

# PARISH OF PORTRUSH & BUSHMILLS

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



14th February 2021

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday B/Weekdays 1

Psalter week 2

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SVP Clothes Bank situated in the church car park

St Patrick's Altar Society:

6-19 Feb: Rose Minihan & Kathleen Curran

20 Feb-5 Mar: Marie McAuley, Marie Conway &

Mary McIntyre-Loveridge

Parish Facebook page and website



St Patricks Church Portrush

portrushparish.website

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**MASSES THIS WEEK - STREAMED**

Saturday vigil at 6pm, Sunday at noon

Monday 9am, Tuesday 9am, Ash Wednesday 7pm,

Thursday 9am, Friday 9am

These Masses are broadcast online on the Parish website: [portrushparish.website](http://portrushparish.website)

**ROSARY**

A recording of the Rosary will be played **20 minutes before all Masses during Lent**. Parishioners are invited to log on to the parish webcam to participate in this powerful Marian prayer.

The church is open for **private prayer** on Tuesday and Thursday after morning Mass until 2pm, Wednesday 2pm until evening Mass, and Sunday after 12 noon Mass until 5pm. Please observe social-distancing guidelines, sanitise your hands on entry and exit, and sanitise any hard surface you have touched.

**MASSES IN PORTSTEWART – STREAMED**  
[portstewartparish.website](http://portstewartparish.website)

Sunday: Vigil at 5pm, Sunday at 10am

Monday - Saturday: Mass at 9.30am

**REST IN PEACE**

**RECENT:** Canon Brendan McGee, Catherine McWilliams, Anne McCullagh, Teresa Spence

**MONTH'S MIND:** Brian McKenna

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Harry Duffy, Danny O'Neill, Jim Armstrong, Tommy Tinkler, Noreen Devlin, Teresa Butcher, Clare McGuckian

**THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY:**

**Universal: Violence against Women**

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

**HEAR! HERE! Different Tune, Same Rhythm?**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February @ 7pm online**

This session looks at the history, heritage and process of making and playing the fiddle, fife, Uilleann pipes and Lambeg and explores our rich and diverse tradition of music. To register please email: [Bebhinn.mckinley@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk](mailto:Bebhinn.mckinley@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk)

**REACH PORTRUSH FOODBANK**

Parochial Hall, Holy Trinity Church, Main Street, Portrush. **Open each Tuesday from 12 to 2pm** primarily to help families during this latest lockdown. REACH will also use this slot to receive donations. Please leave your donation in an envelope with your name and address on it. All precautions will be taken to minimise risk of infection.

**PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE?**

**Catholic Engaged Encounter**

A 'Zoom' online Marriage Preparation course is planned for **27-28 March 2021**. This 2-day course is a positive way of preparing for Marriage where you will discover how you can enrich your future relationship. Information: [marriageencounter.ie](http://marriageencounter.ie) ☎ 2763 8512



**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February**

The diocese will mark this day with a Mass in St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast, at 10 am.

Watch online:

[www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral](http://www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral)

**DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE**

The virtual Divine Mercy Conference (2021) will take place on 19, 20, and 21 February. It will be broadcast on our website [www.divinemercyconference.com](http://www.divinemercyconference.com) free of charge. It will also be available on [www.RadioMaria.ie](http://www.RadioMaria.ie). The theme of this our 30<sup>th</sup> Conference is: *For Thine is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory* (Mt. 6:13). Speakers over the weekend include Sr. Briege McKenna, Fr. Hayden Williams, Fr. Colomba Jordan, Fr. Brendan Walsh, Rev. Dr. Eunan McDonnell, Fr. Eamonn McCarthy and Christy May.



