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# BULLETIN

15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2019 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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**MASS SCHEDULE**  
Saturday 9.30am, 6pm (Vigil)  
Sunday 8am, 10am, 11am (po polsku) & 12.15pm  
Monday & Wednesday 8am & 10.30am  
Thursday 8am  
Tuesday & Friday 8am & 7pm  
**ST PAUL'S CHURCH**  
Sunday: 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon  
Monday-Friday: 10am  
Saturday: 10.30 am & 7pm (Vigil)

**CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS**  
The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at the following times in the lead-up to Christmas. As John the Baptist calls us, "Turn away from sin; prepare a way for the Lord."  
**St Peter's**  
Tue 17 Dec 7:30-8:15pm  
Fri 20 Dec 6:00-6:50pm  
Sat 21 Dec 5:00-5:50pm  
Mon 23 Dec 11:00am-12noon  
Tue 24 Dec 11:00am-12noon  
**St Paul's**  
Mon 16 Dec 7:00-8:00pm  
Sat 21 Dec 11:00-11:30am & 6:00-6:50pm  
Mon 23 Dec 10:30-11:30am  
Tue 24 Dec 10:30-11:30am

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December - £3813.66  
Donations - £75 loose  
Car Park - £730.10  
*Thank you for your continued support and generosity*

**CARE AND CLEANING OF THE CHURCH**  
We would appreciate if volunteers could please come along on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm to help clean the Church for Christmas



**MEN'S SHED Christmas Bazaar**  
After all Masses this weekend 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> December St Peter's Parish Hall Paintings, Cribs, Reindeers, Snowmen, Christmas Crafts etc..  
*Please come along and enjoy the work of the Men's Shed and maybe pick up a Christmas Gift*

**Christmas Masses**  
All Advent Masses as normal up to and including Christmas Eve morning  
**Christmas Eve**  
St Peter's 7:00pm | St Paul's 7:00pm  
Mass in Polish: St Peter's 9:00pm  
**Christmas Day:**  
St Peter's 8:00am, 10:00am, 11:00am (po polsku) & 12:15pm.  
St Paul's: 9:00am, 10:30am, 12noon.  
**Weekday Masses from 26 December-4 January**  
St Peter's 9:30am daily (no 8am or 7pm Masses)  
St Paul's 10:30am daily  
**Sunday 29 December, Feast of the Holy Family**  
Mass times as normal

**Down's & Proud Christmas Singing Showcase**  
The children from Down's & Proud would like to invite you all to their Christmas Singing Showcase in St. Peter's Church on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 3.00pm.  
*Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Parish Hall*

*Visit the Crib  
Picture the Holy Family on that first Christmas night.  
Say a prayer of thanks for the gift of life and family and friendship*



**ST PETER'S PARISH CAROL SERVICE**  
Please come along and join with the Choirs of St Peter's for their **Annual Carol Service** Tonight, 15<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 7pm  
We shall prepare for the coming of Jesus through prayers, readings & Carols  
*A time to stop and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas*

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL**  
The amount raised last weekend was **£12,978** and the members wish to thank everyone for their generosity

**PARISH OFFICE**  
Will close on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December @ 1.00pm for the Christmas & New Year holidays and re-open on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January @ 10am

**Conradh na Gaeilge Aifreann na Nollaig**  
Mass will be celebrated in the Adoration Chapel, Edward Street on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December @ 8pm.  
All members of Conradh na Gaeilge are encouraged to come to the Mass. An Cór Gaelach & Comhaltas Ceoltóirí will be in attendance.  
*Please note: Very limited parking Within the ground of the Adoration Chapel. Please use street parking in Edward Street & Waring Street*

**PIPS UPPER BANN Candlelight procession and Memory Tree**  
Evening of Hope & Remembrance event tonight Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7 pm at Mount Zion, Edward Street  
*Everyone welcome*

**THE FOX AND OTHER POEMS** by Fr Michael Maginn  
Now available from parish offices at St Peter's, St Paul's and St Anthony's. Price £5 also  
**CHRISTMAS IN CRAIGAVON**  
A Christmas card of poems & prayers for the 12 days of Christmas, by Fr Michael Maginn £2.00 each from the Parish office

**Adoration Chapel Christmas Arrangements**  
The Adoration Chapel will close on Christmas Eve 24<sup>th</sup> Dec at 5:00 pm  
Reopen normal hours 9:00 am - 9:00 pm from Christmas Day

**A Day for Life and Faith in Ireland**  
January 1st, Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God  
Things to do for Our Lady on January 1st  
*Go to mass.  
Spend a Holy Hour after Mass with exposition, if possible*  
There will be a Holy Hour in the Adoration Chapel in Edward Street at 3:00 pm on 1<sup>st</sup> January.

