

PARISH OF PORTRUSH & BUSHMILLS

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



"Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into the ditch"

Sunday 27th February 2022

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday C/Weekdays 2 Psalter week 4

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SVP Clothes Bank situated in the church car park



St Patricks Church Portrush
portrushparish.website

MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9.00am

Wednesday 9am & 7pm, 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

Tuesday Mass at 7.00pm, Ash Wednesday 9.30am &

7.00pm, Thursday - Saturday 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

Tuesday & Thursday 10am

Ash Wednesday 10am & 7pm

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

The legal obligation to wear a mask during Mass is no longer in place, **We would ask that anyone attending Mass in our Church to always wear a mask.**

REST IN PEACE

Recently Deceased: Martha Bosch, Adrian McLaughlin, Hugh Niblock, Rose McAlister
Anniversaries: Joseph McCullagh, Liam McLaughlin, Margaret Thompson, Ben & Francis Stewart

ST PATRICK'S ALTAR SOCIETY

19th February – 4th March – Ann Maguire & Pat Neely

5th March – 18th March – Rose Miniham & Kathleen Curran

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Sunday 27th February 12pm – Kate Murphy

Saturday 5th March 6pm – Kate Magee

Sunday 6th March 12pm – Meabh McGreevy



ASH WEDNESDAY 2ND MARCH

Ashes will be distributed at both

Masses on Ash Wednesday 9am & 7pm

If you are unable to attend either Mass, or would like ashes sent to you, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible



SACRAMENTS IN ST. PATRICK'S

CONFIRMATION:

Thursday 28th April 7pm

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

Saturday 28th May 12pm



CHANGING BANK ACCOUNTS

Portrush Parish have changed accounts from Ulster bank to Danske Bank. We feel it would be a good time for people who are not already contributing via direct Debit, to consider setting one up, this is a convenient way of ongoing monthly contribution instead of the monthly envelope. Please contact the parish office for new bank details.

THE CHAPLET OF MERY

The Legion of Mary have recommended that we pray one decade of the Rosary a day for Peace.

Chaplet of mercy Booklets will soon be available to purchase at a cost of **£2 per copy.**

NO GREATER LOVE

Lent is a season of reflection and preparation as we look forward to the celebration of Easter. Why not join **Living Church** as we reflect together over Zoom on the final moments of Jesus' life. In a series of short films shot on location in the Holy land, **No Greater Love** is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Best-selling author, Edward Sri, will guides us through the final hours of Christ's life. Over 5 weeks we are given the opportunity to walk step by step with Jesus through the Scriptures from the Garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. At each session there will be the opportunity to meet others from across the Diocese to pray, share and reflect together. There are 5 online sessions – one for each week of Lent which will lead us into Holy week. To book your place on our online program please e-mail livingchurch@downandconnor.org

There are 6 options for you to choose from:

Monday 14th March at 11am or 7pm

Tuesday 8th March at 7:30pm

Wednesday 9th March at 7:30pm

Thursday 10th March at 11am or 7pm

COME GATHER AND CELEBRATE



A Parish Preparation Programme for all children receiving their First Holy Communion this year and for their parents and guardians. In addition to the wonderful work already taking place in schools

and at home, the parish are very much looking forward to journeying with you all at this very special time. During the Saturdays of Lent beginning on Saturday 12th March for four weeks, we invite all the children preparing for First Holy Communion along with their parents/guardians to discover the beauty of the Mass and why it is so important in our journey of faith. We look forward to meeting with you.

EXPLORING THE PSALMS FOR LENT



DURING Lent, when we are asked to give more time to prayer, we will explore and pray, in the company of CS Lewis, some of the most beautiful Psalms. The programme will run online: **Tuesday 1st March for 6 weeks 7.00pm-8.30pm** and **Thursday 3rd March for 6 weeks 7.00pm-8.30pm**

To register, please contact Kieran Hill stating your day of preference to attend.

Email: khill@btinternet.com or Tel: 07964287839

FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION AND MISSION



A LISTENING LENT

During Lent – commencing Ash Wednesday, our diocese will present a series of opportunities to consult as many of our people as possible. The results will be faithfully collated by our Living Church office which will inform an authentic response to the Irish Episcopal Conference. In this way the world-wide family that is our Catholic church will inform Pope Francis. This is like Vatican 3 and we need a powerful and truly representative voice from ALL our people.

MAKE YOUR MARK: Questions for Ash Wednesday

- **Communion:** The love of God is for everyone. As a Diocese we aspire to 'Open wide the doors of the Church to all without exception'. Who finds welcome and support for their Christian journey and who might feel left out?
- **Participation:** Every baptised person is called to participate in the mission of the Church. How is dialogue and participation in the life of the Church enabled and how is it hindered?
- **Mission:** We are called to mission; to put our faith into action. What enables or hinders us in speaking up for the Gospel and acting courageously in society?
- **The Holy Spirit guiding our Church:** What steps is the Holy Spirit calling all of us to take at this time?



PANCAKE PARTY

Tuesday 1 March from 6-8pm PANCAKE PARTY in The Anchor Bar, Portstewart.

Come and celebrate Shrove Tuesday before the rigours of Lent begin, {and

find out more about an exciting new Lenten Programme}. Open to all young

adults in the Triangle area. For catering purposes, please contact

Father Raymond by email r.mccullagh@ulster.ac.uk

MY DAY BY DAY



My Day-by-Day guided reading & prayer booklets for the period of Lent, are available to Purchase after Mass or from the Parish office, at a cost of **£1 each.**

POPES PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH 2022

A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges
We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The Diocese of Down & Connor are pleased to announce a pilgrimage to Lourdes, to take place from the

13th – 18th July 2022.

Leaving Belfast International with full board accommodation, transfers, insurance & courier services, at a cost of **£685.**

For more information, please contact:

Lourdes Pilgrimage Office
(028) 9077 0162 or lourdes@downandconnor.org