

PARISH OF PORTRUSH & BUSHMILLS

Part of the North Connor Pastoral Community



11th Sunday in Ordinary time

Sunday 18th June 2023

Sunday A/Weekdays 1 Psalter week 4

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday, Tuesday & Friday – 10.30am

Sunday – 12.00pm

PARISH OFFICE THIS WEEK:

Mon 09.30am-2.30pm Tues 09.30-11.00am

Thursday 09.30am-1.00pm

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 – 10.00am

Saturday Vigil – 6pm

Sunday – 11.00am

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Sunday 25th June – Stephen O'Neill

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Sunday 25th June – Jimmy Friel

ST PATRICK'S ALTAR SOCIETY

10th June– 23rd June – Marie McAuley, Marie

Conway & Mary McIntyre-Loveridge

24th June – 7th July – Mary Gordon & Evelyn

Duggan

RECENTLY DECEASED

Mary Duffy, Eileen Freeburn

ANNIVERSARIES

Marian McGuckin, Kathleen Robinson, Seamus

Connolly, Sean Hughes, John Kearney, Jim

Brolly, Paddy Donnelly, Brendan Conway,

Martha Foley, Tom & Kathleen Lawlor

COLLECTIONS

Last week's weekly Collection amounted to

£418.90.

Thank you for your continuing support!

COLERAINE AREA CHURCHES FORUM

Are hosting a day of reflection in St Malachy's Coleraine on **Wednesday 21st June from 3pm-6pm**. Names of all those lost their lives during

the conflict in Northern Ireland will be remembered and read reverently aloud.

Volunteers are requested to assist with reading the names. All are invited to visit the church for private prayer.

POINTS TO PONDER

The commission Jesus gave the twelve 'to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness' is a reminder to us that we all have the capacity to be an influence for good in the lives of others. In this we continue the mission of Jesus (cf. St Teresa's Prayer). When have you experienced yourself as having a healing or life-giving influence on another person? Who has had that influence on you?

DAY FOR LIFE 2023



Day for Life is celebrated this year on Sunday 18 June. The theme is 'Listen to Her' and focuses on the experience of one Catholic woman in the aftermath of abortion. It tells of her journey towards healing. The hope is that this will help people to listen, to understand and to respond with compassion. You can read the message in full on www.councilforlife.ie

The Holy Father Francis was informed of the celebration of the 2023 Day for Life in Ireland, Scotland, England, and Wales under the theme "Listen to Her" and sends his greetings and good wishes to all the participants. In listening to Mary, our mother, and following her example, he invites us to discover our personal call from God who is the source of our existence, reminding us that, "Each human being is called by God to enjoy the fullness of life; and is entrusted to the maternal care of the Church. Every threat to human dignity and life cannot but influence her heart, on her maternal 'womb'. To defend life is not an ideology for the Church. It is a reality; a human reality which involves all Christians, precisely because they are Christian and because they are human". (General Audience, 25 March 2020).

With these sentiments in mind, I assure all who participate in this year's Day for Life of Pope Francis' prayers, particularly for all expectant mothers and their families. Through the intercession of the mother of God, the Holy Father cordially imparts his Apostolic Blessing to all participants and invokes an abundance of Divine graces.

CEMETERY SUNDAY IN PORTSTEWART

Sunday 25th June at 3pm in Agherton Cemetery
Graves will be blessed
in both Agherton and Portstewart Cemeteries.

ROSARY ON THE COAST

Rosary on the coast every month Sunday 18/06 at 3pm, Benone beach. All welcome.

PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE



In St Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells His disciples that "the harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to the harvest". We must continue to ask God for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life, but we must also recognise that we all have a calling from God and through our Baptism, we have received the gifts or charisms of the Holy Spirit to equip us to fulfil it.

In the coming months, we will begin to establish our new Families of Parishes across the Diocese. These are not simply parish structures, but are communities of faith where all, lay and ordained, work together to serve God and to serve, love, and care for each other. The new Families will be asking people to come forward to be trained and commissioned in a range of ministries such as catechesis, youth ministry and funeral ministry. Volunteers will be needed to help with management and administration. Liturgy teams will be needed to plan and organise prayer services and celebrations. Parish Families will need Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, altar servers, musicians, and so much more.

As we begin the process of renewal that Bishop McKeown spoke of at Pentecost, and as we plan for the practical changes that this will entail, we invite you to take time to pray and reflect on what this will mean for you personally. What role could you play? How will you use your Baptismal gifts for the glory of God and the love of others? How will you respond to God's call for you?

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

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.**

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SVP Clothes Bank situated in the church car park.

