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BULLETIN

24th DECEMBER 2017 -FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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MASS SCHEDULE
CHRISTMAS MASSES
Vigil: 8pm (please note new time)
10pm Polish
Christmas Day 8am, 10am, 11am (po polsku) & 12.15pm
St Stephen's Day - 9.30am
12 noon Mass in Polish
27th - 30th December - 9.30am
Saturday 30th / Sunday 31st
Vigil: 6pm & 8am, 10am, 11am (po polsku) & 12.15pm
St Pauls 27th - 30th 10.30am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
ST PETER'S PARISH
Friday 6.15pm -6.50pm
Saturday 5.15pm - 5.50pm

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Sunday 17th December £4259.50
Donations- £180
Thank you for your continued support & generosity

We welcome the following children into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism
Ronan Paul Gerald McAlernon, Belvedere Manor
Meabh Mise Fitzpatrick, Woodville Street
Joshua Paul McAlinden, Belvedere Manor
Logan James Martin, Hollybrook, Aghalee
Ellen Kate McCusker, Brisbane, Australia

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.
Parents/Godparents will have an opportunity to meet some members of the Baptism Team prior to the day of Baptism.
Baptisms take place on the first, third and fifth Sunday of the month.

A PRAYER TO THE VIRGIN MOTHER ON CHRISTMAS NIGHT
Sweet Mother of my God, lift up your little Jesus from the straw. Lift him high, dear mother, and raise his right hand over me, and let it rest upon my head. That I may feel the hand of God, so strong, so soft, so comforting. Let me feel the pressure of his gentle hand, the hand of God almighty. Oh Mother dear, take now his hand and let it rest in mine; and let him hold my fingers tight, as children do, hold my fingers tight and never let them go.
Mother of Jesus and my mother, keep us close together, Jesus your Son and me; teach me to love him, as you did in the crib help me to adore him, as he is in your glory now; show me how to make much of him in the sacrament of his love, so that I may have joy in his nearness, and atone for my past neglect.

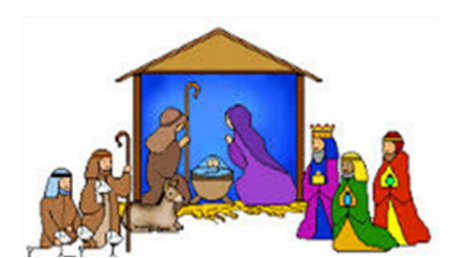
Dear Parishioners of St Peter's
I would like very much to express my thanks and appreciation to you for your support and friendship during my years as your Parish Priest since 2003.

I thoroughly enjoyed my years of ministry here in Lurgan and give thanks to God for all that we were able to undertake together in that time.

Thank you most sincerely for your constant prayers and expressions of concern throughout the last very difficult three and a half years. These have been greatly appreciated.

I wish you, the clergy and all the people of St Peter's Parish, grace and peace for the coming Christmas season and every blessing for the years ahead.
Monsignor Aidan Hamill

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



Fr Andrew McMahon, Fr Jozef Wozniak, Fr Brian Fitzpatrick, Fr Colum Wright and Deacon Kevin Devine wish all our parishioners every blessing, peace and happiness for Christmas
Spokojnych, zdrowych, radosnych swiat
BoKego Narodzenia spedzonych w gronie rodzinny i przyjaciol
oraz wszelkiej pomyslności w Nowym Roku. Niechaj Bo\_onarodzeniowe swieta przyniosa wszystkim betlejemski blask, duszpasterze
Nollaig Shona Daoibh

New Diocesan History Journal
A special commemorative journal, marking the 40th Anniversary of the founding of the Dromore Diocesan Historical Society, has been recently produced. This very fine, 200-page, publication is on sale for the modest price of £10
Available from the parish offices of both St Peter's and St Paul's Parishes.

LURGAN LOURDES COMMITTEE
Are now accepting applications from parishioners who wish to travel as an Assisted Pilgrim on the 2018 Diocesan Pilgrimage from 17th to 22nd May inclusive. Please apply in writing and include your, address, contact telephone number and your GP details to the Secretary:
Rosemary McGuinness
29 Hunters Lodge, Lough Road
Lurgan BT66 6NB
ALSO
Applications are being accepted for nurses wishing to be considered for a place to travel with the parish on our Pilgrimage in May 2018. Please apply in writing to the Secretary and include your PIN number

St. Teresa's Primary School
Enrolment for P1 Sept 2018
Applications forms can be collected from the school or from the EA website
www.eani.org.uk/admissions
Closing date for applications is Wed 10th January 2018 at 12 noon.

St. Vincent de Paul Society:
A special thanks to all of you for your very generous donations of food and gifts for our needy families. May God's blessing be yours this Christmas and New Year.

