PARISH OF PORTRUSH & BUSHMILLS

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



18 April 2021 Sunday B/Weekdays 1 Third Sunday of Easter 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.

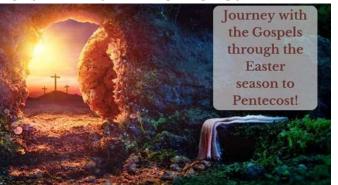
I cannot at this moment gather with your people to celebrate the Eucharist, nor receive you in the sacrament of the Eucharist. I look forward to the time when this is again possible. I ask that you strengthen my awareness and appreciation of your abiding presence at all times. I embrace you now already 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 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

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Trócaire would like to thank parishes across Ireland for

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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. 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.



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.

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

VIATORES CHRISTI Overseas Volunteers Training Course September 2021

Viatores 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 or email: info@viatoreschristi.com





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