

# PARISH OF PORTRUSH & BUSHMILLS

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



25 April 2021 Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Day of Prayer for Vocations  
Sunday B/Weekdays 1 Psalter week 4

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SVP Clothes Bank situated in the church car park

St Patrick's Altar Society:

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

1-14 May: Mary Gordon & Evelyn Duggan

Parish Facebook page and website



St Patricks Church Portrush  
portrushparish.website

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## MASSES THIS WEEK

Saturday vigil at 6pm, Sunday at noon

No Monday Mass this week

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](http://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: Fintan O'Brien, Bernard Sheridan

ONE MONTH AGO: Anne McCaughan Gillan

## 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.

## GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY



This is Good Shepherd Sunday, a day of special prayer  
for the work of service in the Church.

LORD OF THE HARVEST,

BLESS young people with the gift of courage  
to respond to your call.

Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things.

INSPIRE all of your disciples to mutual love and giving  
– for vocations blossom in the good soil  
of faithful people.

INSTILL those in religious life, parish ministries, and  
families with the confidence and grace to invite others  
to embrace the bold and noble path  
of a life consecrated to you.

UNITE us to Jesus through prayer and sacrament,  
so that we may cooperate with you in building  
your reign of mercy and truth,  
of justice and peace.

AMEN

Pope Francis

## A WEEK OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: Good Shepherd Sunday to The Feast of St Joseph the Worker

Good Shepherd Sunday is a day to celebrate the vocation of Priesthood. We invite everyone in the Diocese to pray this week for all vocations and, at this time, to pray especially for vocations to the priesthood in our Diocese of Down and Connor. Our week of prayer will close on the Feast of St Joseph the worker. In this Year of St Joseph, we ask especially for his intercession as we seek to hear God's dream for our lives and for the grace to dedicate ourselves, in service and fidelity, to Christ and His teachings. A vocation is a wonderful call from God. It is something to be cherished and followed. A vocation is never to be feared. The first words that Saint Joseph heard in a dream were an invitation not to be afraid,

because God remains ever faithful to his promises:

"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid."

Do not be afraid - these words the Lord also addresses to each one of us. He repeats these words as we seek to follow His will every day. Do not be afraid - these words are a refrain accompanying all those who say "yes" to God with their lives, through their faithfulness each day. This week we pray especially for those discerning a vocation and for families, schools and parish communities who are creating environments of joy, where vocations can flourish and be nurtured. We trust that our prayers will support the men of our Diocese who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood. We pray that, with generosity, they can respond to the Lord's call to "Come follow me!"

Fr Kevin McGuckien Vocations Director Diocese of Down & Connor

If you are thinking about the priesthood, we encourage  
you to phone or send an e-mail to Fr Kevin.

☎ 90614567 [vocations@downandconnor.org](mailto:vocations@downandconnor.org)

## PARENTAL ALIENATION AWARENESS DAY

This day highlights a particular form of domestic abuse that takes place when one parent tries to distance his or her children, without reason or justification, from the other parent when a marriage or relationship ends. Such a denial of the rights of children to have a loving relationship with both parents has long-lasting and damaging consequences for a child. For more information about the issue log on to [www.alieneed.ie](http://www.alieneed.ie)

## LECTIO DIVINA FOR THE EASTER SEASON

Mondays at 7.30pm until 17th May

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 this Easter. To join, please e-mail: [t.butcher@downandconnor.org](mailto:t.butcher@downandconnor.org) for the zoom link. Or use: [https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/tuK\\_CmEjQTjgYSGyTIA?domain=us02.web.zoom.us](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/tuK_CmEjQTjgYSGyTIA?domain=us02.web.zoom.us)



## ALPHA COURSE ONLINE

You are invited to Alpha online on  
Thursday evenings at 8pm. The course is an opportunity to explore questions around faith, life and meaning. Use this link to join: <https://CFC.alpha.online> For more information, please ring Ernestine ☎ 7083 1000 All welcome!

## TRÓCAIRE'S LENTEN APPEAL

All donations 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. If you haven't yet returned your Trocaire box,



please leave it back as soon as possible. Thank you once again for your continued support. **Total so far collected in Portrush Parish: £3703**

## VIATORES 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.** If you want to know more, visit [www.vcvolunteers.ie](http://www.vcvolunteers.ie) or email: [info@viatoreschristi.com](mailto:info@viatoreschristi.com)

## WELCOME

We welcome all who are able to attend Mass and remember the intentions of all who cannot yet be with us. 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.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY



Portrush Parish Confirmation:  
Sunday 6th June at 3pm  
in St Malachy's Church, Coleraine

Any parent in Portrush parish who wishes to have their child confirmed this year should contact us via the parish office or the parish Facebook page

First Holy Communion:  
Saturday 12th June at 12 noon