP, Fr. Con Flanagan CC, Brian Monaghan, Jim Bradley, Margaret Brennan, Eileen Fisher, Charlie McManus, Mary McIntyre, Margaret Hutton, Annie Moore, Michael McKeefry, Mary Catherine McKeefry, Grainne McKeefry RIP

### PORTRUSH

Fr Patrick Delargy: 028 7082 3388

Email: [portrush@downandconnor.org](mailto:portrush@downandconnor.org)

Parish Office: Tuesday: 9am-1pm

### NEXT SUNDAY – 08 FEBRUARY (PORTRUSH)

### SUNDAY: 12 Noon

Minister of the Word: Caroline McWilliams Owens

Eucharistic Minister: Stephen O'Neill

### REST IN PEACE

RECENT: Eithne McAuley Rohr, Kevin McGuckin, Maureen Carroll, John Walker RIP

ANNIVERSARIES: Annie Brennan, Sheila McNally, Vincent Mullan, Christine Auld RIP



### Blessing of St. Brigid Crosses

All St. Brigid Crosses will be blessed at the Masses on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February when we will celebrate the Feast of St. Brigid, Secondary Patron of Ireland.

### CANDLEMAS DAY – MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY – THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Monday is the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. It is the day when candles are blessed in the church in honour of Jesus who is called “the light to enlighten the gentiles” in the Gospel. For this reason, it is also known as Candlemas Day. There will be a special **candlelight Mass on Monday at 7pm in St Malachy's** beginning with the blessing of candles and a procession to the Altar. You are welcome to bring your own candles to be blessed and hand candles will be provided for the procession.

**Candles will also be blessed at the 10.30am Mass in Portrush on Monday and a simple blessing of candles will also take place at 9.30am in Ballymoney (without Mass).** Candles can be purchased after Mass this weekend in Portstewart and St. Malachy's, Coleraine. Candles for blessing should be left in the basket in front of the Altar in each church clearly labelled. You cannot purchase the candles after they have been blessed!



### BLESSING OF THROATS

Tuesday is the feast of St Blaise, the patron saint of throat ailments. The blessing of throats will be offered at the end of 10.00am Mass in St Malachy's, 10.30am Mass in Portrush and 7.00pm Mass in Portstewart.



### CHURCH LIVE STREAM

St. Mary's, Star of the Sea, Portstewart have recently

changed their live streaming service to iTech Media. Those who are joining with us for Mass at home can access this service at:

<https://churchmedia.tv/startoftheseaport>

### APOSTOLIC WORK SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Apostolic Work Group will be held in St Malachy's Parish Centre, Coleraine on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 7pm. New members are invited to join us.

### THANK YOU



Thank you to all the Portstewart parishioners who helped in any way last weekend in preparation for Fr. Brian Mullan's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass. We especially thank all who set up and provided hospitality in the Parish Centre after the Mass. The delicious home baking and warm hospitality was greatly appreciated by Fr. Brian Mullan's family.



### DOWN and CONNOR DIOCESAN TRUST

### ST COLMCILLE'S PARISH, BELFAST

### VACANCY - 'VOCATIONS SUPPORT OFFICER'

An exciting opportunity has arisen for the recruitment of a Vocations Support Officer to be based within St Colmcille's Parish, 191 Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast, BT4 3JB. Reporting to the Director of Vocations, the role holder will be required to support, promote and sustain a culture of vocations across the Diocese of Down and Connor by co-ordinating outreach, communications, events and relationships that encourage discernment and prayer for vocations. The terms are based on a permanent appointment for 20 hours per week. Flexible working pattern including some evenings and weekends. Hybrid working (parish, diocesan, and remote as appropriate and agreed with the Director of Vocations).

Salary: £15,600 gross per annum.

Full details relating to the vacancy can be found on the Diocesan website at: <http://www.downandconnor.org> clicking on the tab: job vacancies. Closing date for applications is 12.00noon on Tuesday 10 February 2026.

### NATIONAL SEMINAR

The Parish Cell System for Evangelisation will be holding its National Seminar on the 28th and 29th of March this year at Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne. The theme is **From Encounter to Mission**. The National Seminar is open to both Cell members and non-Cell members to register and attend. For bookings, please contact Drumalis on 028 28272196.

### DOWN & CONNOR PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2026

8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> July. 5 & 7 Night options available. Please visit [www.downandconnor.org/lourdes](http://www.downandconnor.org/lourdes) for more information or call the Pilgrimage Office on (028) 9077 0162 or email [lourdes@downandconnor.org](mailto:lourdes@downandconnor.org) Youth Team (10-17th July): applications now open (see website for details)



### ART GROUP CLASSES RESUMING

Art Classes will be resuming again on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February from 11am-1pm and on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February from 7.30pm-9.30pm in St. Mary's Star of the Sea Parish Centre, Portstewart. New members are very welcome. It is a creative and beautiful way to relax, so come along and give it a try!

### PORTSTEWART LEGION OF MARY

If you would like to have the Legion of Mary Statue in your home / would like a home visit, please contact the Legion of Mary on **07851749547**. It is a great blessing to have the Statue in your home and to pray the Rosary for peace in the world as Our Lady has asked us to!



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.