

PARISH OF PORTRUSH & BUSHMILLS

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



2 May 2021 Fifth Sunday of Easter
Sunday B/Weekdays 1 Psalter week 1

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SVP Clothes Bank situated in the church car park

St Patrick's Altar Society:

1-14 May: Mary Gordon & Evelyn Duggan

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 THIS WEEK

Sunday: Vigil 5.00pm, Sunday 10.00am & 7.00pm

Monday: Eucharistic Prayer at 9.30am

Tuesday: Mass at 7.00pm

Wednesday – Saturday: Mass at 9.30am

REST IN PEACE

ONE MONTH AGO: Anne McCaughan Gillan

ANNIVERSARIES: Josephine (Jay) Little

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY

The world of finance: Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

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.

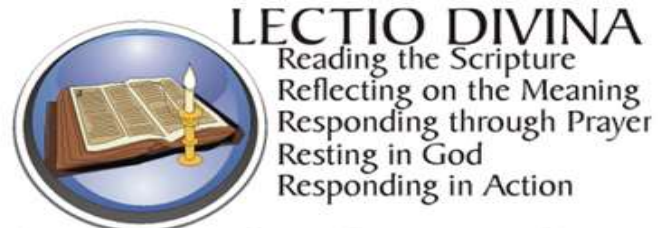
INSTILL those in religious life, parish ministries, and
families with the confidence and grace to invite others
to embrace the bold and noble path
of a life consecrated to you.

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

If you are thinking about the priesthood, we
encourage you to phone or send an e-mail to Fr Kevin
McGuckien, Diocesan Vocations Director ☎ 90614567
vocations@downandconnor.org

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 for the zoom link. Or use: https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/tuK_CmEjQTj9jYSGyTIA?domain=us02web.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!



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.**
If you want to know more, visit www.vcvolunteers.ie or
email: 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.

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

TRÓCAIRE'S LENTEN APPEAL

All donations 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.

Trócaire's campaign this year focused on
people trapped in long-running wars, such as
those affecting places such as South Sudan
and Somalia. Generations of people in these
countries have been forced to live through conflict. Their
resilience and determination to help each other is
remarkable. By donating to our Lenten Appeal, you will be
helping them to help themselves.

**If you haven't yet returned your Trocaire box, please
leave it back as soon as possible. We will be sending on
our parish contribution this week.**

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Total so far collected in Portrush Parish: £4039



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

PARISH BULLETIN

If you have any item for inclusion in the parish weekend
bulletin, email: portrush@downandconnor.org
or contact the parish office ☎ 7082 3388 / 7083 2534
by 5pm on Thursday please.