

PARISH OF PORTRUSH & BUSHMILLS

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



Sunday 21st May 2023

Ascension Sunday

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Psalter week 4

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PARISH OFFICE THIS WEEK:

Monday 9.30am-2.30pm, Tues & Thurs 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. 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 28th May – Marie Conway

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Sunday 28th May – Rose Minihan

ST PATRICK'S ALTAR SOCIETY

13th May – 26th May – Ann Maguire & Pat Neely

27th May – 7th June – Rose Minihan & Kathleen

Curran

SACRAMENTS

First Holy Communion – Saturday 3rd June

Confirmation – Saturday 17th June

REST IN PEACE

ANNIVERSARIES

Glen & Annie (Ena) Stewart, John Lavery, Rosina

McAuley, Mary O'Connor, Nelly McKinley,

Jackie & Rosaleen Lynch, Jim Donaghy

COLLECTIONS

Last week's weekly Collection amounted to

£415.90

Thank you for your continuing support!

SAFEGUARDING

The Diocese of Down and Connor has invited the National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland to conduct a review of safeguarding practice across the Diocese. The review will take place 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9TH June. If you have any views about Safeguarding in the Diocese, you are invited to contact Teresa Devlin, Chief Executive Officer, National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland, prior to the review dates:

Tel 003531 5053124 or email

teresa.devlin@safeguarding.ie.

This is part of the process of learning and maintaining best safeguarding practice across the Diocese and ensuring our Church is a safe and nurturing place for young people where they can grow and develop their faith.

Philip O Hara, Interim Director of Safeguarding, Designated Liaison Person, Diocese of Down and Connor.

Any item for inclusion in the bulletin must be received by 3pm On Wednesday



BOXING NIGHT

SKERRIES A.B.C FIGHT NIGHT

Skerries A.B.C V Ulster Select

St Patricks Hall Causeway Street Portrush

Friday 19th May at 8pm

Doors open 7.30pm

£8 Admission at the door

Full bar facilities available on the night, kindly supported by The Springhill Portrush

DIOCESE OF DOWN & CONNOR DATA CAPTURE 2023

PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE

In the Gospel this Sunday we hear the mission that Jesus gives his Church - "Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations." And that is still our mission today. Here in Down and Connor, our Pathways to the Future programme has been set up to help us go out, make disciples, and share the love of Christ more effectively in the coming years.

One initial task is the count of Mass attendance which is happening across the diocese this weekend. On a practical level this helps us to get an accurate snapshot of who is connecting with our local parishes at this time. But it also encourages us to reflect about who isn't coming and how we might go out and share the Gospel with them.

That might seem a daunting task and it will mean doing some things differently in the future. But if we work together as a whole Church - lay people, religious and clergy, guided by the Holy Spirit - God promises that our efforts will be fruitful. Let's pray for the courage and imagination to go out and make disciples here in Down and Connor.

Tally sheets will be handed out upon entering the church, we would ask that the sheet be completed by everyone at mass and handed back when exiting the Church.

Further information about Pathways can be found to the church notice board.

ROSARY ON THE COAST

Another Rosary on the Coast will take place this Sunday 21st May at 3pm on Benone strand.

All welcome to attend!

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

For our diocese, that we will all have the courage to live as missionary disciples of Christ. May the power of the Gospel shine forth in our daily social and family life.

For politicians and all who make decisions that affect the future of the earth, may they safeguard the care of creation for future generations.

PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE PRAYER

God of Love, you are with us in every transition and change. As we enter this new era with excitement and even some anxiety,

we recall your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love. We thank you for the gifts, talents, and skills with which you have blessed us. We thank you for the work of others that gives breadth and depth to our own work. Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another.

We ask this in your Holy Name.

AMEN

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The Lord asks a lot of us but only because he assures us of his empowering presence. He has placed his mission in our hands, and he has promised us all the resources that we need. There is a strong message coming through in today's feast that the Church must be a community in Mission, guided by the God's Spirit and confident of God's protection. Individually and collectively, we are called to make disciples and the Lord empowers us to do that through the giving of his Holy Spirit. Disciples are made by other disciples, by the Lord working through his disciples. We bring each other to the Lord.

POINT TO PONDER

Jesus commissioned this collection of believing and doubting disciples to carry on his work. We inherit that mission today. How do you see yourself as commissioned to continue the mission of Jesus?

Jesus told his disciples that although he would not be physically with them, he would be with them in a new way right through life. Have there been times when you were reassured by the love and support of another even though s/he was not physically present with you? What are the things that help you to be aware of the presence of the risen Jesus with you on Life's journey?

