

# PARISH OF PORTRUSH & BUSHMILLS

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



16 May 2021 The Ascension of the Lord  
Sunday B/Weekdays 1 Psalter week 3

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SVP Clothes Bank situated in the church car park

## 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.

## NEXT WEEK 23rd May – PENTECOST SUNDAY

Extra Mass in Bushmills at 10am

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.

The church is open for private prayer on  
Tuesday & Thursday until 2pm,  
Wednesday 2pm until evening Mass,  
and Sunday after 12 noon Mass until 5pm.

## MASSES IN PORTSTEWART THIS WEEK

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

Monday: Lectio Divina & Eucharist at 9.30am

Tuesday: No Mass this week

Wednesday – Saturday: Mass at 9.30am

## REST IN PEACE

RECENT: Edwina Beattie

ONE MONTH AGO: Anne Brolly

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Neely, Nellie McKinley, Ena  
and Francis Stewart, Tommy McGonigle, Thomas  
Tinkler, Clara Tinkler.

## 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.

## ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Today is World Communications Day. Mr Robert  
Dinsmore, School Principal, will speak at all Masses  
this weekend to update us on future plans for St  
Patrick's Primary School.

## 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. **Last session this week.** 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\\_CmEjQTj9jYSGyTIA?domain=u502web.zoom.us](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/tuK_CmEjQTj9jYSGyTIA?domain=u502web.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

**Total collection sent to Trócaire from  
Portrush Parish: £4183.00**

Thank you for your generosity.

## LANGUAGE CAFÉ



Would you like to learn about  
the culture, traditions and  
language of your European  
neighbours? The Causeway  
Multicultural Forum is hosting  
**free** Zoom classes for beginners  
in Polish, Spanish and Italian.

**Polish:** Tuesdays starting 18th May. **Spanish:**

Wednesdays starting 19th May. **Italian:** Thursdays  
starting 20th May. All classes run from 7.30-8.30pm.

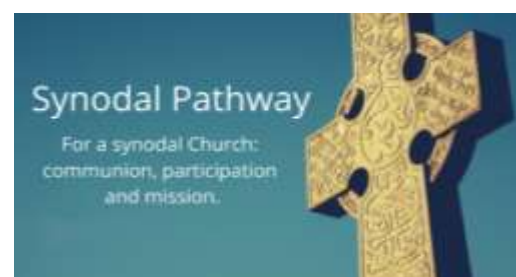
To register: ☎ 07867 690820 or email:  
[causewaymcf2019@gmail.com](mailto:causewaymcf2019@gmail.com)



## 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 which 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)

## IRISH CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE - SYNOD



On 10 March  
2021, the Irish  
Catholic  
Bishops'  
Conference  
announced a  
new Synodal  
Pathway for the

Catholic Church in Ireland leading to the holding of a  
National Synodal Assembly within the next five years.  
Bishops are mindful of the challenges and opportunities  
that provide a context for a synodal pathway leading to a  
National Synod at this pivotal time for the Church on our  
island, which are outlined here:

- **Solidarity, Outreach to the Peripheries and the  
Promise of a New Pentecost**

Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation *The Joy of the Gospel*  
(*Evangelii Gaudium*), together with his encyclicals, *Laudato  
Si'* and *Fratelli Tutti* offer a challenging framework for the  
Church of today and tomorrow – calling us in particular to  
solidarity with the poor, the excluded and those “on the  
peripheries”, who yearn for the Good News. This calling  
also includes initiatives of social friendship in favour of our  
sisters and brothers in other continents.  
Speaking at the end of the World Meeting of Families in  
Phoenix Park, Dublin 2018, Pope Francis encouraged the  
people of Ireland to be open to the work of the Holy Spirit  
“who constantly breathes new life into our world, into our  
hearts, into our families, into our homes and parishes. Each  
new day in the life of our families, and each new generation,  
brings the promise of a new Pentecost, a domestic  
Pentecost, a fresh outpouring of the Spirit, the Paraclete,  
whom Jesus sends as our Advocate, our Consoler and indeed  
our Encourager. How much our world needs this  
encouragement that is God's gift and promise!”

- **Listening to what the Holy Spirit is saying to the  
Church in an Ireland faced with rapid  
transformation**

Before embarking on the consultation itself, between  
Easter (5 April) and Pentecost (23 May), 2021, bishops are  
seeking submissions on what methods to adopt in these  
coming two years of conversations. **For more information,  
please visit: [www.catholicbishops.ie/synod/](http://www.catholicbishops.ie/synod/)**  
As we embark on the synodal pathway, Bishops ask for  
prayers that this may be a time of renewal, reform and  
new hope for all the People of God in Ireland.

## SCHOOL PLACEMENTS ABROAD

Placement opportunities are available to qualified teachers  
and young men aged 16-25 at St Peter's International  
College, France (a private Catholic boarding school).  
Anyone interested in the opportunities below should  
contact the school using the contact details provided.

**September 2021:** Teachers in Maths, English, EFL, Science,  
History and MFL. Pastoral support (not necessarily a  
teacher but a younger person to help with sports and the  
pastoral side)

**May 2021 (6 weeks placement)**

English Literature Teacher and Pastoral support worker.

Website : [www.stpetersfr.com](http://www.stpetersfr.com)

Email : [enquiries@stpetersfr.com](mailto:enquiries@stpetersfr.com)

Phone : 00 33 6 41 80 53 01

## 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**

## ST PATRICK'S ALTAR SOCIETY:

**15-28 May:** Ann Maguire & Pat Neely

## PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE AND WEBSITE

 St Patricks Church Portrush  
[portrushparish.website](http://portrushparish.website)

Follow us for up to date information

## PARISH BULLETIN

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

## NEW TEAM IN COLERAINE PARISH

We welcome the appointment of Fr Needish to  
St Malachy's Church. Fr Needish is from Kerala, India,  
and will be starting his ministry in Coleraine on  
**Saturday 22nd May.**

Also welcome to Coleraine Parish are Parish Secretary  
Paula Priestley and Sacristan Gregory Diamond.

We wish them all well in their new positions.

St Malachy's telephone no: 7034 3156