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BULLETIN

16th MAY 2021- THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



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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
9th May - £3290.05
Donation Box - £160 loose
Car Park - £436.60
Our sincerest thanks to all our parishioners who have forwarded their offertory promise envelopes every week during this lockdown
Thank you for your continued generosity to your Parish and to your Priests.

 **Baptism**
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.
At the moment, only parents, godparents & baby can attend
Baptisms take place on the first, third and fifth Sundays of the month @ 1.30pm

CHOOSING GODPARENTS
Congratulations to all the parents of newborn children in our parish. With your baby's best interests at heart, the Church asks you when considering sponsors for your child's baptism to choose a godfather and godmother (one male, one female) who are at least 16 years old and who lead a life of faith. One of the sponsors (called a 'witness') may be a baptised Christian from another church. We look forward to welcoming you.



LOURDES 2021



In place of travelling to Lourdes this year due to the ongoing pandemic, Lurgan is hosting a programme of events for the Dromore Diocese to shadow the activities we would have been doing in Lourdes this week. All parishioners are warmly invited to join us (maximum 80) or via webcam, in these days of devotion to Our Lady of Lourdes.

- Monday 17th May:** 7.00pm – St Paul's - Mass followed by the Holy Rosary
 - Tuesday 18th May:** 7.00pm - St Peter's - Mass.
7.00pm - St Paul's – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Reflection and Rosary
 - Wednesday 19th May** 7.00pm – St Paul's – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Refection and Rosary
 - Thursday 20th May:** 7.00pm – St Paul's - Mass followed by the Holy Rosary.
 - Friday 21st May:** 7.00pm - St Peter's - Closing Mass, celebrated by the Spiritual Director, Fr Fitzpatrick (this Mass can be viewed through the webcam).
- Also search 'TV Lourdes online' for live stream from the grotto of rosary at 2pm and Mass at 5pm in English every day.
Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Bernadette, pray for the world in this time of global pandemic.


Ever Immaculate Virgin, Mother of mercy, health of the sick, refuge of sinners, comfort of the afflicted, you know my needs, my troubles, my sufferings; cast on me a look of pity. By appearing in the grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, from which you dispense your favours, and already many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and physical. I come, therefore, with the most unbounded confidence to implore your maternal intercession. Obtain most loving mother, these requests, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.


Pope Francis invites Catholics and Marian Shrines around the world to dedicate the month of May to a marathon of prayer for an end to the Covid-19 pandemic.
Catholics across the globe are encouraged to dedicate the Marian month of May to praying for an end to the pandemic. The initiative, behind which the Pope has thrown his support, involves 30 Marian Shrines from various parts of the world. The Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization announced the news with a press release last Wednesday afternoon. It takes place under the theme "The whole Church was fervently praying to God," which recalls a verse in the Book of Acts (12:5).
Prayer initiative
"The initiative will involve all the Shrines of the world in a special way, so that they might encourage the faithful, families, and communities to recite the Rosary to pray for an end to the pandemic."

CEMETERY SUNDAY
Since there will not be a Cemetery Sunday again this year, all Masses on Sunday 22nd/23rd May (in both St Peter's and St Paul's) will be offered for the repose of the souls of everyone buried in the Dougher and St Colman's Cemeteries. People may wish to visit the cemeteries in their own time to sprinkle the graves of their loved ones with holy water at a time of their choosing during the days 23rd - 31st May.

EXAM PRAYER
Dear Lord, as I take these exams, I thank you that my life is enfolded in the embrace of your great love for me. Help me with all the testing challenges of life that will come my way. Holy Spirit, guide me with the gifts of Wisdom, Knowledge, Understanding and Right Judgement. Holy Mary, pray for us all our young people. May they know the touch of your loving caress

Life changes so quickly. We can be happy one day, and sad, empty, and broken the next. If we learn anything from this pandemic, I hope it is to value the moments, treasure the memories and hold on to what counts. Make time each day to realise how fleeting life is and to thank God for each blessing. Maybe this pandemic will teach us to slow down, appreciate what we have, and how quickly it can be gone. My prayer is that it will. Life is a gift. Amen



ADORATION CHAPEL
Edward Street Private Prayer
Only Adoration 9am – 7pm
 *'Heavenly Father, increase our faith in the Real presence of Your Son, Jesus Christ in the holy Eucharist'*

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel. Mark 16:15-20
1. In the preceding verse Jesus had rebuked the apostles for their lack of faith. Despite this he commissioned them to bring the Good News to the whole world. Witnesses to the Good News do not need to be perfect. There is encouragement to us in this. The lockdown during the coronavirus pandemic prompted many to reach out to others in new and welcome ways. To whom have you brought good news? Who has been a messenger of good news to you?
2. Jesus then tells them that their witness will have quite dramatic effects, helping people to overcome demons, bring them peace and healing. Things happen when we have belief in ourselves and in God. Strong faith can enable us to meet and overcome difficulties, in ways that waverers cannot do. Perhaps you have experienced this?

TAGHNEVAN PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUP
Places available for September
Age from 2 years 10 months
9.30 - 12.30 Monday - Friday
£35.00 per week
Contact 028 38324989
taghnevanpreschool@gmail.com

'THE WEST'S AWAKE TOUR'
This tour is now full
'A CHRISTMAS CRACKER WEEK'
At the Gleneagles Hotel. Killarney
15 – 19 November
(Another great week of fun & music)
To book ring Noel 079 5547 5650 or Gerard 075 1501 7316

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.
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.



RECENTLY DECEASED
Desmond Tipping, Woodville Gate
Eileen Lavery, Oakleigh Fold
Ann Elizabeth Creaney, College Grove
Kathleen Dolan, Ennis Tarry
Basil Corey, Wellington Street

MONTH'S MIND
Sunday 16th May
Hugh Rice, Fox's Hill
Wednesday 19th May
Albert Croy, Lurgantarry

ANNIVERSARIES
Sunday 16th May
Kieran Fitzpatrick, Deeny Drive
James Burke, Ennis Close
Dominc Fox, Portadown
James McKeagney, Cherrymount House
Monday 17th May
Patrick Crewe, Glenholme Park
Edward McGeown, Ulster Street
Pauline McCrory, Kilwilke Road
Bernadette McKinstry, Kilwilke Road
Tom McStravick, Bath
Henry Magennis, Shankill Street
Tuesday 18th May
Bridie Brady, Shore Road
John McCluskey, Grattan Street
Conleth McConville, Wellington Street

Wednesday 19th May
Billy McAlinden, Drumlin Drive
Vincent McKenna, Albert Street
Frank Leonard, New York
Ena & Felix Donnelly, Drumlin Drive
Tom Brown, Oakleigh Fold
Roisin Knox, Bells Row/Toronto
Thursday 20th May
Gerald Lyness, Levin Road
William Camblin, Cornakinnegar

Friday 21st May
Tom Kelly, Levin Road
David Gourley, Victoria Gardens
Willie Magill, Antrim Road/Gilpins Manor
Thomas Sharkey, Killough Gardens
May Ewings, Oakleigh Heights
Saturday 22nd May
Patrick Haughian, Liscorran Road
Kathleen Gourley, Windsor
Peter Corey, Knockramer Meadows
Sarah Lynch, Thornleigh

Almighty Father, source of forgiveness and salvation, grant that our relatives and friends who have passed from this life may, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of all the saints, come to share your Eternal happiness through Christ our Lord. Amen

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