

PARISH OF PORTRUSH & BUSHMILLS

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



28th February 2021 Second Sunday of Lent
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:

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

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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



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: Betty Donaghey, Fr Enda McDonagh
MONTH'S MIND: Christine Auld, Anne McCullagh
ANNIVERSARIES: Rose Donnelly, Liam McLaughlin, Mairead McCallion, Brendan McAuley, Margaret Thompson

CONTINUOUS PRAYER FOR COVID VICTIMS

This coming Wednesday, 3rd March, is Ireland's turn to pray for victims of the Pandemic. This is an initiative of the European Bishops' Council with the people of every country taking a day during Lent.

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MARCH

Evangelisation: Sacrament of Reconciliation

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

DIOCESAN VOCATION WEEKEND



Have you ever considered the possibility that God is calling you to the priesthood? If so, take this opportunity to gather online with

other men who are discerning their vocation. This virtual retreat will create the time and space to help you discern God's calling in your life. The retreat will take place from the evening of Friday 19th – Saturday 20th March. If you wish to register your interest in joining this retreat or for further information contact:

Fr. Kevin McGuckien ☎ 9061 4567 or ✉

vocations@downandconnor.org

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 on Monday evenings from 22 February to 22 March inclusive starting @ 7.30pm.

Use this link to join the Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3917526857?pwd=b3ZhaXJVaoFVejAxMWpicFVsVHRZz09>

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 are 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

'The one who has hope lives differently; the one who hopes has been granted the gift of a new life.' – Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

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. 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. 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. 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



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.

God of All Peoples,

You have given us one common origin, and your will is to gather all humanity as one family in yourself.

Fill our hearts with the fire of your love and the desire to ensure justice for all our brothers and sisters.

By sharing the good things you give us, may we secure justice and equality for every human being, an end to all division and a human society built on love and peace.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God for ever and ever

Amen



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