

St. Peter's Parish, Shankill

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BULLETIN

20th AUGUST 2023 TWENTIETH 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)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
With Fr Jozef
Friday 6.00pm - 6.45pm

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
13th August - £3610.22
Donations – £15 loose
Car Park – £0.00
Thank you for your continued support and generosity.


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

PAPAL BLESSING PARCHMENTS
Members of the public can now obtain a blessing from Pope Francis for family and friends, especially on the occasion of marriage, the other sacraments, and major anniversaries. A charge is made for the commemorative parchment and delivery, and all proceeds go entirely to works of charity in service of the poor. More information and orders can only be made online at www.emosinaria.va > **Papal Blessing Parchments.**

MISSIONARY SISTERS OF THE HOLY ROSARY
The Congregation of the Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary (The Killeshandra Nuns) was founded in 1924 by Bishop Joseph Shanahan CSSP to bring the Gospel message to the women of Southern Nigeria. Sisters are presently on mission in Brazil, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Nigeria, South Africa, Sierra Leone, the USA and Zambia.
Sr. Mary Gallagher will speak at the Masses this weekend 19/20th August to promote Mission Awareness.
What we do
HEALTH CARE: healing the sick, building healthy communities
EDUCATION: key to human development at all levels
PASTORAL CARE: The Word of God alive in people's lives
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: in cities, villages and rural communities
JUSTICE AND PEACE
CARE FOR THE EARTH: loving the planet
REFUGEES: reaching out to street children, fighting against human trafficking
REBUILDING shattered lives after devastation of war and disease
PRAYER is central to our lives. It is God's work we are doing, not our own.

COURTESY & RESPECT
Could we ask all parishioners, if they could, during Mass times, show consideration whilst parking in neighbouring streets. Driveways are being blocked preventing residents from getting in or out and both sides of the road are used for parking, preventing the emergency services from gaining access to the area (as happened recently) therefore potentially putting lives in danger.
There is a large car park in North Street which is FREE during all weekend Masses.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
The brain prefers nature sounds to man-made or mechanical sounds. So when you go out into nature for some green therapy, it's best to go to places that are free from traffic, aviation or agricultural noise. The sounds of nature that we most like are water, wind and birdsong so pick the times when birdsong is at its loudest in your environment. When we go into nature and try to listen to its sounds it can be more difficult than appreciating its sights. As a general rule, try to avoid human sounds when renewing yourself in nature. Most of the demands in our lives come from other humans.

SUNDAY BLESSING
May you feel content with the knowledge that you are loved and treasured by God.... May you feel relaxed and at peace knowing that the Lord is aware of your every need, and He has promised to meet them... may you feel a sense of gratitude as you remember your blessings, and may you find comfort knowing that someone is praying for you today. May the Lord's blessing be upon you today and every day!

PARISH WEBCAM REMINDER
A webcam runs continuously in St Peter's, live streaming all events that take place in the church, including weddings and funerals. Masses are recorded and may be viewed online at www.churchservices.tv or the parish website www.lurganparish.com for 7 days. Funerals are held for 30 days and weddings when requested, for 30 days following the ceremony. After that time recordings will be erased, however exceptions may apply, and recordings may last longer if the parish requires it.

Enrolment for **Irish language classes** will take place on Monday 21st August from 7-8.30pm at Gaelic League premises, North Street.
go raibh maith agat.

ADORATION CHAPEL, EDWARD STREET
Adoration 9am-9pm

Marie Curie will be holding their annual street collection in Lurgan town centre on Friday 1st September. If anyone could spare 2 hours to take part, please contact Phil Kane (community fundraiser) on 079 2024 5442.

LONDON CALLING PART II
Return flights Belfast – London 15th September, Friday - Monday All coach transfers from airport to St Giles Hotel, just off Oxford Street. Ideal location for shopping/sightseeing. 3 nights B&B price £389 Deposit to secure place £50 non-refundable Easy payment plan available.

