

# PARISH OF PORTRUSH & BUSHMILLS

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



19<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday B/Weekdays 1

Psalter week 1

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9.30am - 1.00pm on Tuesday & Thursday

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SVP Clothes Bank situated in the church car park



St Patricks Church Portrush

portrushparish.website

## MASSES THIS WEEK

Saturday Mass at 9.30am, Sunday at 10.00am & 12.00pm

**No Saturday vigil Mass this week**

Monday 9.00 am, Tuesday 9.00am, Wednesday 7.00pm, Thursday 9am, Friday 9.30am

**Please book for all weekend Masses, either by phoning Brian 07799 065931 or online at EVENTBRITE**

## MASS IN PORTSTEWART

Saturday Vigil at 5pm, Sunday at 10am & 7.00pm

Tuesday: Mass at 7.00pm

Wednesday – Saturday: Mass at 9.30am

The church is open for private prayer from 10am-12 noon on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday

**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

## REST IN PEACE

RECENT: Harriett Coyle

ANNIVERSARIES: Steven Trainor, Charlie Quinn & Emily Prusinowski (Née Tinkler)

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.

**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.**

## 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.

## DIOCESAN APPEAL FOR THE DOWN & CONNOR

**PRIESTS' WELFARE FUND 19th September 2021**

"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.

**This 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



Saturday 25th September

St Patrick's Primary School invite our whole school and parish community to

help brighten up our school grounds together.

Refreshments provided. Please join us from

10am – 12 noon. We need your help!

## SEASON OF CREATION – restoring our common home

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



The Season of Creation is a critical moment for Catholics to lift up the voices of the most vulnerable and advocate on their behalf ahead of the important summits, the UN Summit on Biodiversity (COP 15) in October and the UN Climate Summit in November (COP 26). Bishop Treanor invites you to join advocacy initiatives such as the Healthy Planet, Healthy People Petition, urging for bold action to protect creation in addition to other initiatives calling for new paths forward together. To sign the petition visit [www.thecatholicpetition.org](http://www.thecatholicpetition.org)

## A PRAYER FOR OUR EARTH



All powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with each creature as we journey towards you infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

Pope Francis, *Laudato Si*

## A TASTE OF THE BIBLE: An Introduction to Mark's Gospel

Pope Benedict XVI: "All the faithful should read the bible every day." An opportunity to explore the bible and ask questions on **Thursday evenings from 8pm to 9.30 by Zoom FREE for 10 weeks starting 30th September.**

Basic format: ½ hour presentation; ¾ hour discussion groups. For further information email: [tasteofbible@gmail.com](mailto:tasteofbible@gmail.com) or ☎ Ernestine 077 6064 7665

## ST PATRICK'S ALTAR SOCIETY

18 Sept – 1 October: Rose Minihan & Kathleen Curran

## MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday 18 September: Kate Magee

Sunday 19 September: Meabh McGreevy

Saturday 25 September: Marie McAuley

Sunday 26 September: Mary McAlister



## DOWN AND CONNOR DIOCESAN TRUST – JOB VACANCY

### YOUTH WORKER – 3 YEAR FIXED TERM CONTRACT: Triangle Parishes Project- Coleraine/Portstewart/Portrush

We are seeking to recruit a motivated and talented individual who will be responsible for the implementation of the Triangle Parishes Project (TPP,) for the purpose of impacting the lives of children and young people. This entails four key areas for the development of projects and initiatives:

1. Faith development initiatives.
2. Community relations initiatives.
3. Work in Youth Centres.
4. Community services such as job creation and skills development.

The post will be based within Portstewart Parish Office with a reporting line to the Triangle Parishes Committee. We see this as an excellent opportunity and challenge for an experienced Youth Worker to join our Diocesan Team. Terms are based on a 3-year Fixed Term Contract appointment requiring 37.5 hours attendance each week. Flexibility in work pattern in respect of evening and weekend working will also be a requirement of this role. Salary: £24,000 gross per annum. If interested in making an application for this post, more details can be found on the Diocesan website at: <http://www.downandconnor.org/job-vacancies/>, on the Community NI website and on nijobs.com. Application packs can also be obtained from Coleraine, Portstewart or Portrush Parish Office.

**Closing date for applications will be 12 noon on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021**

## SPECIAL DAYS IN THE CHURCH CALENDAR THIS WEEK



**Monday 20th September**  
Saints Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang & companions, martyrs



**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September:**  
St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist



**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September:**  
St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)



**Congratulations to Lee & Ciara on their recent wedding!**

**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  
**by 12pm on Thursday please.**