

# PARISH OF PORTRUSH & BUSHMILLS

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

**Easter Sunday**

**Sunday A/Weekdays 1 Psalter week 3**

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**Parish Office this week:**

**CLOSED**

## MASSES THIS WEEK

Friday – 10.30am

Sunday – 12.00pm

## STAR OF THE SEA PORTSTEWART

Tuesday – Friday – 10.00am

Saturday – 10.00am, 5pm (Vigil)

Sunday – 10.00am

## MASS IN ST MALACHYS COLERAINE

Mon, Tues, Thurs & Friday – 10.00am

Saturday Vigil – 6pm

Sunday – 11.00am

*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.

## MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Peter Sheridan

## MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Jimmy Friel

## ST PATRICK'S ALTAR SOCIETY

1<sup>st</sup> April – 14<sup>th</sup> April – Rose Minihan & Kathleen Curran

15<sup>th</sup> April – 28<sup>th</sup> April – Marie McAuley, Marie Conway & Mary McIntyre-Loveridge

## ANNIVERSARIES

**Owen Thompson, Niall Parkhill**

**Barry Murphy, Ken Bush, John Bradley, Jean Brolly,**

**Joyce Fisher**

## COLLECTIONS

Last week's Weekly collection amounted to **£542.60**  
and the Monthly collection **£390.30.**

***Thank you for your continuing generosity!***

*Please see bulletin notice re. DONA collection plate*

## DONA ELECTRONIC COLLECTION PLATE

We now have in the Church, a facility which allows for electronic card payments to be made for donations to the church.

This system is located at the entrance of the main body of the church on the right-hand side and is very user friendly.

Simply touch the screen to start, Select the amount for donation, or put in own amount, follow the instructions on the keypad and the transaction will complete.

We hope that this will make donating to our Parish easier than ever.

For any queries, please contact the parish office.

## POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION: APRIL

For a culture of peace and non-violence  
We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.



## WARM SPACE

There will be no Warm Space meeting on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April

## Scripture Programme: The Gospel of Matthew

Our Scripture programme will continue after Easter from Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm-8.30pm in St Patrick's Hall.

## FOSTER CARE SERVICES AND SUPPORT

'There are children in crisis today in our local communities – children of all ages and all abilities. Can you spare a weekend, a few days or more to make a difference in a child's life. If you can, then contact the Regional Fostering Team at

[adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net](http://adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net)

or on 0800 0720 137.

'Every child is just one caring adult away from success'.

## YEAR OF VOCATIONS TO THE DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD

The year of vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood begins on Good Shepherd Sunday, 30 April, on the theme: 'Take the Risk for Christ'.

In life, many hear God's call to priesthood. Is your heart open to the Lord? Have you ever considered taking the risk to follow in the footsteps of Jesus?

If so, you are invited to the national seminary of Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth, on 25 April, to attend a special conference on evangelisation and vocations in Ireland today.

Archbishop Rino Fisichella, Pro Prefect of the Vatican's Dicastery for Evangelisation, will be the keynote speaker.

Please register directly on [www.vocations.ie](http://www.vocations.ie), or contact the National Vocations director Father Willie Purcell at [willie.purcell@iecon.ie](mailto:willie.purcell@iecon.ie) or Rev Eric Cooney secretary of the National Vocations Office at [eric.cooney@iecon.ie](mailto:eric.cooney@iecon.ie)

May God bless you!

## THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Our Lady's Shrine, Knock

Saturday 22nd April 2023

9.30am – 5pm

Spiritual Director: Fr. Vincent Twomey SVD

The Catechism / YOUCAT Workshop will be of interest

to those who plan to start / join a Study Group

Information / booking contact.

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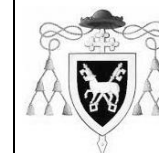
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## BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

The loss of a partner through death, separation or divorce is devastating. Beginning Experience is offering a programme of bereavement support in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Ave., Belfast on three Saturdays (April 29th; May 27th and June 24th 2023) Booking essential. To find out more, contact Phil: 02890 207645 or Marie 07896119669 or email [belfastbe@yahoo.com](mailto:belfastbe@yahoo.com)

## DIOCESAN VOCATION RETREAT



### **DOWN AND CONNOR**

Come and join us as we'll help you discern and cultivate the seed of God's love in you.

21-23 April 2023 @ Drumalis Retreat House Larne

Diocese of Armagh, Clogher, Derry, Dromore, Down & Connor, Kilmore and Raphoe.

Directed by Fr Stephen Langridge

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

One of the questions the Disciples had on that first Easter morning was, 'If Jesus is not in the tomb, where is he now?' In the light of his appearances to them, they came to understand that he was to be found among themselves, the community of believers. The risen Lord journeys with us, and he wants to take flesh in our lives so that we become living signs of his Easter presence. He wants to live in us that his life-giving love becomes a reality in our world today. We can be grateful this Easter for the ways that the Lord's life giving love has taken flesh in the lives of so many people.

