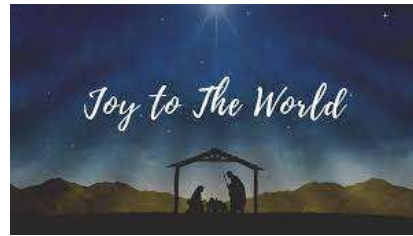


PARISH OF PORTRUSH & BUSHMILLS

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



Sunday 26th December 2021

Feast of the Holy Family

Sunday B/Weekdays 1

Psalter week 4

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St Patricks Church Portrush

portrushparish.website

MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday – Saturday 10.00am

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

Tuesday – Saturday 12pm

Saturday 1st – 5pm

Sunday 2nd – 10am

NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION THIS WEEK

MASS IN ST MALACHY'S, COLERAINE

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 10am

Saturday vigil at 6pm, Sunday at 11am

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,
Saturday until evening Mass at 6pm
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: Claire Hughes

Anniversaries: Paddy Craig, Hugh Mullan, Frank
Molloy, Martha Mullan, Molly & Gerry Conway, Tony
McCaughan, Josephine McCallion, Declan Loughran,
Elizabeth & Noel Duffy

ST PATRICK'S ALTAR SOCIETY

25th December -7th January: Ann Maguire & Pat Neely

8th January-21st January: Rose Minihan & Kathleen
Curran

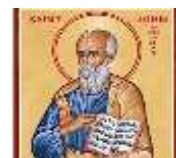
MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday 1st January 10am – Mary McIntyre-Loveridge

Saturday 1st January 6pm – Liam Mullan

Sunday 2nd January 12pm – Marie Conway

SPECIAL DAYS IN THE CHURCH CALENDAR THIS WEEK



27th December
St. John



28th December
Holy Innocents



29th December
St. Thomas Beckett



31st December
St. Sylvester I

CHILDRENS COLOURING COMPETITION WINNER!

Congratulations Justyna!

BISHOPS CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

"...they went on their way, and the star they had seen when
it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place
where the child was." (Mt 2:9)

The Christmas Star then and now

The infancy narratives in St Luke's gospel (Lk 1:1-2:52)
fascinate in so many ways. Whether child or adult,
imagination is fired, life experiences are evoked, and faith is
awakened or revived for many.

On that first Christmas in Bethlehem many journeys of faith
came together in adoration of the Christ-child. Guided by
the light of a star and discerning the path to follow,
shepherds and wise men encountered God incarnate in a
child. Falling to their knees in worship and prayer, a new
light illuminated their minds and lives. As each arrived at the
manger, 'heart spoke unto heart' as they encountered the
human face of God and the divine face of humanity. This was
a graced moment of divine revelation that would change
their lives forever. Today, the light of that Christmas star
beams into our lives, wherever we are on our own life's
journey.

Mary and Joseph: parenting in uncertain times

For their part, Mary and Joseph had already made their
journey to the town of Bethlehem. It was a journey marked
by hardship and hope, abandonment and promise,
desperation, and providence. Indeed, many of us can see
aspects of our own lives mirrored in their difficult journey.
Despite their fears and the uncertainty of their situation,
Mary and Joseph opened their hearts to welcome this
precious little infant into the world. Their humble
cooperation with God's plan of salvation led to the most
graced moment of human history when the eternal God
took on human flesh.

The birth of this child brought joy and new hope into the
world.

Still, Mary and Joseph had many more journeys to make
together. They had to leave for Egypt to protect the Christ-
child from the threat of suffering and death. They returned
to Nazareth where they made themselves a home. They
accompanied the child to the temple in Jerusalem. Each
journey was fraught with hardship and adversity, yet each
journey was also a moment of grace.

Journeying Together in faith on a Synodal Pathway

To enliven communities of faith in each diocese throughout
the world, Pope Francis has invited us to undertake together
a 'synodal pathway'. On that pathway, guided by the light of
divine revelation, and in response in our time to the impulse
of the Holy Spirit, we are invited to contribute to shaping our
communities of faith as active centres of prayer and worship
and as an outreach of God's loving care for all and especially
to those in need and on the margins of life. Pope Francis
describes this synodal approach as a way of living the Good
News of the Gospel within the community of the Church for
the good of humanity and society. As on that first Christmas
morning, listening together to and reflecting upon the Word

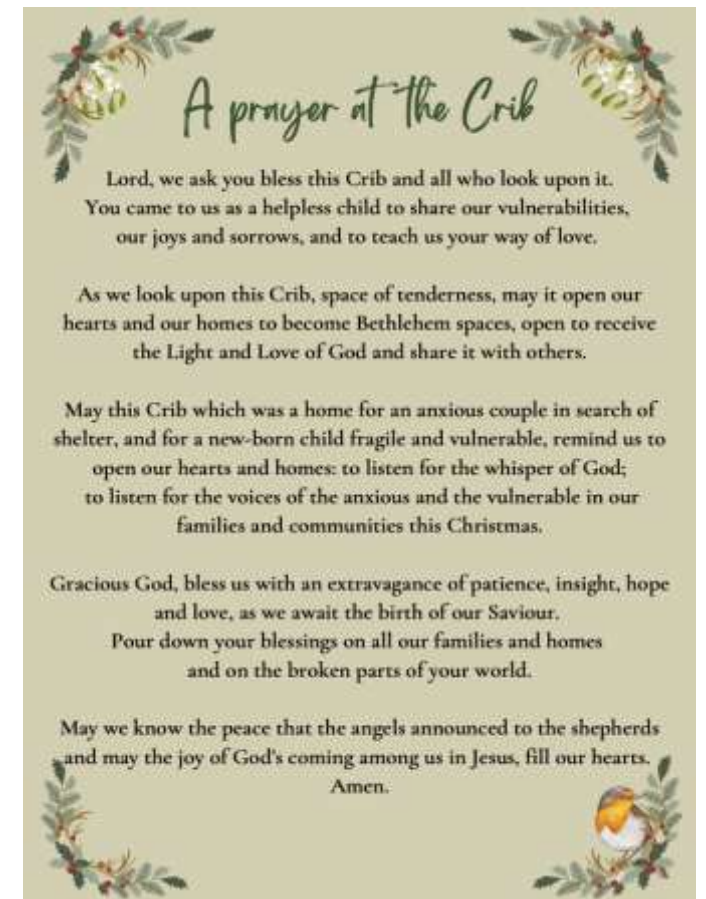
of God will enable us to focus on the reality of God's
presence among us and to incarnate our faith in prayer and
pastoral action.

Over this festive season, I encourage you to join our parish
communities either in person or online and to pray for one
another, for your families and friends. Let us continue to
hold in prayer all health care workers and front-line staff as
they selflessly and tirelessly continue to care for our sick
throughout the Christmas season.

May the blessings of the Christmas Season bring hope and
joy into your hearts and homes and provide the light for your
pathway throughout the New Year 2022.

+Noel Treanor

Bishop of Down and Connor



CHRISTMAS THANKS FROM FR. RAYMOND

Sincere thanks to all
parishioners for your
support & encouragement
over the past difficult year. Please be assured of a
special remembrance in my prayers at this time.
Wishing you and your families the peace of the
Christ Child & every blessing for 2022.

Any inclusion for the Parish Bulletin must be received by
5pm On Wednesday