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# BULLETIN

14<sup>th</sup> February 2021- 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



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**MASS SCHEDULE**  
Saturday 9.30am, 6pm (Vigil)  
Sunday 8am, 10am, (po polsku) & 12.00 noon  
  
Monday Wednesday & Thursday 8am  
Tuesday & Friday 8am & 7pm  
  
**ST PAUL'S CHURCH**  
Sunday: 9am & 10.30am,  
Monday-Friday: 10am  
Saturday: 10.30 am & 7pm (Vigil)

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**  
**7<sup>th</sup> February - £4854.15**  
Donations – £45  
*Thank you for your continued support and generosity*

  
*We welcome the following child into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism*  
**Dylan John Kelly,**  
Garland Avenue  
*Our prayers and good wishes are extended to his families*  
All parents wishing to have a child baptised in St Peter's Parish, must notify the Parish Office in person. One month's notice is required. *Baptisms take place on the first, third and fifth Sundays of the month @ 1.30pm*

Requests for Anniversaries and Month's Mind notices should be left into the Parish Office on or before 12 noon on the Wednesday of the week before if they are to be included in the Bulletin. The minimum diocesan stipend is £10. As we have a booking system, anniversaries can be booked in advance. *Please use the anniversary envelopes at the back of the Church*

**LENT**  
  
This week we begin the season of Lent. This is a special time when we are getting ready for Easter. During Lent many people 'give up' things or 'turn away' from things that they do too much of eg: too much eating, too much TV or time playing computer games. Lent is a time for turning away from things that distract us from God. It is a time for drawing closer to God.  
**Next Wednesday, 17th February is Ash Wednesday and begins the holy season of Lent. It is a day of fast and abstinence for all Catholics. Mass will be streamed online at 8.00am in St Peter's & 10.00am in St Paul's.**  
*Traditionally we have the sign of the cross marked on our foreheads with ashes. This year that is not possible. However, it may be helpful to have some tangible sign of a black cross for Ash Wednesday - A black ribbon or card to make into a small cross or ask the family to wear something black and use this as a way of explaining that this is a serious time when we remember important events in Jesus life*  
**Lenten Devotions – St Paul's Webcam**  
Holy Hour, Wednesday evening 7-8pm  
Stations of the Cross, Friday after 10am Mass

**PASTORAL CARE OF THE DEAD AND BEREAVED DURING THE PANDEMIC**  
As we know, the practice of not having Requiem Mass in our churches for those who died from Covid-19 with their family in attendance was motivated by a concern to limit the spread of infection among mourners attending such funerals. While this was understood and accepted by the vast majority of families who have celebrated a church door service for their loved ones, we as clergy have been acutely aware of the great heartache that family members have experienced.  
  
Eleven months into this pandemic, it is apparent that the requirement to self-isolate for certain people is much more widely understood, accepted and practised by the great majority of citizens. Some doing so at the time of a loved one's death have even deferred the funeral in order to protect others. Other families who cannot visit their loved one for weeks while they were ill in hospital have already served a period of isolation by the time of the funeral and therefore pose no higher risk than the general population.  
  
Consequently, the clergy of the pastoral area have agreed a change in our practice regarding Covid funerals. From Thursday 11 February, all funerals may be celebrated with a Requiem Mass in line with families' wishes across the parishes of St Peter's and St Paul's, Magheralin, Moyraverty and Seagoe. Those who attend funerals, immediate family included, are reminded to follow public health advice regarding Covid-19 regulations, even self-isolation if necessary. We will readily facilitate deferral of funerals in order to allow family members to self-isolate for some time if required. Current regulations still restrict numbers attending all funerals to 25 people only.  
  
We realise only too well that this change of practice may have come too late and be painful among families for whom Requiem Mass at the time of their loved one's death was not possible. For that reason, we are relieved to bring it to an end, based on the widespread understanding and personal responsibility for mandatory self-isolation when required.  
**Canon Liam Stevenson, VF**

**UPDATE Regarding Covid-19**  
Following on from the UK government's instruction, the following measures now apply in our parishes:  

- Weddings can still take place, but with a maximum of 25 people and social distancing observed
- Funerals may continue with only family and close friends attending to a maximum of 25 people, and social distancing observed in the church
- The Parish Office is closed, and the secretary is working from home but still taking phone calls and e-mails for anniversaries and any other business.
- St Peter's Church remains open for private prayer from 8.30am–6:00pm Monday to Saturday for \*solitary prayer only\*.
- Masses times continue as normal and all are streamed on our webcams at [www.lurganparish.com](http://www.lurganparish.com).

