

PARISH OF PORTRUSH & BUSHMILLS

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



21st February 2021 First Sunday of Lent
Sunday B/Weekdays 1 Psalter week 1

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20 Feb-5 Mar: Marie McAuley, Marie Conway &
Mary McIntyre-Loveridge
6-19 March: Mary Gordon & Evelyn Duggan

Parish Facebook page and website



St Patricks Church Portrush
portrushparish.website
Follow us for up to date information

MASSES THIS WEEK - STREAMED

Saturday vigil at 6pm, Sunday at noon
Monday 9am, Tuesday 9am, Wednesday 7pm,
Thursday 9am, Friday 9am

These Masses are broadcast online on the Parish
website: 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

Sunday: Vigil at 5pm, Sunday at 10am
Monday - Saturday: Mass at 9.30am

REST IN PEACE

RECENT: Sean Duffy

MONTH'S MIND: Lawrence Logue, Mac O'Neill

ANNIVERSARIES: Ben Stewart, Kenneth Loughrey,
John Butcher, Rose Donnelly, Joseph McCullagh

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.

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 ☎ 2763 8512



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=b3ZhaXJVa0FVejAxMWpicFVSVHlRZz09>

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.



LIVING YOUTH LENTEN CHALLENGES

Get online to access weekly Lenten Challenges for young
people aged 11-18 and their families. We will be exploring
different themes throughout Lent and
will have a host of engaging activities to
get involved with. Visit:
www.livingyouth.co.uk/lent-2021
for more information and to register.



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 23rd February is Fr James O'Reilly
and the theme is 'The Wilderness of Covid.' To take part,
email: 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.”



MARY'S MEALS: CRISIS IN ETHIOPIA

The people of Tigray are living in fear of
imminent starvation. The brutal fighting
has caused many to flee their homes.
Meeting the basic needs of these people is
the number one priority. They are without
food, without shelter, without medical supplies. It is a
matter of life and death. This pandemic is stealing many
things from us, but it can never rob us of our charity.
Thanks to your support so far, we've been able to reach
3,000 children and vulnerable adults in Tigray, Ethiopia,
with life-saving food parcels. But we urgently need to
reach many more people in the coming weeks. Find out
how you can help at: www.marysmeals.org.uk



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