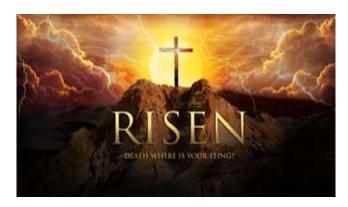
# PARISH OF PORTRUSH & BUSHMILLS

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



4 April 2021 Easter Sunday
THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
Sunday B/Weekdays 1 Psalter week 1

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Parish office CLOSED this week

**SVP Helpline** 07508 549 574 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
Follow us for up to date information

#### **MASSES THIS WEEK**

Saturday vigil at 6pm, Sunday at noon Monday 9am, Tuesday 9am, Wednesday 7pm, Thursday 9am, Friday 9.30am

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

> No booking is required for weekdays.

## 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.

**MASSES IN PORTSTEWART** 

Sunday: Vigil 5.00pm, Sunday 10.00am & 7.00pm

Monday: Mass at 9.30am Tuesday: Mass at 7.00pm

Wednesday - Saturday: Mass at 9.30am

#### **REST IN PEACE**

surface you have touched.

**RECENT:** Tony Brown, Anne Marie McCaughan

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Jim Smith, Susan McGowan, Brendan & Nora Burke, Alice Conway, John Bradley

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

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.

#### **ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in the most
Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things,
and desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive you sacramentally,
please come spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you now as if you were already there
and I unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen.

### 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.

#### **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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> May, the more we are able to help families hurt by conflict to survive and thrive.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

### JOURNEY WITH THE GOSPELS THROUGH THE EASTER SEASON TO PENTECOST!



Over Lent people from across the Diocese joined in an online programme to learn the method of praying with

scriptures known as *Lectio Divina* – Divine Reading. This Easter season, we invite you to join us again online. There are two groups available, facilitated on Zoom by Aisling and Louise from the Living Church team, starting on **Monday 12th April or Thursday 15**<sup>th</sup> **April at 7pm**. Let us connect with one another and to the Word of God. To take part livingchurch@downandconnor.org and you will be sent the log in details for your session. We look forward to welcoming you!

### PARISH SECRETARY ST MALACHY'S COLERAINE

A vacancy has arisen for a part-time Parish Secretary (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 16<sup>th</sup> April at 12.00 noon

#### A PRAYER ON EASTER SUNDAY

Light a candle and pause for a few moments to become aware of God's presence. Make the Sign of the Cross, as you pray:

Lord of all life,

You are our hope and our joy, our source of true happiness. We have journeyed to Easter and in the most difficult of trials we have renewed our baptism and proclaimed your resurrection. We embrace with gladness the new life to which you call each one of us. Bless us, our families and all the world, with your constant presence and protection. May we give you thanks every day and share the good news of our faith with all we meet. And may the light of our Easter faith guide our footsteps in your ways of love, peace and truth. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

In Easter joy we proclaim, Christ is risen!
Alleluia, alleluia!

If you have Holy Water, use it to bless yourself as you make the Sign of the Cross. Place your candle safely somewhere prominent in your home as a reminder of the Light of Christ amongst us.

May the risen Christ fill your heart with joy, bring you new hope, and bless you with peace. Amen.

Happy Easter!

