

PARISH OF PORTRUSH & BUSHMILLS

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



11 April 2021 **Second Sunday of Easter**
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
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:

3-16 April: Rose Minihan & Kathleen Curran

17-30 April: Marie McAuley, Marie Conway & Mary

McIntyre-Loveridge

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 Browne, Tony Devlin

ONE MONTH AGO: Desmond Leslie, Donal Roantree

ANNIVERSARIES: Declan Brolly, Margaret Kelly,
Barry Murphy, Ken Bush, John Bradley

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.

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.*

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.

**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.

GOOD NEWS!

We are now permitted to allow larger numbers to
attend weddings and funerals in the church – up to
our maximum (Covid-restricted) capacity.



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.



Trocaire 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.

**Trocaire'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
Trocaire 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.

Matching your
donations with
UKaid



**Total so far collected in
Portrush Parish: £2928**

**If you haven't yet returned your Trocaire
box, please leave it back in the church as
soon as possible.**

**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 15th 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!

A Prayer for Peace

Compassionate God and Father of all,
we are horrified at violence
in so many parts of the world.
It seems that none are safe,
and some are terrified.

Hold back the hands that kill and maim;
turn around the hearts that hate.
Grant instead your strong Spirit of Peace -
peace that passes our understanding
but changes lives,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen



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 16th April at 12.00 noon