# PARISH OF PORTRUSH & BUSHMILLS

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2022 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas Sunday C/Weekdays 2 Psalter week 2

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Parish Office Open this week 9.30am – 1 pm

Wednesday & Thursday

**SVP Helpline** 07508 549 574 SVP Clothes Bank situated in the church car park

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St Patricks Church Portrush portrushparish.website

#### MASSES THIS WEEK

Wednesday Feast of the Epiphany Vigil Mass 7pm Thursday 9am & Friday 9.30am Saturday Vigil Mass at 6pm & Sunday at 12.00pm EXTRA MASS

Feast of the Epiphany 10.30am St. Marys Bushmills

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 Tuesday: Mass at 7pm, Wednesday 9.30am Epiphany: Wednesday at 7pm & Thursday at 9.30am No Eucharistic Adoration this week Friday - Saturday: Mass at 9.30am The church is open for private prayer from 10am-12 noon on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday

## **MASS IN ST MALACHY'S, COLERAINE**

Saturday vigil at 6pm, Sunday at 11am Monday, Tuesday, and 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, 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: Robert Bannister Anniversaries: Mary Dickson, Bridget McMullan, Andrea McKeown, Seamus Martin, Agnes Donaghy, Annie Kirkpatrick, John-Eddie & Eileen Mullan

#### **ST PATRICK'S ALTAR SOCIETY**

25<sup>th</sup> December -7<sup>th</sup> January: Ann Maguire & Pat Neely 8<sup>th</sup> January-21<sup>st</sup> January: Rose Minihan & Kathleen Curran <u>MINISTERS OF THE WORD</u> Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 12pm – Marie Conway Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> January 6pm – Kate Magee Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January 12pm – Maebh McGreevy

## SPECIAL DAYS IN THE CHURCH CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January Most Holy Name of Jesus





Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January Feast of the Epiphany

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January St. Raymond of Penyafort & St. Andre Bessette



NORTHERN PASTORAL NETWORK 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS Scripture, Prayer & Reflection for the Christmas



#### www.northernpastoral.network

#### **Prayer**

Christ has no body now but yours No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which He looks Compassion on this world Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good Yours are the hands with which He blesses all the world Yours are the hands Yours are the feet Yours are the eyes You are His body Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

#### **POPES PRAYER INTENTION JANUARY 2022**



For true human fraternity We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

# PHASE ONE OF SYNODAL PATHWAY TO CONTINUE UNTIL JUNE 2022



'We look forward to hearing what the Spirit is saying to the churches' - Bishops Update on the Synodal Pathway and Universal Synod The first phase of the Synodal Pathway will continue until June 2022. It will see the diocesan, parish and other initiatives continue and gain momentum, especially during the season of Lent. After Easter this year, dioceses will begin to gather up the fruits of this first phase by holding diocesan presynodal gatherings to listen together in a spirit of prayer and sharing to what their diocese has heard and to discern what they would want to feed into the universal synodal process. This will

lead to the composition of a report from each

diocese for the Bishops' Conference. This report will also be a summary of the first phase in the diocese of the national Synodal Pathway with its focus on how we are 'journeying together'.



The Feast of the Epiphany is celebrated on January 6<sup>th.</sup> This feast commemorates the visit of the wise men to worship the baby Jesus. Tradition tells us that their names were Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. The men were astrologers who were looking for the star that would lead them to the promised Messiah. This was prophesied in the Book of Micah. According to the Gospel narratives, the wise men brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh with them. These gifts were very meaningful. Gold was a precious and expensive gift and showed how important Jesus was. Frankincense is a sweet perfume which was often burned in the temple to worship God. It was a sign that Jesus should be worshipped. Myrrh was used to keep things fresh, and it was used by the women to anoint Jesus' body when he died. By bringing it as a gift to Jesus, the wise men foretold his suffering and death.

O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.



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