



22nd February 2026

1st Sunday of Lent

"One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God."

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

North Connor Pastoral Community

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First Sunday of Lent



Sunday Year A/Psalter Week 1

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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION THURSDAY 10am-5pm

ST. MALACHY'S CHURCH, COLERAINE

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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION FRIDAY 11am-1pm

OUR LADY & ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYMONEY

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

COLLECTIONS

PORTSTEWART

Last weekend's Collections: Weekly Offering: £1475
Sick & Retired Priests: £1080

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

PORTRUSH

Last weekend's Collections: Weekly Offering: £495
Sick & Retired Priests: £384

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

ST. MALACHY'S COLERAINE

Last weekend's Collections: Weekly Offering: £1347
Sick & Retired Priests: £583

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
Parish Office: Mon: 9am-1pm, Tues & Thurs 2-5pm
Fri: 9am-5pm

REST IN PEACE

RECENT: Anne Agnew, Mary Murphy, Kathleen Reynolds, Damian Conway, Madeline Donaghy RIP
ONE MONTH AGO: Steven Rafferty RIP
ONE YEAR AGO: Eddie Devenney, Stella Stuart RIP
ANNIVERSARIES: Kevin Dolan, Noeleen Kinney, Margaret Padley, Frances Kealey, Ellen Tangney, Lisa Christopher, Uel McDonnell, David McGurnaghan, Ernest Mullan, Dorothy Cox, Donal McLaughlin, Ellen Bradley, Alphonsus Kelly, Bernard McNicholl, Francis McAuley Snr. RIP

NEXT WEEKEND – 28 FEB & 01 MAR (PORTSTEWART)

VIGIL MASS: 4.30pm

Minister of the Word: Mary Loughrey

Eucharistic Ministers: Martina Murphy, Margaret Conway, Alison Rankin/Deirdre McCann

SUNDAY MASS: 10.00am

Minister of the Word: Michael Bradley

Eucharistic Ministers: Margaret McLernon*, Mark Donaghy*, Pat Calvert*, Liam Brolly

ST. MALACHY'S, COLERAINE

Phone Number: 028 7034 3156

Email: coleraine@downandconnor.org

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

REST IN PEACE

RECENT: Madeline Donaghy, Martin Stephens RIP
ONE MONTH AGO: Kevin McGuckin, Steven Rafferty RIP
ONE YEAR AGO: Eddie Devenney RIP
ANNIVERSARIES: Ethna Shanley, Ken Loughrey, Margaret Padley, Jim Armstrong, Hugh Doherty, William Doherty, Patrick Doherty, Mark McGill, Annie Loughran, John Quinn, Brian McCracken, Alphonsus Kelly RIP

PORTRUSH

Fr Patrick Delargy: 028 7082 3388

Email: portrush@downandconnor.org

Parish Office: Tuesday: 9am-1pm

NEXT SUNDAY – 01 MARCH - 12 Noon

Minister of the Word: Marie McAuley

Eucharistic Minister: Tomasz Michalski

REST IN PEACE

ONE MONTH AGO: Kevin McGuckin RIP
ANNIVERSARIES: Ethna Shanley, Dolly & Jim Kelly RIP

Discernment Retreat for Diocesan Priesthood

6th-8th March 2026 - For young men who are open to the question: "Is God calling me to be a priest? Time for prayer, silence, and honest conversation. No pressure to decide anything — just space to listen and reflect. For more info, contact Fr Conor McGrath

C.mcgrath@downandconnor.org

CONFESSIONS

St Mary's, Star of the Sea Church, Portstewart

Saturdays: 3.45 – 4.15pm

First Friday of the Month: 10.00am

St. Malachy's Church, Coleraine

Saturdays: 10.00am

Sundays: 4.30pm

St. Patrick's Church, Portrush

Fridays: 10.00am

CHURCH LIVE STREAM

We have recently changed our live streaming service to iTech Media. Those who are joining with us for Mass at home, you can access this service at:

