

St. Peter's Parish, Shankill

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BULLETIN

SUNDAY 24th DECEMBER 2023 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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Safeguarding Children and Adults who require protection.
Designated person for Dromore Diocese – Mrs Patricia Carville 077 8991 7741
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CHRISTMAS MASSES
Christmas Eve - 6.00pm & 9.00pm (po pulsku)
Christmas Day - 8.00am, 10.00am (po pulsku) and 12.00noon
Christmas Week (Mon to Sat) Masses at 9.30am only
St Paul's Church
Christmas Eve - 6.00pm
Christmas Day - 9.00am, 10.30am
Christmas Week (Mon to Sat) 10.30am only

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
10th December - £2917.12
Donations - £100
Thank you for your continued support and generosity.


We welcome the following children into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism
Noah Paul Gillespie, Lurgantarry
Maisie Mary Findon, Tary Wood
Rose Nora Patterson, Fox's Glen
Tiarnan Michael McAtasney, Kiln Ave
Aoibhin Mary Kathleen, Anderson, Chestnut Grove
Cillian James McLaughlin, San Francisco
Our prayers and good wishes are extended to their families.
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

Canon Liam Stevenson, Fr Jozef Wozniak, Fr Colum Wright, Fr Maciej Zacharek 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 przyjaciól oraz wszelkiej pomyslności w Nowym Roku. Niechaj Bo_onarodzeniowe swieta przyniosa wszystkim betlejemski blask. Duszpasterze

Nollaig Shona Daoibh 

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

DROMORE DIOCESAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
The Society has launched its latest Journal which has a wide range of articles on topics of local relevance. Such as 50 years of Moyraverty, the Dougher Graveyard and much more Priced at £15 (or £25 for 2 copies), the Journal is now available from Veritas and from the Parish Office.

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.

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.



ADVENT PRAYER
God of Love, Your Son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us. He is a sign of your love. Help us walk in that love during Advent, as we wait.


St. Stephen's Day Walk
Moyraverty Lourdes Fundraising Committee
are holding their *Annual St. Stephen's Day Walk.* All welcome to meet at St. Anthonys Hall 10.30am *Light refreshments will be served in the hall after the walk.*

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

Adoration Chapel Christmas Arrangements
Christmas Eve - 9am - 5pm
Christmas Day onwards 9am - 9pm
5th Jan, First Friday
Adoration will continue throughout the night from 9pm - 9am.

Chalking the Doors
There is a custom of blessing homes on the Feast of the Epiphany when the family gather to ask God's blessing on their home and family life. The Priests will bless chalk at Mass on the Feast of the Epiphany. Please take a bag home with you to chalk your door. The prayer and instructions to do this are in the pack.

Drumnamoe Nursery Open Day
Friday 5th January
11am- 12.00 noon
Come along, meet our staff and see around our Outstanding Nursery School.
52 Full Time Places 8.45am - 1.15 pm
26 Morning Places 8.45am - 11.15am
26 Afternoon Places 12 noon -2.30 pm
Drumnamoe Nursery School,
Telephone no: 028 3832 9384

The Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024
Applications for Assisted Pilgrims wishing to travel on the Dromore Diocese Lourdes Pilgrimage 17th-22nd May 2024 are now being considered. Please apply in writing to:
The Secretary
Lurgan Lourdes Committee
Rosemary McGuinness
29 Hunters Lodge
LURGAN BT66 6NB
Applications for Nurses wishing to travel are now also being considered.
Information regarding Pilgrim Fares etc will be available in January

BLESSING FOR A CHRISTMAS TREE
Lord God, amidst signs and wonders Christ Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea: his birth brings joy to our hearts and enlightenment to our minds. Let your blessing come upon us as we illuminate this tree, decorated, and adorned, may we welcome Christ among us; may its light guide us to the perfect light. May all who delight in this tree come to the knowledge and joy of salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.


2024 TOURS
Easter in Galway
1st April
(Waiting list open)
Clonakilty & West Cork
9 September – 5 Day Tour £429
Spanish October Tour
14 October
Santa Suzanna, Costa Brava
Turkey & Tinsel in Bundoran
Great Northern Hotel
4 Day Tour – 18 November
£319
Rome & Assisi - Feb 2025
For more information or to book Noel 079 5547 5650 or Gerard 3832 4741

Better Together Group.
Next Tea Dance
Sunday 7th January 2024
The Hub, Brownlow Road
Craigavon
3pm-5-30pm
Everyone welcome

RECENTLY DECEASED
Eileen Doherty, Antrim Road
ANNIVERSARIES
Sunday 24th December
Sarah & James Crossey, Grattan Street
Ted Grainger, Bournemouth
Margaret Kennedy, O'Neill's Terrace
Darragh Kerr, Monbrief Walk
Willie Toland, Church Walk
Bernard Patrick Mulholland, Canada
Rebecca Lavery, Kilwarlin
Gertie & Joe Loughran, North Circular Road
Gary & Eilish Kennedy, Rostrevor/Kilmore Road
Monday 25th January
Kathleen McCorry, Kilmore Hill Road
Francie McCann, Campbell Walk
Elizabeth McCrory, Prospect Way
Eileen Quinn, Silverwood Drive
Larry Magee, Windsor Avenue
Tom Burke, Kilwilke Road
Maisie Mulholland, Mary Street
Marian McCrory, Killough Gardens
Martha McDonald, Kilwilke Road
Edward & Rose Leathem, Donnelly Gardens
William & Margaret McAlernon, Tullydagan
Tuesday 26th December
Margaret (Peggy) Martin, Filbin Crescent
Richard Heaney, Brett Avenue
Patrick & Sarah McGarvey, Ballygawley
Felix McCann, North Street
Fr Richard O'Connell, Lurgan/Aghagallon
Canon Cathal Jordan, Derrymacash
Ann Clarke nee McColgan, Dorset, England
Thomas McCrory, Prospect Way
Lilian Burns, Wellington Street
Olive Wilson, Lurgan
Joe Burns, Arthur Street
Eilish Creaney, Tarry Drive
Wednesday 27th December
Patrick Finnegan, North Street
Patricia Haddock, Brownlow Terrace
Rosaleen Gaynor, Wellington Street
Margo McDermott nee Donnelly, Lurgan
Kathleen O'Reilly, Oakridge
Eugene Campbell, Westwood
John Haughian, Kilwilke Road
Jimmy Tallon, Kelly Gardens
Sadie Verlaque, Kilwilke Road
Mary Ann Barbour, Shankill Street

Thursday 28th December
Concepta Mincher, Allenhill Drive
Fergus Lennon, Shore Road
Maureen Filbin, Shore Road
Kieran McClure, Portland Manor
Jim Curran, Island View, Kinnego
Gerard Dummigan, Kilmaine Street
Kathleen Duffy
Friday 29th December
Margaret Kerr, Garland Avenue
Sally Dempsey, The Grange
Paul Ansell, London
Peter Mallon Snr, Lisburn
Gary Lavery, Manchester/Antrim Road
Pat Coleman, Lough Road
Thomas & Mary McKavanagh, Castor Bay Road
Saturday 30th December
Ethna McCorry, Thornleigh
Mary Ann Donaghy, Inglewood/Armagh
Gerard McCrory, Ashgrove Avenue