CHRISTMAS
For some people Christmas is a difficult time. Remember them in a special way in your prayers. Thank God for all the good things you have received especially the gift of family and friends

ADORATION CHAPEL, EDWARD ST
Adoration 9am-9pm
'Radiant and beautiful, the Lord comes down to be with us'

Moyraverty Lourdes Fundraising Committee
Invite everyone to their Annual St. Stephen's Day Walk around the Lakes @ 10.30 am. Afterwards call in to St. Anthony's Hall for some Homemade Soup Tea/ Coffee & Pastries

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
Thanks to everyone who helped out and participated at the Aghagallon Santa Run for Southern Area Hospice. Special thanks to the Marshalls, Barry Shanks and Kevin McAlinden . Total raised £6,706.36

PARISH BINGO
Takes place each Sunday in the Parish Hall @ 8.30pm
Everyone welcome

TANNAGHMORE PRIMARY SCHOOL
Enrolment in P1 (Sept 2018)
If you wish to apply for a place for your child to join our P1 class in September 2018 - please contact Donna (school secretary) on 028 3832 2393 and request an application form. An application form must be completed for children of compulsory school age only ie whose 4th birthday falls on or before 1st July 2018 and should be returned to the school secretary by 12.00noon on Wednesday 10th January

DRUMNAMOE NURSERY
Application forms are available from Drumnemoe Nursery School for all children born between 2nd July 2014 and 1st July 2015 i.e. turning 3 before 1st July 2018. Closing date for receipt of Applications is Wednesday 10th January 2018 at 12.00pm.

Parish Calendars available at the back of the Church, please take one home

CHARITY QUIZ IN AID OF THE SOUTHERN AREA HOSPICE
Goodyear Sports & Social Club Friday 29th December at 8pm. Local running club members running marathons in 2018 and raising monies for this worthy cause. Everyone welcome

BEGINNER ONLINE IRISH LESSONS
Want to learn Irish but don't have the time to go to classes? Why not learn online from the comfort of your own home or out and about?
For more info contact Mrs Larkin on 074 8826 8208 or email fountoflearning@gmail.com

ANNIVERSRIES CONTINUED
Saturday 30th December
James Cullen, Portadown
William Boyle, Antrim Road
Frank Kelly, Portadown
Maggie & John McCabrey, Grattan Street
Mary Anne Donaghy, Inglewood

RECENTLY DECEASED
Phil McCarty, Wellington Street
Sheila Lavery, Wellington Street
Sean Mooney, Albert Street

MONTHS MIND
Wednesday 27th December
Jean McGeown, Drumnamoe Gardens
Eamon McInerney, formerly Antrim Road
Saturday 30th December
Ethna Brady, Kilvoragh Park

ANNIVERSARIES
Sunday 24th December
Gertie Loughran, North Circular Road
Sarah Crossey, Grattan Street
George White, Gilford
Ted Grainger, Bournemouth
Sarah Jane & Patrick Walsh, Kinnego
James Henry Walsh, Kinnego
Margaret Kennedy, O'Neill's Terrace
Susan Handy nee Fox, Wesley Place
William Toland, Church Walk
Eilish & Gary Kennedy, Rostrevor/Kilmore Rd
Charlotte Harbinson, Wellington Street
Peg & Jack Kennedy, O'Neill's Terrace
Bob & Bridie McEvoy, Ennis Close
Rebecca Lavery, Kilwarlin
Patrick Mulholland, Canada
Joe McDonald, Victoria Street

Monday 25th December
Francie McCann, Campbell Walk
Kathleen McCorry, Kilmore Hill Road
Maureen O'Neill, Ailsbury Gardens
Eileen Quinn, Silverwood Drive
Maisie Mulholland, Mary Street
Gary Casey, Albert Street
Martha McDonald, Kilwilke Road
Elizabeth McCrory, Prospect Way
Sheila Broderick, nee Smyth, Lurgan
Vincent & Mary McEnoy, Castle Lane
Edward & Rose Leatham, Donnelly Gdns
William & Margaret McAlernon, Tullydagan

Tuesday 26th December
Felix McCann, North Street
Lilian Burns, Wellington Street
Olive Wilson, Lurgan
Joseph Burns, Arthur Street
Peggy Martin, Filbin Crescent
Richard Heaney, Brett Avenue
Fr Richard O'Connell, Aghagallon
Eilish Creaney, Tarry Drive
Thomas McCrory, Prospect Way
Patrick & Sarah McGarvey, Ballygawley

Wednesday 27th December
Patricia Haddock, Brownlow Terrace
Brigid McStay, Wellington Street
John Haughian, Kilwilke Road
Eugene Campbell, Westwood
Richard Hamilton, Meadowbrook
Patrick Finnegan, North Street
Jimmy Tallon, Kelly Gardens

Thursday 28th December
Brendan Magee, Kilwilke Road
Gerald & Cynthia Geary, Watford
Concepta Mincher, Allenhill Drive
Maureen Filbin, Shore Road
Kieran McClure, Portland Manor
Fergus Lennon, Shore Road

Friday 29th December
Patrick Coleman (Pat), Lough Road
Sally Dempsey, The Grange
Maggie Kerr, Garland Avenue
Gary Lavery, Manchester/Antrim Road
Maureen Leatham, Silverwood Drive