**ASH WEDNESDAY IS ON 17th FEBRUARY 2021**

**LECTIO DIVINA FOR LENT**

An opportunity for a group of people to come together, pray with scripture and share their insights. A deeper love for scripture opens the door to deepening our relationship with God. This year *Living Church* is providing resources for a **5-week online programme**. Each week the resource looks at the Old Testament readings with a teaching video and then a *Lectio Divina* with the Gospel passage. Each session will be led by trained facilitators and is **open to everyone from across the North Connor Pastoral Community**. The Programme will run on **Monday evenings from 22 February to 22 March inclusive starting @ 7.30pm**. Use this link to join the Zoom Meeting:



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3917526857?pwd=b3ZhaXJVaoFVejAxMWpicFVsVHIRZz09>

Meeting ID: 391 752 6857 Passcode: 3e70J2

**VIA DOLOROSA**

This is a special resource prepared by *Living Church* for use during Lent either at home or as part of a community celebration. Copies of the resource will be available each week in the Church. **Each Friday from 26 February to 26 March** there will be a short service from St Malachy's Church, Coleraine beginning **at 7.30pm**. This will include an Opening Prayer, Gospel reading, time for silent reflection and one decade of a Scriptural Rosary. Please join online by logging on to *St Malachy's Parish Coleraine YouTube channel*, parish website <https://coleraineparish.website> or *Facebook page*.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

Resources will be available in the Church or can be ordered through St Patrick's Primary School. These are designed to help children participate in the Sunday Masses for Lent.

**FROM COVID TO LIGHT – LENTEN TALKS 2021**

A Zoom Conference through the lens of Faith and the Gospels of Lent. Each Tuesday during Lent at 8pm, you are invited to join this Lenten journey. The speaker for the first session on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** is Fr James O'Reilly and the theme is 'The Wilderness of Covid.' To take part, email: [lententalks@downandconnor.org](mailto:lententalks@downandconnor.org) to receive Link and Password for the talks which are **free** and open to all.

**CATHOLIC MINUTE**

**"Where your treasure is, there you will find your heart."**

Do you sometimes feel as if you're 'swimming against the tide'? You want so much to find the sacred space within yourself where you can be with God, but the pull of the noise and distractions of popular culture make it

sometimes seem like mission impossible! The team at Catholic Minute invite you to join with them for online prayer during the week so that together we can move towards that which will give us life. With daily Scripture reflections, the Rosary, intercessory prayer, and reflective music, you can be part of a community that wants to find our treasure in God. There is prayer each morning LIVE on Facebook at 9am and in the evenings too. Why not tune in this Lent for some spiritual time-out with God! Everyone is welcome to join, just click on <https://www.facebook.com/CatholicMinute>

**LENTEN PIONEER PLEDGE**

Many people choose to abstain from alcohol during Lent. Why not take this opportunity to perhaps help yourself or someone you know with an alcohol or drug problem by offering your sacrifice for freedom from addiction? Please consider taking the short-term Lenten Pledge and make a difference to someone's life and say the following daily prayer: "I promise in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary to abstain from all alcoholic drink during Lent."



South Sudan is the world's newest country, having gained independence from Sudan in 2011 after many years of conflict. However, in December 2013 a civil war broke out between rival political factions. Almost four hundred thousand people – equivalent to every person in Kildare and Meath – were killed during this conflict. A peace agreement was signed in September 2018, but fighting continues in many parts of the country. About 3.8 million people in South Sudan – one in every three people – fled their homes and remain displaced within South Sudan or are living as refugees in neighbouring countries to this day.

Trócaire works with local partners in South Sudan to provide: Emergency aid such as food, water and sanitation and hygiene items; Seeds, tools and agricultural training to help people grow their own food; Counselling support to help people overcome the trauma they have experienced; Promoting peaceful coexistence between all the people of South Sudan.

Lives have been torn apart by a war they never wanted. This is the injustice of war. It is not just that people lost their homes. It is not just that they struggle each day to survive. They are supporting each other but they are living in fear, and it is not just.

**TRÓCAIRE BOXES** are available from the Church or can be collected from the Parish Office on Tuesday mornings