**CHRISTMAS GLOBAL GIFT CARDS FOR TROCAIRE**  
This is just one gift that can transform people's lives. Choose from our range of Trócaire Gifts and help lift more people out of poverty for good.  
**Soap £5, Chicks £7, Solar Lamp £10, Seeds & Tools £10, School Lunches £15, School Kit £20, Goats £40, Help for Grandparents, £40, Baby Kit & Maternity Care £50, Beehives £55, Trees £75, Water Pumps & Irrigation £85, Safe Home £125, Farming Kit/Tools £170,**  
*Cards available from the*

**Anam Cara Armagh**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 7:20pm in the The Armagh City Hotel, Armagh, BT601E. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. Contact us on [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or 00353 85 2888 888 for any queries.

**LURGAN LOURDES FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE Christmas Voucher for Weekly Draw**  
Buy a £25 Voucher and your name will be on a ticket each Sunday in our Weekly Draw for £50 during 2020  
*Vouchers can be purchased from The Parish Office*



**COME AND PRAY GROUP**  
Are now finished their prayer meetings for the Christmas & New Year holidays and will return on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January @ 11.00am in St Peter Parish Meeting Rooms


**ADVENT READING**  
Last Sunday Pope Francis issued a wonderful letter on the meaning and importance of the crib nativity scene. It is well worth reading in preparation for Christmas.  
Search online for 'ADMIRABLE SIGNUM', or call at the parish office for a printed copy.

**LURGAN LOURDES COMMITTEE**  
Are now taking applications for Assisted pilgrims for the 2020 pilgrimage  
Please send details to Secretary: Rosemary McGuinness 29 Hunters Lodge Lurgan BT66 6NB  
To include:-  
Name, address, contact telephone number and GP details  
*Please note date of travel 2020 is 12<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> May inclusive*

*We thank you Lord, that while we are like sheep with an instinctive tendency to wander, if we only but realise that we are lost, we know you will guide us home. Amen*

**ANNUAL HOSPICE QUIZ**  
Goodyear social club  
Sat 28<sup>th</sup> December at 8.30pm  
Only £3 per person, Great prizes, great craic & for a good cause.  
Contact 07540049877

**Christmas Céilí & Old Time Dance**  
Fri 20 Dec 2019 at 9.30pm in The Hut, Derrymore (BT67 0BP). Live music by Raymond Loney. Admission is £5.00 including finger buffet supper. Add to our festive fun and wear your Christmas jumper / clothes.

  
**RECENTLY DECEASED**  
Doreen Larkham, Manor Park  
Mary Derby, Clara Street  
**MONTH'S MIND**  
**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**  
Una McConville, Oakleigh Fold

**ANNIVERSARIES**  
**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December**  
Tom McDonald, North Circular Road  
Carmel Conlon, Blair Park  
Mary Rose Haddock, Brownlow Terrace  
John (Sean) Mooney, Albert Terrace  
Denis O'Neill, Grattan Street  
**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December**  
Godfrey Martin, New Street  
Rita Mulholland, Silverwood Drive  
Patricia McConville, Lake Street  
Sheila Lavery, Wellington Street

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**  
Anne McCarron, Forest Glade  
Charlotte McCrory, Kilwilke Road  
Hugh McGrady, Oakleigh Manor  
Kieran Shanks, Drumnamoe Avenue  
George Hatchell, Silverwood Drive  
Hugh McCorry, Glenavy  
Elizabeth Leonard, New York  
Patrick Lennon, Francis Street

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**  
Peter May, Thomas Street  
Jane Shanks, Dingwell Park  
Elizabeth Mackle, Shore Road  
Mary McAlernon, Grattan Street  
Eamon McCaffrey, Derrylodge/Belfast

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December**  
Mary Ellen Haughey, Kilmaine Street  
William McManus, Soye Gardens  
Felix Quinn, Rampart Street  
Dermot McStay, Kilmore Hill Road  
Kathleen Kerr, Portadown  
Ellen & Bob McCorry, Tannaghmore North  
William Kevin Doran, Portadown  
James & Catherine Knox

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**  
Hugh Haughian, Sloan Street  
Brendan Gordon, Deeny Drive  
Julia Blaney, Castle Lane  
Stephen Lyness, Portadown  
Ernest McCarron, Magheralin  
Kathleen Hanratty, Ashwood

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December**  
Tommy O'Hara, Dingwell Park  
Mary Carter, Waring Street  
Dessie McKinstry, Wesley Place  
Kathleen Jordan, Kilmaine Street  
Isabell McCaughley, Garland Avenue  
Jim McConville, Edward Street/London

**PLEASE NOTE**  
Anniversaries and Month's Mind Notices that occur up to the 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020 should be left into the Parish Office on or before Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December @ 12.00 noon if they are to be included in the Bulletin over the Christmas/New Year holiday.  
*Please use the anniversary envelopes at the back of the Church*