GLENEAGLES
Monday 20th November 2023
4 nights Dinner, B&B Entertainment daily. £389 contact
For further information on both the above call Gerard 3832 4741, Noel 079 5547 5650



KNOCK SHRINE

On August 21, 1879, an event took place that would forever have a profound impact on the tiny and relatively unknown town of Knock, Ireland. Around 7:00 p.m. one of the villagers was passing by the church and saw an unusually bright light nearby. When another villager joined her, they gazed in amazement at what appeared to be statues on the side of the church. The night was dark and rainy and yet these images appeared with bright lights as plain as under the noon day sun. Soon, 15 people stood in silence.....gazing spellbound at the strange apparition that had appeared at the gable wall of their church. The apparition, consisted of three figures: **The Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph, and Saint John the Evangelist.**

The Blessed Virgin Mary was dressed in white robes and wore a golden crown. She had her hands raised in prayer. On her right stood Saint Joseph and, on her left, Saint John. Saint Joseph was described by witnesses as an old man with grey whiskers, with his head bent in the direction of The Blessed Virgin Mary. Saint John was described as wearing a Mitre and holding a book in one hand, which the townspeople recognized easily as St. John the Evangelist. His other hand seemed to be indicating an altar behind him on which a young lamb could be clearly seen. And behind the lamb was a cross. Here was all of Christianity in a nutshell perhaps: The Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph, Saint John and most importantly the lamb.... the symbol of Jesus Christ. It was assumed by the villagers, according to their testimonies, that the apparition was to bring them solace at a time when famine and oppression were felt throughout Ireland.

They watched for over two hours in the pouring rain. Most of those who witnessed this apparition were adults, but the youngest of these was only 5 at the time. He had to be lifted by his older cousin so that he could witness the apparition.

Although there was only one apparition, and it was silent, the meaning behind this appearance was so significant to the downtrodden people of Ireland that Knock became Ireland's most famous and popular pilgrim destination. It is interesting that after this the visionaries went about living ordinary lives and attracting little attention.

The Feast of Our Lady of Knock is now celebrated in the Roman Calendar on August 17. The reason it is not celebrated on the 21st is that the date is reserved for the Feast of Saint Pius X on the Roman Calendar.

In Knock, however, they celebrate on August 21st, the date of the apparition.

A note about one of the visionaries: The youngest of those who saw the vision, John Curry, who was 5 at the time, is buried on the grounds of Saint Patrick's Old Cathedral in New York City's Little Italy area.


RECENTLY DECEASED
Patricia McConville nee Corey, Oakleigh Fold
Rita O'Reilly, Lake Street
Christine Campbell, Monbrief Walk
Stanley Smith, Wellington Street
Michael O'Neill, Inglewood
Brendan (Michael) McEvoy, Parkview Street

MONTH'S MIND
Tuesday 22 August
Denise Gilmartin nee Hoy, Ashgrove Ave/Derry
Friday 25th August
Jennifer Scullion, Fox's Glen
Una Carter, Ashgrove Close
Raymond Doran, Oakleigh Fold

ANNIVERSARIES
Sunday 20th August
William Geary, Clara Street
Charles Agnew, Tannaghmore North Road
Thomas Creaney, Grattan Street
Eddie McGivern, Mary Street
Leo McAlinden, Ennis Close
Eileen Rosena & Patsy Clarke, Sloan Street
Betty McGeown Melbourne, Australia

Monday 21st August
Patrick (Patsy) McQuillan, Sperrin Drive

Tuesday 22nd August
Kathleen Mallon, Elmwood Terrace
Daniel Conway, Ulster Street
John Eddie McDowell, Mary Street
Eileen Haddock, Brownlow Terrace
Brian Tipping, Desmond Avenue
Bernadette Heaney, North Street
Patrick (Patsy) Mulligan, Arva, Co Cavan
James Patrick (Seamus) Findon, Edward Street

Wednesday 23rd August
Rose-Anna Bradford, Wellington Street

Thursday 24th August
Philomena McIlkenny, Waring Street
Edward Shanks, Francis Street
Bob Anderson, North Street

Friday 25th August
Patrick Lyness, Kilmaine Street
Hannah Haughian nee Hand, Deeny Drive
Lily & Edward Breen, Edward Street
Marie Seeley nee Shine, Desmond Avenue
Davy Lewsley, Portadown

Saturday 26^h August
Lily McCorry, Antrim Road
Kathleen Robinson, Lurgantarry

Eternal rest grant onto them O Lord.

Requests for Anniversaries, Month's Mind and all 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 up until the end of the year.

Please use the anniversary envelopes at the back of the Church