St. Peter's Parish, Shankill

Fr Maciei Zacharek, CC Deacon Kevin Devine

Canon Liam Stevenson, PP VF Fr Joseph Wozniak, S.Chr Fr Colum Wright, CC

SUNDAY 24th DECEMBER 2023 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Parish Safeguarding Representative -Tel. 0756 329 3431

St Vincent De Paul, Ozanam Centre 3832 5725

Bethany Bereavement Team: 075 4899 1681

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

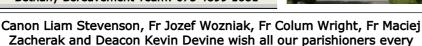
Noah Paul Gillespie, Lurgantarry Maisie Mary Findon, Tary Wood Rose Nora Patterson, Fox's Glen Tiarnan Michael McAtasney, Kiln Ave Aoibhin Mary Kathleen, Anderson, Chestnut Grove

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



blessing, peace and happiness for Christmas.

Spokojnych, zdrowych, radosnych swiat BoKego Narodzenia spedzonych w gronie rodzinny i przyjaciól oraz wszelkiej pomyslnosci w Nowym Roku. Niechai 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 niaht. 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

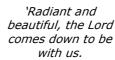


St. Stephen's Day Walk Moyraverty Lourdes Fundraising Committee

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



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

LURGAN BT66 6NB Applications for Nurses wishing to travel are now also being

Rosemary McGuinness

29 Hunters Lodge

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 Aveune 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 Verlague, 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