

PARISH OF PORTRUSH & BUSHMILLS

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



28 March 2021
Sunday B/Weekdays 1

Palm Sunday
Psalter week 2

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SVP Clothes Bank situated in the church car park

St Patrick's Altar Society:

3-16 April: Rose Minihan & Kathleen Curran

Parish Facebook page and website



St Patricks Church Portrush

portrushparish.website

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REST IN PEACE

RECENT: Catherine Kelly, Catherine Wilson,
Annie Josephine O'Kane

ANNIVERSARIES: John McCurdy, John Smith,
Jeannie Clyde, John Doherty, Rita McCullagh

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR APRIL

Universal: Fundamental Rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

The church is open for **private prayer** on Tuesday and Thursday 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.



HOLY WEEK IN PORTRUSH & BUSHMILLS

Please book for all weekend Masses,
either by phoning Brian 07799 065931
or online at **EVENTBRITE**

No booking is required for weekdays.

We welcome 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.

All Masses are streamed online on the parish website: portrushparish.website
'Watch Live' and on YouTube.

Masses are recorded and can be watched on the website 45 minutes after Mass has ended.
You can also listen on our parish radio.

Monday – Mass 9.00am

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Wednesday – Mass 7.00pm

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

• HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.00pm.

Please bring your Trocaire contribution to this Mass.

Holy Hour (online only) from 9.00-10.00pm

• GOOD FRIDAY

Day of fasting and abstinence.

Liturgy (including Reading of the Passion and Distribution of Holy Communion) at 3.00pm.

Collection for Christians in the Holy Land

Holy Hour (online only) from 9.00-10.00pm

• HOLY SATURDAY

EASTER VIGIL Mass 9.00pm

• EASTER SUNDAY

Mass 10.00am in Bushmills

Mass 12.00 noon in Portrush



HOLY WEEK IN PORTSTEWART

Monday – Mass at 9.30am

Tuesday – Mass at 7.00pm

Penitential Service at 7.30pm

Wednesday – Mass at 9.30am

Holy Thursday – Morning Prayer at 9.30am

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.00pm

Good Friday – Morning Prayer at 9.30am

Good Friday Liturgy & Holy Communion at 3.00pm

Stations of the Cross at 7.00pm

Holy Saturday – Morning Prayer at 9.30am

Easter Vigil at 9.00pm

Easter Sunday – Mass at 10.00am and 7.00pm

BIBLICAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Passionist Community at Crossgar have posted a video of the Stations of the Cross. Written by a parishioner Kieran Hill, the video can be viewed through the following links: <https://www.tobarmhuire.com/> - Scroll down to 'Journey through Lent'

Facebook www.facebook.com/tobarmhuirepassionists

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Easter is the most important feast in the Christian year. Many prepare for this feast by the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance. Confession to a priest is an essential part of the Sacrament of Penance, but because of the restrictions caused by the pandemic, it is not possible to celebrate the Sacrament at this time. What are we to do? Pope Francis has spoken about this situation. He reminds us that the confessor is not the master of God's forgiveness, but its servant. Only God forgives sin and God, who is the Father of tenderness, waits for the return of the sinner, and always welcomes with a loving embrace - God's forgiveness is immediate! In our present uniquely difficult situation, when it is not possible to come to the Church for Confession, speak to God from your heart; acknowledge truthfully what you have done or failed to do. Then, with all your heart, ask forgiveness with a sincere Act of Sorrow, confident that God always forgives the contrite. Later, when Covid-19 has released its grip, we can return to the Church and avail of Confession, and celebrate the forgiveness that has been so freely given. An Easter Penitential Service will take place on Tuesday 30th March at 7.30pm in Star of the Sea Portstewart, following the evening Mass. There will be no individual Sacrament of Reconciliation. The service will also be screened online.

THE CHRISM MASS

Bishop Treanor will celebrate the Chrism Mass at 11.00am on Holy Thursday. He will be joined by clergy and lay faithful representatives from each Pastoral Community and religious. You are invited to join in this celebration via the live stream on the Cathedral webcam.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

The Divine Mercy Novena is prayed for nine days, commencing Good Friday (2nd April) until the first Saturday of Easter (10th April) in preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday (11th April). There are many opportunities to follow the Novena online, including on Facebook with Catholic Minute or also on Radio Maria.



Trócaire would like to thank parishes across Ireland for their fantastic support of our 2021 Lenten Appeal in what is an unusual year for us all.

Trócaire's Lenten Appeal will still be active for a period of time after Easter and all donations to the appeal from the public in NI made before

16th May will be matched pound for pound by the UK government, up to £2m. Supporters who sign up for a monthly gift, or increase their monthly gift before the 16th May deadline, will have three instalments matched. These matched funds will help thousands of people in South Sudan to grow enough food to feed their families. It will also support strong women like Awut and Ajak – the women featured on this year's Trócaire Lent Box – in having their voices heard in decisions affecting them. The more funds we can raise by 16th May, the more we are able to help families hurt by conflict to survive and thrive. Thank you once again for your continued support.

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Our steps are slow,
Our breathing ragged,
Our burdens heavy.
This walk to the cross,
It is not easy,
Yet Christ walked it for us.
For the joy
that was set before him,
He despised the shame,
He bore our blame,
And shared our pain,
Now let us build on the rock,
That is Christ.
Let us walk the way of the cross
together,
Moving forward without fear,
Into God's eternal purposes.
For Christ himself is with us,
every step of the way.
Let us trust in God alone,
And find the joy that Christ did,
Obedience to our loving God.

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