

# PARISH OF PORTRUSH & BUSHMILLS

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community  
Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2021



**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**Sunday C/Weekdays 2 Psalter week 4**  
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**Parish Office Open this week:**  
**Thursday 9.30am - 1.00pm**  
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## MASSES THIS WEEK

**Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9.00am, Wednesday 7.00pm, Friday 9.30am**  
**Saturday Vigil Mass at 6pm, Sunday at 12.00pm**  
**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 9.30am 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 & Friday at 10am**  
Mass will be held in the parish centre beside the church for the foreseeable future

**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.

**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 always wear a mask**

## REST IN PEACE

**Recently Deceased: Patrick O'Kane**  
**Anniversaries: Malachy Austin**

## ST PATRICK'S ALTAR SOCIETY

11 – 24<sup>th</sup> December – Mary Gordon & Evelyn Duggan  
25<sup>th</sup> Dec – 7<sup>th</sup> Jan – Ann Maguire & Pat Neely

## MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Sunday 19th Marie Conway  
Christmas Eve (6pm) Maebh McGreevy  
Christmas Day (9pm) Kate Magee  
Christmas Day (9am) Marie McAuley  
Christmas Day (12 noon) Mary McAlister

## CHRISTMAS MASSES

### St. Patrick's Portrush

Christmas Eve 6pm & 9pm.  
Christmas Day 9am & 12 noon.  
Feast of the Holy Family (26<sup>th</sup>) 12 noon.  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> December - Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> January 10am.  
On Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> January there will also be the normal 6pm vigil Mass.

### St Mary's, Bushmills

Christmas Day 10.30am.  
New Year's Day 12 noon.

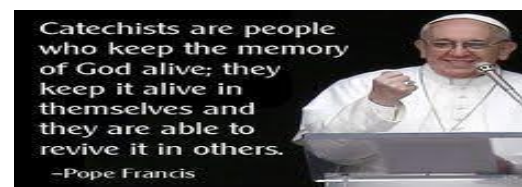
### Star of the Sea Portstewart

Christmas Eve: 5pm & 7pm  
Christmas Day 10am & 12 Noon

**Booking is essential for all Christmas and weekend Masses.**

## POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

### Catechists



Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

## THE SYNOD ON SYDONALITY

### Preparing to Listen



Pope Francis has affirmed that: "A synodal Church is a Church which listens. The faithful People, the Bishops, all listening to each other; and all listening to the Holy Spirit." Listening from a place of prayer is the foundation of our synodal process, and it requires an open mind and heart, without prejudice. As pilgrims on this synodal journey we recognise that no one person has the answer and that through authentic listening everyone has something to learn. The faithful people, the college of bishops, the Bishop of Rome: all listening to each other, and all listening to the Holy Spirit.

This week we pray that we will be a listening church; listening to the Holy Spirit prompting the Church to be attentive to the missionary dream of God's love reaching everyone and inspired by God's love that we reach out to care for all humanity. This week we

invite you to pray;

**Come Holy Spirit,**

**Make our ears to hear, make our eyes to see, make our mouths to speak, make our hearts to seek, make our hands to reach out and touch the world with your love. Amen.**

## TROCAIRE GIFTS OF LOVE



Trocaire are selling 'gifts of love', a range of ethical and sustainable gifts. The gifts range from a **Gift of soap** for £5 that will provide enough soap for a family for a month, to the **fix a well gift** for £1000, which ensures clean safe water for a whole village.

Please log on to [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org) for further information and to see the full range of gifts available.

**Thank you for your support!**

## CHILDREN'S COLOURING COMPETITION!



completed entries can be brought back to mass today or left in the parish office.

**Winner announced next week!**

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL



St. Patrick's SVP Conference wishes to thank all the parishioners, friends & parish organisations for the generous response to the Christmas appeal.

The total raised to date is **£1820.00**

Thank you to those who filled in the gift aid envelopes.

## MEDITATIONS WITH JOSEPH & MARY



Advent meditations continue with the Living Church.

Meditations with Joseph Thursdays 7pm

Meditations with Mary Sundays at 7pm

Please contact [livingchurch@downandconnor.org](mailto:livingchurch@downandconnor.org) for details of participation

## COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE



An ecumenical service took place on Tuesday 14 December from Portrush Presbyterian Church. The service was live

streamed online and can be accessed using the following link:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9tD9Rnm9rQEs2UQp\\_O9qbA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9tD9Rnm9rQEs2UQp_O9qbA)

## ONLINE ALPHA COURSE

An opportunity to explore, faith, life & meaning in an informal setting.



Front Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January at 8pm via Zoom

Please Contact for further information

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**Any items for inclusion in the Bulletin must be received no later than 5pm on Wednesdays.**