Baptisms can continue with parents, godparents and baby only.  
  
Some people are asking about Confession. The Department of Health guidelines are currently extremely strict. Considering this strong advice to 'Stay at Home', it is totally inadvisable to schedule confessions at this critical time of battling the pandemic.

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH GUIDELINES**  
The Department of Health does not permit any gatherings before or after any funeral's or weddings on Church grounds.  
  
Follow us on Facebook @lurganparish for the latest updates; restrictions will be relaxed as soon as public health measures allow. Most of all, STAY at home, PRAY with us and BE NOT AFRAID. Our Lady of Lourdes, Ss Peter and Paul, and St Patrick pray for us

When we cannot attend Mass, we can still make an Act of Spiritual Communion, in which we express our faith in Christ and in His Presence in the Eucharist and ask Him to unite Himself with us. The basic elements of an Act of Spiritual Communion are an Act of Faith; an Act of Love; a desire to receive Christ; and an invitation to Him to come into your heart. There are various popular prayers to accompany an Act of Spiritual Communion, eg:

*My Jesus,  
I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you.  
Amen.*

**Extract from Saint Patrick's Breastplate**  
Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me.

**Memorare**  
Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer. Amen.

**BLESSING**  
May your servants be shielded, O Lord  
By the protection of your loving-kindness,  
That, doing what is good in this world,  
They may reach you, their highest good.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.  
May Almighty God bless you, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.



**RECENTLY DECEASED**  
Bridie McCorry, The Grange  
Thomas (Tom) Barbour, Annesborough Pk  
Mary Alice Dougan, Thornleigh

**MONTH'S MIND**  
**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February**  
Anne Gertrude McCann, Church Place  
**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February**  
John (Sean) Scullion, Lurgantarry  
**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February**  
Sean McGeown, Ardmore Rd/Kilmaine St

**ANNIVERSARIES**  
**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February**  
John Haughey, Lower North Street  
Sarah Kelly, Church Walk  
Stephen Derby, Lake Street  
Maureen Dey, Inverkeithing, Scotland  
John & Dominic McCorry, Shore Road  
Jerome (Dick) McConville, Oakdene Park  
James Lavery, Shore Road  
Peter White, Allenhill Park  
Ellen Lavery, Lake Street

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February**  
Sheila McLaughlin, Park Lodge, Woodville St  
Matt Loughran, Deeny Drive  
Edward Thompson, Levin Road  
Eamon Murray, Antrim Road  
Baby Aedh McKeown, Oakfields, Craigavon  
Baby Damien Anthony McCaughley, Castle Lane Mews  
Dorothy Casey, Brownlow Terrace  
Pat McCann, The Wood

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February**  
Bobby Haddock, Kilwilke Road  
Joseph Mulholland, Liscorran Road  
Madeleine Dench, Ashgrove Crescent  
Jim Ferris Oakleigh Fold  
Bernard Haughey Snr, Kilmaine Street  
Patrick Kane, Edward Street

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February**  
Baby Anna O'Hare, Ashgrove Crescent  
Kevin Conway, Deeny Drive  
Annabella Conway, Ulster Street  
Elizabeth & Frank Ferris, Belfast/Lurgan  
Alice News, Woodville Avenue

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February**  
Winifred O'Hara, Annadroughal  
Hugh Lennon, Shore Road  
Fr Albert J Deluca, New York  
Dylan McKay, Annesborough Park  
Phyllis Haughey, North Street  
John McVeigh, Kilwilke Gardens  
Michael O'Neill

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February**  
Margaret (Maggie) Derby, Brownlow Terrace  
Bridie Venard, Donnelly Gardens  
Joseph Breen, Magheralin/England  
Sandra McCartan, Lawerencetown  
Hugh Thompson, North Street  
Charles McGuinness, Shankill Street

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February**  
Jim Smyth Jnr, Old Portadown Road  
Charlotte Cafferkey, Wellington Street  
Stella McCrory, Liscorran Road  
Bella McConville, Ennis Close  
Maureen McCorry, Levin Road  
Ebby Corey, Lincoln/Lurgan