



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

North Connor Pastoral Community

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Third Sunday of Lent



Sunday Year A/Psalter Week 3

8th March 2026

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: £1570
Monthly Offering: £1055

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

PORTRUSH

Last weekend's Collections: Weekly Offering: £488
Monthly Offering: £273

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

ST. MALACHY'S COLERAINE

Last weekend's Collections: Weekly Offering: £1111
Monthly Collection: £566

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, Aldyth McLaughlin, May Campbell RIP

ONE MONTH AGO: Kathleen Reynolds RIP

ANNIVERSARIES: Kate Boyle, Jimmy Purdy, Brendan Fitzpatrick, Mary Charley, Vincent Fulton, Dermot Hennessey, Patrick McCullagh RIP

NEXT WEEKEND – 14 & 15 MAR (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: Pat Calvert *, Mark Donaghy *, Margaret McLernon*, Liam Brolly

ST. MALACHY'S, COLERAINE

Phone Number: 028 7034 3156

Email: coleraine@downandconnor.org

Parish Office: Mon: 2pm-5pm

REST IN PEACE

RECENT: Raymond Elliott, David Ellard, Madeline Donaghy, Martin Stephens, Aldyth McLaughlin RIP

ONE YEAR AGO: Patricia Smyth RIP

ANNIVERSARIES: Eileen Bradley, Margaret Bradley, Tommy Mailey, Ethel & Joseph Deeney, Mary Catherine & Michael McKeefry, Mary Charley, Isabella Doherty, John Doherty RIP

PORTRUSH

Fr Patrick Delargy: 028 7082 3388

Email: portrush@downandconnor.org

Parish Office: Tuesday: 9am-1pm

NEXT SUNDAY – 15 MARCH - 12 Noon

Minister of the Word: Marie Conway

Eucharistic Minister: Malgorzata Rutka

REST IN PEACE

ANNIVERSARIES: Michael McAuley RIP

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

Choir Practice - Wednesday at 7.30pm in Portstewart Church. All welcome!



CELEBRATING THE HOLY SEASON OF 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 Portstewart & after 10.00am Mass in St. Malachy's, Coleraine.

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

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 together. We meet each Wednesday at 7.30pm in the Marian Hall. All are welcome!



CONFIRMATION IN PORTRUSH

Congratulations to the children from Portrush Parish who were confirmed on Thursday. Thank you to all involved in the preparation and especially to the children for taking this important step on their journey of faith.

CATHOLIC MEN'S RETREAT - STANDING IN THE BREACH

A retreat for Catholic men will take place at Portglenone Monastery on Saturday 14 March from 9am to 1pm. The theme will focus on spiritual warfare and remaining steadfast in faith during Lent, with a talk by Fr Martin Graham, along with testimonies from Catholic laity. The morning includes the Rosary, Holy Mass, and refreshments. To register or learn more, visit: <https://catholicminute.co.uk/mens-retreat/>

BISHOP ALAN'S PASTORAL LETTER

Bishop Alan McGuckian has this week published a pastoral letter to our diocese called Baptised and Sent. It speaks about how our baptism means we are disciples of Jesus who share in the work of spreading the Gospel. It can be read online at www.downandconnor.org

Parish Cell System for Evangelisation National Seminar (www.parishcells.ie)

Parish Cells Ireland are holding its National Seminar on **28-29 March this year at Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne**. Our theme will be **From Encounter to Mission**. Whether you are a Cell member or non-Cell member, this invitation is open to all parishioners as we explore our call to be witnesses for Christ. For more info see posters in the Church.

PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE – For the parishes of Coleraine, Portstewart, Portrush & Bushmills.

Are you interested in becoming a member of the Parish Liturgy Committee? The sacred seasons and celebrations that mark the liturgical life of our parish require careful planning. This committee will play a vital role in the life of our parish, working to ensure that every Mass and liturgical celebration throughout the Church's year is prepared with care, reverence and a deep spirit of prayer. If you feel called to help enrich the liturgical life of our parish community, we would be delighted to welcome you. If interested, please contact the following members of our Parish Pastoral Councils:

Portstewart – Olivia McLaughlin Tel: 07860889893

Coleraine – Mary Henry Tel: 07787562968

Portrush – Rose Minihan Tel: 07894091003

LAY BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY – PORTRUSH & BUSHMILLS, COLERAINE, PORTSTEWART

Could you be the compassionate presence someone needs in their time of grief?

Our Parishes are seeking volunteers to join the Lay Bereavement Ministry which is a vital and deeply meaningful service that walks alongside parishioners during one of life's most difficult journeys. Our Parish Pastoral Councils have identified bereavement ministry and supporting the bereaved as one of our pastoral priorities.

As a Lay Bereavement Minister, and following a period of training, you would offer care and support in a variety of ways:

- Home visits to bereaved families, always accompanied by a fellow minister.
- Telephone support for those who need a listening ear.
- Group and drop-in sessions held at the Parish Centre.
- Presence at Month's Mind Masses, offering comfort to grieving families.
- Support at the November Mass for the Dead, honouring those we have lost.
- Being a gentle, familiar face — a reminder that no one grieves alone.

This ministry asks for compassion, a willingness to listen, and a desire to serve. Full training will be provided. If you feel called to this ministry, we would love to hear from you. Please speak with or contact Fr Kevin or Fr Paddy for more information.

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