

# PARISH OF PORTRUSH & BUSHMILLS

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



**5 September 2021**  
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sunday B/Weekdays 1 Psalter week 3

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SVP Clothes Bank situated in the church car park

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

## 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**

**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.**

## FACE MASKS IN ST PATRICK’S CHURCH

Though the legal obligation to wear a mask throughout Mass is no longer in place, **it will remain mandatory for anyone attending Mass in our Church to wear a mask at all times.**

## REST IN PEACE

**RECENT:** Fr Michael Olden

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Barry Carlisle, Fr John Madden

## MASS IN PORTSTEWART

**Saturday Vigil at 5pm, Sunday at 10am**

**Sunday 7pm Mass will recommence**  
**on Sunday 19th September in Star of the Sea**

Monday: No Mass in Star of the Sea

**Tuesday: Mass at 7.00pm**

**Wednesday: Mass at 9.30am**

No morning Mass Thursday - Saturday

The church is open for private prayer

from 10am-12 noon on Wednesday

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday**  
**between 10am and 5pm.**

## MASS IN ST MALACHY’S, COLERAINE

**Saturday vigil at 6pm, Sunday at 11am**

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 10am**

## THE POPE’S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

**Universal: An environmentally sustainable lifestyle**

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.



## START OF YEAR MASS AT ST PATRICK’S PS

Mass will be celebrated on **Friday 10th**

**September at 1pm** in the school grounds (weather permitting) or in the church if it rains. All parishioners are very welcome.

## DIOCESAN APPEAL FOR THE DOWN & CONNOR PRIESTS’ WELFARE FUND

“The Priests’ Welfare Fund exists to provide the stipend for each priest in active ministry. Your generosity over many years has ensured that the Fund had sufficient reserves to continue to provide a stipend even where parish offerings decreased significantly over the past 18 months.

**On Sunday 19th September we are asking for your financial support towards the annual autumn voluntary collection for our priests.**

We make this appeal in the light of the fact that during 2020 the level of giving across our diocese dropped on average by 35-50%. This decrease was experienced across all aspects of support for the many services provided including Pastoral Care, Sacramental Ministries, Living Church initiatives, Family Ministry, Vocations, Youth Commission and Living Youth, Safeguarding and Chaplaincies.

Together with the priests of the diocese, I thank you for your kindness and ongoing support and for your generous response to this appeal.

I offer my prayerful good wishes to you and all those who are dear to you.”

*Bishop Noel Treanor*

## SEASON OF CREATION: Restoring our common home

**Wednesday 1st September – Monday 4th October 2021**

We are all encouraged in this season to read Pope Francis’ encyclical *Laudato Si’: On Care of our Common Home*.

“The Lord was able to invite others to be attentive to the beauty that there is in the world because he himself was in constant touch with nature, lending it an attention full of fondness and wonder.” (LSi, 97)

As a diocese we are blessed with so many areas of natural beauty and we are encouraged this week to take time to contemplate, with wonder and awe, the world in which we are blessed to live.



## SEASON OF CREATION PRAYER

**Creator of Life, at your word the Earth**  
**brought forth plants yielding seed and trees**  
**of every kind bearing fruit. The rivers,**  
**mountains, minerals, sea and forests ...**

**And throughout time the Earth has sustained life ...**

**In your wisdom, you granted a Sabbath ...**

**But these days our living pushes the planet**  
**beyond its limits ...**

During this Season of Creation, we ask you to grant us courage to observe a Sabbath for our planet.

Strengthen us with the faith to trust in your providence.

Inspire us with the creativity to share what we have been given. Teach us to be satisfied with enough.

**And as we proclaim a Jubilee for the Earth,**  
**send your Holy Spirit to renew the face of creation.**

**Amen**

*adapted from the Season of Creation Celebration Guide*



**Monday 6th September at 7.30pm. All welcome.**

Use this link to join:

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/82589559411?pwd=emZPeTZSbHhlc9qUQ9mRVFiRW1qdzo9>

## TASTE THE WORLD

Causeway Coast & Glens Good Relations Team are presenting a 4-week online cultural cookery course. Go on a food journey across the globe. Learn from others, understand different cultures, and eat well!



**Tuesdays from 7-8pm**

**21st September: Indian**

**28th September: Chinese**

**5th October: Polish**

**12th October: Iranian**

Open to all from the CCG Borough Council area.

To register: ☎ 07714 393918 or email:

[Bebhinn.mckinley@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk](mailto:Bebhinn.mckinley@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk)

## INDEPENDENT MONITORING BOARD MEMBERS

The Department of Justice is seeking to appoint new members to The Independent Monitoring Board (IMB) for Northern Ireland to monitor the treatment of prisoners

and the conditions of their imprisonment. The IMB is made up of unpaid volunteers who carry out their duties by making regular visits to either Maghaberry Prison, Magilligan Prison or Hydebank Wood College and Women’s Prison. You can find out more, including period of appointment and how to apply, at this link: <https://www.justice-ni.gov.uk/publications/recruitment-imb-members> Completed applications must be returned to the Department by **12 noon on Thursday 9th September.**

## FORTHCOMING COURSES AT DRUMALIS

### • Pathways – Adult Faith Development Programme •

**2 year part-time course, now enrolling for 2021-2023 intake**

Explore, discuss and reflect upon issues and questions of faith, the Church, and how to link faith to life? One Saturday per month (term-time), either in-house or online.

### • Certificate in Christian Thought •

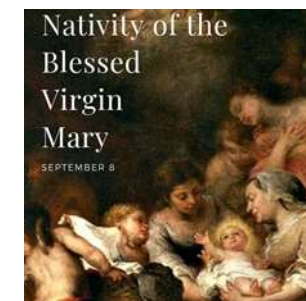
**2 year, part-time course commencing October 2021**

A space where adults can explore, reflect upon, discuss and study faith and how it relates to life, both at a personal and community level. In-house or Zoom.

**For enquiries and reservations, please contact Drumalis**

☎ 2827 6455 or email [maura@drumalis.co.uk](mailto:maura@drumalis.co.uk) Details also available on Drumalis website: <http://www.drumalis.co.uk>

## SPECIAL DAYS IN THE CHURCH CALENDAR THIS WEEK



**Wednesday 8th September:**  
**The Nativity of the Blessed**  
**Virgin Mary**



**Thursday 9th September:**  
**St Ciaran, Abbot**

## ST PATRICK’S ALTAR SOCIETY

**4 – 17 September: Ann Maguire & Pat Neely**

## MINISTERS OF THE WORD

**Saturday 4 September: Kate Murphy**

**Sunday 5 September: Mary McIntyre-Loveridge**

**Saturday 11 September: Liam Mullan**

**Sunday 12 September: Marie Conway**

## 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.**