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BULLETIN

21st February 2021- FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



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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
14TH February - £2205.25
Donations – £75 loose
Thank you for your continued support and generosity

LENT
Lenten Devotions – St Paul's Webcam
Holy Hour, Wednesday evening 7-8pm Stations of the Cross, Friday after 10am Mass

 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. <i>Baptisms take place on the first, third and fifth Sundays of the month @ 1.30pm</i>

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. <i>Please use the anniversary envelopes at the back of the Church</i>
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The annual **Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Abuse** took place on Friday 19 February. Prayers were offered at Masses on that day for those who have been hurt by abuse in the Church. We are all asked to remember this intention in our private prayers also.



CANDLE OF ATONEMENT PRAYER

Lord, forgive us our many sins.

We grieve and repent with all our hearts for having offended you, for our great failings and neglect of the young and vulnerable. We place all of those who have been hurt by the Church in any way into your loving hands and under the protection of Our Blessed Mother. Lord, bring peace to their broken lives and show us all the way out of darkness and into the light of your Word. May we as the people of God be more fully human, more fully Christ-like and more fully your people, that we may see the errors of the past and go forward with renewed hope and faith in Christ and in our Church. Amen

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.

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

- Maurice Hoy, Francis Street
Lily Sharkey, formerly Manor Pk/Castle Lane
Gerald Fitzpatrick, formerly Cypress Gdns
Sarah Walsh, Beech Court
Jim Harte, Hill Street
Kenny Haddock, Edward Street
Ann Kerr, Annesborough Road

MONTH'S MIND

Sunday 21st February

- Margaret McAlinden, Victoria Street
Tuesday 23rd February
Catherine McEntee, Windsor Avenue

ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday 21st February

- Gerald Fagan, Lake Street
Rachel Breen, Wesley Place
Angela Power, Killough, Co Down

Monday 22nd February

- Jean O'Neill, Highmoss
Henry McPartland, Windsor Avenue
James Doran, Mary Street
Mark Magee, Allengrove
Elizabeth McGibbon, Shore Road
John McDonald, Oakleigh Fold
Johnny Findon, Edward Street
William Henderson, Tannaghmore North
Sammy & Rosaleen Mitchell, Wesley Place
Elizabeth & William Fox, Wesley Place
Brendan & Isaac Henderson, Ennis Close

Tuesday 23rd February

- Malachy Derby, Brownlow Terrace
Eddie Mallon, North Circular Road
Raymond McNally, Albert Street
Francis Ryan, Moortown
Eamon Hagan, Stonebridge
Lily McInerney, Antrim Road
Theresa McEntee, Gosselin Avenue
John Joe Hogan, Clara Street
Eddie Catney, Wellington Street

Wednesday 24th February

- Francis Blaney, Deramore Drive
James & Mary Geary, Portadown
Edward (Ted) Breen, Brownlow Terrace
Owen McConville, Blair Drive
Una Magee, Windsor Avenue
Sarah & Jane McGeown, Kilmaine Street
Norah McCann nee Blaney, Lake Street

Thursday 25th February

- Vincent McDowell, Filbin Crescent
Brian Lavery, Gawley's Gate
Margaret Haughey, Lower North Street
Tommy Mulligan, Arva, Co Cavan

Friday 26th February

- Nora McLearnon, North Street
Joe Lavery, Grattan Street
Ruby McGinn-Creaney
Rose Moore, Highmoss
Antoinette Murray, Castor Bay Road
Tommy & Annie Henderson, Castor Bay Rd
Hugh & Frances Hampsey, Sheffield

Saturday 27th February

- William Robinson, Brown Street
Margaret McCaffrey, Beaumont Square
Ruth Blaney, Hillcourt
Pauline Lennon, Liscorran Road
Jackie Findon, Edward Street
Bobby McGuigan, Filbin Crescent
Edward Mincher, Levin Road