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BULLETIN

1st AUGUST 2021 – EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY



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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
25th July - £2605.78
Donation Box – 1 X £50 & £65 loose
Car Park 2 Weeks – £994.00
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.

The decision to introduce face coverings in our churches dates back to August 2020 and was taken by Church Leaders before face coverings were made mandatory by the Governments, North and South.

On Monday, 26 July 2021, the NI Executive decided to remove the legal requirement to wear a face covering within a place of worship with effect from 6.00pm that evening. (It will, however, remain a legal requirement to wear a face covering on the way into a place of worship and on the way out.)

Despite this change to the legal position, I ask that, for the time being, we continue to **strongly recommend** and encourage the **use of face coverings** at all services of worship. I shall let you know if, and when, we decide to recommend a change in this practice.

Kindest regards,
Most Rev Eamon Martin
Apostolic Administrator

"Westminster has imposed an unjust law. Christians, and all people of good will, can never ignore the fact that unborn children are human beings worthy of protection" – Northern Catholic Bishops

Statement by the Northern Catholic Bishops on the direction of the Secretary of State to introduce abortion services to Northern Ireland

The decision last week by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Brandon Lewis MP, to direct the NI Executive and Department of Health to make abortion services available in Northern Ireland by 21 March 2022, is gravely disquieting. It is the latest in a line of decisions by the current Westminster Government which we believe threaten the fragile balance of relationships at the heart of the Belfast (Good Friday) Agreement.

Sadly, some of our local political parties seem content to welcome this unilateral move by Westminster on an issue which is of fundamental importance to local voters, while rightly challenging such unilateral impositions on other issues.

With many others, from a wide range of moral, philosophical, and religious backgrounds, we have consistently held that the right to life of every person, irrespective of stage of development or ability, is the prior and essential right of all other human rights. Our shared search for peace is driven in no small part by our collective rejection of the brutality and demeaning of human dignity that occurs when the right to life is diminished in any way. Thankfully, we live in an age when sensitivity to the preciousness and fragility of all life on our planet, even in its most microscopic forms, is better understood and appreciated. The failure to extend this sensitivity and care to our own fellow human beings in the womb, as well as to mothers in pregnancy will, we believe, one day be seen as a grave moral blindness on the part of this generation and a profound dereliction of our responsibility to uphold the most basic human right of all - the right to life.

In unilaterally imposing this direction on the local Northern Ireland Assembly to provide abortion services, it is as if the Westminster Government, and those local parties who have supported them, believe the answer to the issue of providing compassionate care for a woman and her unborn child in pregnancy can be framed simply and exclusively as a "healthcare issue". Absent from the discussion however are the thousands of unborn children, who have no legal protection and whose humanity is excluded from the political equation. It is for this reason that the argument for the protection of all human life can never be abandoned or referred to human rights experts alone. Westminster has imposed an unjust law. Christians, and all people of good will, can never stand silently by and fail to raise their voices at any attempt to ignore completely the fact that unborn children are human beings worthy of protection.

As our society prepares in coming months to engage in the ultimate expression of democratic participation - the election to our local Assembly - we encourage all Catholics, and those share our view on the inviolability of all human life, to reflect carefully on the issues raised by this succession of unilateral impositions by the Westminster Government. We encourage everyone who believes in the equal right to life and compassionate care for a mother and her unborn child to ask local candidates and political parties to explain their position on these interventions and on this most fundamental of all issues.

GIVE BLOOD Save Lives

There will be blood donation sessions at the **Jethro Centre, Flush Place, Lurgan** on Thursday 12th & Friday 13th August 2021 from 1:00pm – 4:00pm & 5:00pm – 8.00pm.

In order to maintain the vital supply of blood to our hospitals, the NI Blood Transfusion Service needs the support not only of existing donors but also new donors. Please encourage family and friends to come along – they could save a life

Mary's Meals Step by Step to Feed the Next Child

Mary's Meals are currently feeding over 1.8million children a daily school meal across 19 countries. Our Annual Walk to Knock to support this life-changing work is taking place between the 24th July and the 15th August, starting in five different locations throughout Ireland and finishing in Knock on 15th August on the **Feast of the Assumption**.

Your nearest starting points are on Wed 4th Aug from Lurgan (St Paul's) to Portadown (7-9pm) and on Fri 6th Aug from Portadown (Tesco Carpark) to Armagh (11am-4pm). All welcome to participate!

Covid safe measures will be in place. If not walking, please keep us in your prayers and don't forget to watch out for our walkers in their blue t-shirts with their blue collection buckets.

For the full schedule visit **Step by Step to Feed the Next Child** on Facebook or contact Caoimhe by phone 073 9456 4065 or email caoimhe.mccann@marysmails.org for more details and to register.

ADORATION CHAPEL
Edward Street Private Prayer
Only Adoration 9am – 7pm

"And where does one find the spring of living water, this perpetual light, this inexhaustible force of renewal, if not in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament?"



FOOD BANK

The Food Bank in **St Paul's** is open again for donations. The door of parish office area will be open daily for items to be left in. **Monday – Friday, 9.00am – 12.00 noon**

Thank you for your



FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION 6 AUGUST

This feast invites us to 'go up the mountain', to set aside time and space to listen to God's Word, as we are asked to do by the voice from the cloud. Our encounter with God's Word inspires us to 'come down the mountain' and meet God's presence in all those whose lives are blighted by worry, fear, injustice, poverty – materially and spiritually.



ST V.D.P. OZANAM MANSHED

We are pleased to be able to re-open the 'Manshed' from 27th July.

Old members are welcome back. New members also welcome.

Hours of opening are as follows:
Tues, Wed, Thurs – 10am-2pm
Call 079 0271 9392 for more information

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MONTH'S MIND
Sunday 1st August
Angela Furphy, Sperrin Drive
Friday 6th August
Patrick Boyle, Lurgan/Liverpool
Saturday 7th August
Daniel Kearney, Drumnamoe Avenue

ANNIVERSARIES
Sunday 1st August
Gerry McAlernon, Northwood
May Lavery, North Circular Road
John Watts, Kiln Lodge
Anne McGeown, Shore Road
Anne Brown nee Sands, Belfast/Meadowbrook

Monday 2nd August
Rita Geary, Clara Street
Thomas Hesketh, Brownlow Terrace
Jack Creaney, North Street
Sinead Nic Owen, Kildare/O'Neill's Terrace

Tuesday 3rd August
Hugh Brady, Manor Park
Sarah Crossey, Grattan Street
Baby Olivia O'Hare, Ashgrove Crescent
Imelda McGowan, Furlong Avenue
John Burns, Wellington Street
Mick McCaughley, Lake Street

Wednesday 4th August
Jack McConville, The Grange
Josephine McCabe, Shore Road
Dermot Mitchell, Donnelly Gardens
Eilish Bunting, Levin Road
Jimmy Kerr, North Street

Thursday 5th August
Lily McAreavey, Ennis Close
Patrick Kelly, Edward Street
Paul Cairns, Blearly
Kathleen McCann, Blair Drive

Friday 6th August
Malachy O'Hagan, Mary Street
Sheila Findon, Edward Street
Charles & Elizabeth Breen, Ashwood/Magheralin

Saturday 7th August
Kieran McDonald, Lake Street
Thomas McConaghy, Shore Road
Declan Haughey, Antrim Road
Gerry McStay, Killough Gardens

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 until the end of the year. **Please use the anniversary envelopes at the back of the Church**