

# PARISH OF PORTRUSH & BUSHMILLS

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Sunday A/Weekdays 1

Psalter week 2

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**PARISH OFFICE THIS WEEK:**

Wednesday & Friday

09.30am – 1.00pm

**MASSES THIS WEEK**

Monday, Tuesday & Friday – 10.30am

Sunday – 12.00pm

**STAR OF THE SEA PORTSTEWART**

Tuesday – 7pm

Wed-Fri – 09.30am

Saturday – 09.30am & 5pm (Vigil)

Sunday – 10am

**MASS IN ST MALACHYS COLERAINE**

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 14<sup>th</sup> May – Marie McAuley

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May – Pat Gillan

**ST PATRICK'S ALTAR SOCIETY**

29<sup>th</sup> April – 12<sup>th</sup> May – Mary Gordon & Evelyn Duggan

13<sup>th</sup> May – 26<sup>th</sup> May – Ann Maguire & Pat Neely

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Months Mind: Hugh McHugh (Whitehead)

Paul Duggan, Hugh McLaughlin & Louis Maguire,

Kathleen Maple, Joseph Austin, Thomas

McGonigle & Madeline McNally

**COLLECTIONS**

Last week's weekly Collection amounted to

**£405.38.**

**Thank you for your continuing support!**

**POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION: MAY**



**For church movements and groups**

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

**Scripture Programme: The Gospel of Matthew**

Please note there will be no meeting on

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May, due to NW200

*Any item for inclusion in the weekly bulletin, must be received no later than 5pm on a Wednesday.*

**Please note changes to office hours this week**

**MAY PRAYER COURSE-THE SEVEN JOYS OF MARY**

During May, the month of Mary, Ballymoney and Portstewart parishes will be running a prayer course called The Seven Joys of Mary.



Over five weeks, this programme will give us a chance to reflect on the joys of Mary's life and learn how we can draw comfort from them and make a connection between our own faith journey and Our Lady's.

The Ballymoney course begins on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May and will run each Wednesday evening of the month at 7pm. It will take place at Our Lady & St John the Evangelist's Church, Knock Rd, Dervock, BT53 8AB.

The Portstewart course begins on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April and will run for five Friday mornings at 10am. It will take place in the Marion Hall, Star of the Sea Church, 4 The Crescent, Portstewart, BT55 7AB.

**DOWN & CONNOR DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE**

**Lourdes 2023**



11/12 – 17<sup>th</sup> July. 6 nights in hotel from £829, 5 nights in hotel from £769. 5 nights in Accueil Notre-Dame for pilgrims requiring nursing and/or personal care £719.

For more information or to request a booking form, contact the Pilgrimage Office (028) 9077 0162 or email [lourdes@downandconnor.org](mailto:lourdes@downandconnor.org) visit: [www.downandconnor.org/lourdes](http://www.downandconnor.org/lourdes)

**NOVENA**

St Gerard's church will be hosting their annual Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 to Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023 at 9.30 am and 7.30 pm.

St Gerards Church – 722 Antrim Road, Belfast

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God. Believe also in me.' Trust in another person can help us in difficult times. Remember and give thanks for the people you were able to trust in difficult moments. Remember also when your faith in God helped you through anxious moments.

**POINT TO PONDER**

'I am the life.' Jesus became human to cleanse us of our sins. He died on the cross to save us. He gave us the Eucharist to give us life – and He is the life we receive in the Eucharist.

**MAY: THE MONTH OF MARY**



**To Mary, Refuge of Sinners**

Hail, most gracious Mother of mercy, hail, Mary, for whom we fondly yearn, through whom we obtain forgiveness! Who would not love thee?

Thou art our light in uncertainty, our comfort in sorrow, our solace in the time of trial, our refuge from every peril and temptation.

Thou art our sure hope of salvation, second only to thy only begotten Son; blessed are they who love thee, our Lady!

Incline, I beseech thee, thy ears of pity to the entreaties of this thy servant, a miserable sinner; dissipate the darkness of my sins by the bright beams of thy holiness, in order that I may be acceptable in thy sight.

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA**

Rosary Rally will be held at the Grotto of Our Lady of Mercy in the car park of St Oliver Plunkett Church at 4pm -5pm on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May, everyone welcome to come and pray the rosary and prayers to Our Lady of Fatima

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