

# PARISH OF PORTRUSH & BUSHMILLS

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



18 April 2021 Third Sunday of Easter  
Sunday B/Weekdays 1 Psalter week 3

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**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: Lectio Divina with distribution of the**  
**Eucharist at 9.30am**  
**Tuesday: Mass at 7.00pm**  
**Wednesday – Saturday: Mass at 9.30am**

## REST IN PEACE

**RECENT:** Anne Brolly, Jimmy McNicholl

**ANNIVERSARIES:** James McKenna

## 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.

## WELCOME

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.

## ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Lord Jesus,

I believe that you are really present in your people  
gathered together. You, the Word made flesh, are  
really present when the Living Word is proclaimed.  
You are really present in the Most Holy Sacrament  
of the Eucharist as we share in the One Bread and  
One Cup. I love you above all things. You already  
abide all days in the heart and soul of each of your  
people and we abide in you.

I cannot at this moment gather with your people  
to celebrate the Eucharist, nor receive you in the  
sacrament of the Eucharist. I look forward to the  
time when this is again possible. I ask that you  
strengthen my awareness and appreciation of your  
abiding presence at all times. I embrace you now  
already present. By your Spirit, unite me more  
fully in communion with you and with your Father,  
with all the members of your body as we look  
forward to sharing in the eternal banquet for the  
kingdom, the power and the glory are yours  
forever and ever.

**Amen**

## 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.

## LECTIO DIVINA FOR THE EASTER SEASON



Join our Team for a 6 week programme of Lectio Divina  
through the Easter season to Pentecost! Lectio Divina  
offers an opportunity to gather together to pray with  
Scripture, share insights and to deepen our personal  
relationship with God through contemplating His Word.  
Deacon Terence, Frank and Curtis will be facilitating a new  
program of Lectio Divina. To join please e-mail:  
[t.butcher@downandconnor.org](mailto:t.butcher@downandconnor.org) and we will send you the  
zoom link. Or alternatively join us on the link below on  
Mondays at 7.30pm beginning on Monday 12th April until  
Monday 17th May. All welcome  
[https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/tuK\\_CmEjQTjgYSGyTIA?domain=uso2web.zoom.us](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/tuK_CmEjQTjgYSGyTIA?domain=uso2web.zoom.us)



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. 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.



**Total so far collected in**  
**Portrush Parish: £3703**

**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.**



**VIATOIRES CHRISTI**  
**Overseas Volunteers Training Course**  
**September 2021**

Viatore Christi, a faith-based development  
organisation has specialised in the recruitment, training  
and deployment of overseas volunteers since 1960. VC runs  
an **online volunteer preparation course** covering  
Community Development, Health, Global Awareness,  
Mission, etc. **This is open to all.** Once completed,  
participants can be considered for volunteer roles through  
VC EU Aid Volunteers #EUAVI programmes. If you want to  
know more, visit the News section of our website  
[www.vcvolunteers.ie](http://www.vcvolunteers.ie) or email: [info@viatoreschristi.com](mailto:info@viatoreschristi.com)

## DATES FOR THE DIARY



Portrush Parish Confirmation:  
**Sunday 6th June at 3pm**  
**in St Malachy's Church, Coleraine**  
First Holy Communion:  
**Saturday 12th June at 12 noon**