

# 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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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

RECENT: Tony Brown, Anne Marie McCaughan  
Gillan

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  
surface you have touched.

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](mailto: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](http://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!*

**CHRIST THE LORD**  
IS RISEN TODAY!