St. Mary's, Star of the Sea Church, Portstewart:

<https://churchmedia.tv/startoftheseaport>

St. Malachy's Church Coleraine:

<https://www.churchmedia.tv/stmalachyscoleraine>

St. Patrick's Church, Portrush:

<https://www.churchmedia.tv/portrush>



CELEBRATING THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT

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

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Each Friday during Lent after 9.30am Mass in St. Mary's, Star of the Sea Church in Portstewart

MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

St. Malachy's Church, Coleraine:

Each Tuesday & Thursday at 9.30am

VESPERS & BENEDICTION

St. Malachy's Church, Coleraine:

Sunday: 6.00pm

BAPTISED AND SENT IN LENT

Have you thought about what you might do for Lent this year?

A Time in Lent for Prayer and Reflection – All Are Welcome During Lent, the parish is offering a simple weekly gathering for anyone who would like space to pause, reflect, and share faith in a relaxed and welcoming setting. Each evening will include a short reflection, a brief video, time for prayer and conversation, and the chance to enjoy a cuppa together. The gatherings will run for five weeks of Lent, each week beginning Wed 25th February at 7.30pm in the Marian Hall, Portstewart. No need to register, just come along.

SHORT TERM PLEDGE IN LENT

Parishioners who wish to take a short-term pledge for Lent are invited to visit www.pioneers.ie or to speak to a Pioneer in the parish.

CONFIRMATION IN PORTSTEWART



We pray for the children from Portstewart Parish who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this Thursday 26th February at 5.00pm in St. Mary's Star of the Sea Church, Portstewart, that they may always call upon the Holy Spirit in their lives to help and guide them.

THE CAUSEWAY COAST PEACE GROUP

Invite you to the next in our series of Meetings for 2025-26
On Tuesday, 10th March, 2026, 10.00am-12.00 Noon.
(Tea/Coffee 1000-1030)

In Dunluce Parish Centre, Bushmills

Speaker: Tony Macaulay

Theme: From Paperboy to Peace Builder

New members/Attendees always welcome and a warm welcome will be extended to all who come along!



LEGION OF MARY ACIES FOR AUXILIARIES:

Sunday 22nd February at 3pm in Sacred Heart Church, Cloughmills. All are very welcome. Contact 07851749547 for more information.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – FRIDAY 6th MARCH

This year the World Day of Prayer Service will be in St. John's Catholic Church, Coleraine on Friday 6th March at 7.30pm. The service has been prepared by the Christian women from Nigeria. The theme is: "I will give you rest, come." This is an ecumenical service. Everyone is very welcome! There will also be a Service for the World Day of Prayer in Portstewart Presbyterian Church on Friday 6th March, at 7.30 pm. All welcome!

BALLYMONEY & DERRYKEIGHAN PARISH VACANCY

'PARISH SUPPORT OFFICER'

We are seeking to recruit a Parish Support Officer to be based within Ballymoney & Derrykeighan Parish, 81 Castle Street, Ballymoney, BT53 6JT. The Parish Support Officer provides confidential, efficient, and professional administrative support to the Parish Priest. Ensuring the effective day-to-day running of the Parish Office by supporting parish life, communications, and the parish leadership structure. This role is parish-facing, office-based, and operational. If you are an individual with excellent communication skills and the ability to deal with sensitive and confidential matters in a professional manner, then we see this as a unique opportunity for you to join the Down and Connor Diocesan Trust Team. The terms are based on a permanent appointment for 10 hours per week. Work pattern to be agreed with the Parish Priest. Rate of pay: £13.50 gross per hour. Full details relating to the vacancy and application packs can be found on the Diocesan website at:

<http://www.downandconnor.org> clicking on the tab: job vacancies and on the Community NI websites. Application Packs are also available from Ballymoney Parish Office. We welcome applications from anyone who feels they meet the criteria as presented and are interested in playing an active role within the Diocese of Down and Connor. Closing date for applications will be 12.00 noon on Tuesday 3 March 2026.

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