

PARISH OF PORTRUSH & BUSHMILLS

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



21 March 2021 Fifth Sunday of Lent
Sunday B/Weekdays 1 Psalter week 1

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SVP Clothes Bank situated in the church car park

St Patrick's Altar Society:

20 Mar-2 April: Ann Maguire & Pat Neely

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 9.30am

These Masses are broadcast online on the Parish

website: portrushparish.website

From Friday 26th March, the church will reopen

for public Mass at 9.30am.



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

& 7pm (starting on Palm Sunday)

Monday - Saturday: Mass at 9.30am

REST IN PEACE

RECENT: Donal Roantree, Desmond Leslie, Alec Anderson

ANNIVERSARIES: Philip Mackenna, Gerard Mulholland Liam Bradley

WE'RE BACK! (well, some of us)

Please book beforehand for Sunday Mass, starting on the vigil for Palm Sunday, either by phoning Brian ☎ 07799 065931 or online: portrushparish.website (click on Eventbrite)

No booking is required for weekdays. We look forward to welcoming all who are able to attend Mass and remember the intentions of all who cannot yet be with us. Numbers are restricted under current guidelines. Please enter by the main door. Please wear a face mask when you come and follow the directions of the stewards regarding sanitizing your hands and choosing a seat. For your safety, the toilets remain closed. If you think you might need to use the toilet during Mass please notify a steward.

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.



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.

NOVENA OF HOPE FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

The Passionist Community at Tobar Mhuire Retreat Centre are holding an online Novena of Hope which will be streamed live at 7pm each evening from 19th - 27th March, ending on the Saturday before Holy Week, at: www.facebook.com/tobarmhuirepassionists. Novena prayers and petition leaflets can be obtained from Tobar Mhuire (send sae) or online: www.tobarmhuirecrossgar.com

DEFENDING THE FAITH WITHOUT RAISING YOUR VOICE: online on Tuesday 23rd March at 6.30 pm.

CK19, The Knights of St Columbanus at Queen's University Belfast, is presenting an online talk delivered by Michael Kelly, Editor of The Irish Catholic newspaper, which should give us an insight into how we can respond to Catholic hot-button issues when they arise in our lives. ✉ council19.qub@gmail.com or message us on social media (@KSCQueens)

CELEBRATING MARY'S "YES"

Solemnity of the Annunciation of The Lord

On Thursday 25th March a Service for Vocations will be broadcast from St Peter's Cathedral at 7pm. We invite

the Diocese to come together so that men and women who are considering a vocation to Priesthood, Diaconate or Religious Life may be granted that same openness of heart, that same readiness to respond "Yes" to the Lord's call. . Mary had courage, placing her youth and enthusiasm in God's hands. We encourage you to set aside this time of prayer in your home and to unite with people across the Diocese. The link for St. Peter's Cathedral is: www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral

ZOOM CONFERENCE FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Now, after a year of Covid, we are more and more conscious of the weight of the restrictions... and moreover the finishing line seems like a mirage always moving farther and farther away from us! The Catholic Young Adult Conference via Zoom on Saturday 27th March from 5.30-7.30pm is a chance for young adults (18 – 40) wherever they are to come together online to build up their hope. The theme "Hope Springs Eternal" will be discussed in a great line up of short talks and testimonies mixed together with music and prayer. The Conference is free to attend - just log into Zoom: ID 847 1984 5205 Passcode: 771328 Come and get a powerful injection of hope! Newcomers especially welcome.

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. Please join online for the last session on Friday at 7.30pm: St Malachy's Parish Coleraine YouTube channel, parish website <https://coleraineparish.website> or Facebook page.

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.

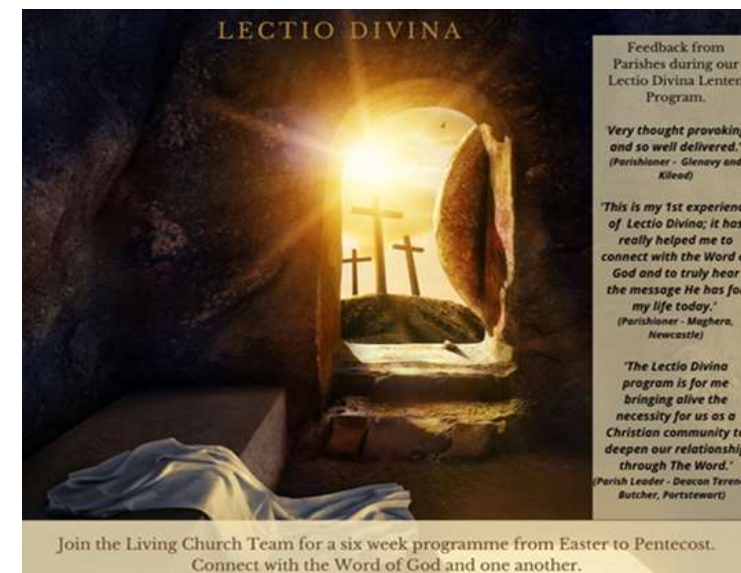


FROM COVID TO LIGHT – LENTEN TALKS 2021

'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 at 8pm. The Guest speaker will reflect on the theme from their own context in light of their vocation and faith, but also in light of the Hope of this Easter and our journey through Covid, now that there is a vaccine to aid the control of this virus. This week Baroness Nuala O'Loan leads the session on 'I have Glorified it, and I will Glorify it again'. Link & Password: ✉ lententalks@downandconnor.org Talks are free and open to all.

PRIORY INSTITUTE Holy Week Online Retreat

Free open access online retreat reflecting on the Passion of Christ. Register now at prioryinstitute.com



THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH PRAYER

To you, O blessed Joseph

(Ad te, beate Ioseph)

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you

to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities. O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven.

Amen.



TRÓCAIRE BOXES can be collected from the church or from the Parish Office on Tuesday mornings



SACRISTAN/CARETAKER ST MALACHY'S COLERAINE

A vacancy has arisen for a part-time Sacristan/Caretaker (20 hours pw) Full details can be found on the Diocesan website: www.downandconnor.org – click on Job Vacancies. Closing date for return of applications: Friday 26th March at 12.00 noon