

# PARISH OF PORTRUSH & BUSHMILLS

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2023

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Sunday A/Weekdays 1 Psalter week 3

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Parish Office this week:

Monday 09.30am-2.30pm, Tuesday & Thursday

09.30-1.00pm

## MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday 9.00am Tuesday & Friday – 10.30am

Friday – stations of the cross 3pm

Sunday – 12.00pm

## MASS IN PORTSTEWART

Tuesday: Mass at 7.00pm

Wednesday – Friday: Mass at 9.30am

Saturday – 5pm

Sunday – 10.00am

## MASS IN ST MALACHY'S, COLERAINE

Mon, Tues & Friday 10am

Thursday – 7pm

Saturday vigil at 6pm & Sunday at 11am

## MASS IN ST MARYS BALLYMONEY

Sunday 10.00am & 5.00pm

All Masses are streamed & recorded online at [www.churchmedia.tv](http://www.churchmedia.tv). Masses are available to view for up to two weeks. For any difficulties with accessing Mass please contact Melissa on 02887738494

The church is open for private prayer.  
Monday – Saturday 9am – 5.30pm  
And Sunday after 12 noon Mass until 5.30pm.

SVP Helpline 07508 549 574

SVP Clothes Bank situated in the church car park.

## ST PATRICK'S ALTAR SOCIETY

4<sup>th</sup> March – 17<sup>th</sup> March – Mary Gordon & Evelyn

Duggan

18<sup>th</sup> March – 31<sup>st</sup> March – Ann Maguire & Pat Neely

## MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Caroline McWilliams-Owen

## MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> – Stephen O'Neill

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Theo Laverty, Maureen Forde,  
Michael McAuley, Mary Donaghey, Adrian McLaughlin  
Agnes Murphy, Jan Kotorski, Desmond Leslie, Donal  
Rowantree,

## COLLECTIONS

Last week's Weekly collection amounted to £563.92  
and the monthly collection £503.31.

*Thank you for your continuing generosity!*



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent we will have stations of the cross  
each Friday at 3pm

## INSPECTION OF CHURCH PORCH RENOVATIONS

This week we had an onsite visit from a representative  
from ENTRUST the Landfill Regulator, who supported  
the renovation project to the front entrance of our  
Church.

He was very impressed with the work completed, and  
we as a parish would like to extend our gratitude to  
Malkit for his visit, and the funding which was made  
available to us for the project.



## Scripture Programme: The Gospel of Matthew

Our Scripture programme continues each  
Thursday from 7.00pm-8.30pm in St Patrick's Hall.

Facilitated by Kieran Hill & Monsignor Patrick  
Delargy.

For further information about this course, please  
contact the Parish Office

028 7082 3388

## WARM SPACE



Drop into our warm space every  
Monday from 11.00am-2pm

Have a cup of tea/coffee and  
have a chat with friends or do  
some puzzles, play cards, do crafts, or just read.

Everyone welcome!

## LEGACY OF SAINT PATRICK



Continuing the legacy of Saint  
Patrick who tells us in his  
Confessions that he rose as  
many as one hundred times  
before dawn to pray, a group  
of Christians will gather at  
5:45 am at his grave on Saint  
Patrick's morning. We will  
pray The Our Father/ The  
Lord's Prayer one hundred times for peace and  
unity in Christ among our peoples. Everyone  
welcome. Please spread the word among friends  
from different Christian denominations.

## CAUSEWAY COAST PEACE GROUP



the Causeway Coast Peace group will  
meet on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March from  
09.30am-12pm in St Patrick's Hall

The topic will be: Criminal justice & Victim support.

Light refreshments will be served.

Everyone Welcome

## LENTEN SCRIPTURE, PRAYER, AND REFLECTION

### Portstewart

You're very welcome to join us as we meditate on  
Holy Scripture, we'll have music, images, and prayer  
to help us reflect on the Word of God for each of the  
Sundays in Lent.

In the Marian Hall Portstewart each Friday during  
Lent commencing Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 10am  
(Directly after morning mass) This will be followed  
with light refreshments

Booking not necessary – Please contact Helen with  
any questions 07765014681.

## PRAYING WITH SCRIPTURE IN LENT



Please join us as we continue to prepare  
our hearts and minds for Easter. This  
Lent we are running two sessions based  
on the Sunday Gospels in Lent.

### Lectio Divina

In the busyness of everyday life, it can often be  
difficult to find space for silence and quiet  
meditation. This lent, we will be providing that quiet  
space each Thursday evening where we will reflect  
on the Living Word of God. In this beautiful  
meditative form of prayer, much loved and  
encouraged by the late Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI,  
we will be led into a space where we can be still in  
God's presence and let Him speak to our hearts. All  
are very welcome.

Where? – In the Marian Hall, Portstewart (Access  
through side door of the Church)

Time? – 8-9pm followed by refreshments

When? – Every Thursday commencing Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
February.

No booking necessary, please contact Bridgeen with  
any questions 07546092912.

# A Prayer of Saint Patrick

May the Strength of God pilot us.  
May the Power of God preserve us.  
May the Wisdom of God instruct us.  
May the Hand of God protect us.  
May the Way of God direct us.  
May the Shield of God defend us.  
May the Host of God guard us.  
Against the snares of the evil ones.  
Against temptations of the world.

May Christ be with us!  
May Christ be before us!  
May Christ be in us, Christ be over all!  
May Thy Salvation, Lord, Always be ours  
This day, O Lord, and evermore. Amen.