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BULLETIN

24th JANUARY 2021 – 3rd 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)

 **Baptism**
We welcome the following children into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism
Cliona Dolores Aurora O'Neill, Fox's Hill
Aoibhe Marie Rose Headley, Belvedere Manor
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

PLEASE NOTE
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 up until the end of the year
Please use the anniversary envelopes at the back of the Church

 Download our App
 Download on the App Store
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Dear Parishioners,
We would like to introduce you to our new Parish App for 2021, as a channel of communication to reach those who increasingly expect to have services provided from their phone.
The initiative has been undertaken by the Parish Councils with the aim of helping the Parish keep in touch with you. This is particularly true these days when we all seek a renewed sense of belonging' and 'community.'
Amongst the significant benefits of the app will be the push notification technology to deliver messages and documents directly in real time. This will include all Parish News including Bulletins and general information as well as updates on liturgical events, and the Sacraments. There will also be several resources, historical and spiritual for browsing, with links to local schools and clubs.
The app is designed to be simple to use and on downloading, just tick your area of interest. We recommend that you tick the box as a St Paul's or St Peter's Parishioner.
TO DOWNLOAD THE APP
Go to the Apple App Store (IOS) or Google Play Store (Android). Type Parish365 in the search bar.
When it appears, click St Peter's and St Paul's Parishes and select your profile.
We encourage you all to download the app as it greatly enhances our communications with the faithful and we thank you for doing so.

NORTH LURGAN PLAYGOUNP
are now taking names for the school year beginning September 2021.
Contact Joan on 077 3185 2465 or email northlurganplaygroup@hotmail.co.uk for further details.

There will be **blood donation sessions** at the **Jethro Centre** on Thursday 4th & Friday 5th February 1pm – 4pm & 5pm – 7:30pm.
Note that donation sessions are now by appointment only; to book an appointment, please call 08085 534 653 between 10am - 4:30pm.

To mark the 50th anniversary of the Irish School of Ecumenics a new three-year education and research programme exploring the theme: "Is There A Common Good?" is being launched with a series of civic conversations on zoom. These will run over two six- weekly series, from Saturday 6 February 2021 to Monday 24 May 2021.

The focus for this: "Is the Past Preventing the Future and the Common Good?" provides an opportunity to explore obstacles to the common good and positive actions for change. The range of speakers are from Northern Ireland, or have lived here for many years, and they will address the theme from their areas of expertise. The programme is open to anyone who is interested, particularly those living in Northern Ireland and Border Counties. For more information click on the following hyperlink: <https://www.tcd.ie/ise/assets/pdf/Common-Good-Course-Brochure.pdf>. To register contact Kirstie at kirstie479@hotmail.com.

UPDATE Regarding Covid-19
Following on from the UK government's instruction on Monday, 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.

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
Colm Quinn, Victoria Street
Danny Heatley, Mary Street
Maryanna McCluskey, The Palms, Ballinry
Anne McCann, Church Place
Sean McGeown, Ardmore Road
Damien McConville, Manor Drive
Hilary Doherty, Windsor Avenue
John (Sean) Scullion, Lurgantarry

MONTH'S MIND
Tuesday 26th January
Larry Magee, Windsor Avenue

ANNIVERSARIES
Sunday 24th January
Kathleen Canavan, Lough Road
Paddy Hogan, Sydney, Australia
Peggy Carville, Oakfield Terrace
Mary Elizabeth Muldoon, Moortown
Kay McKenna, Antrim Road
Margaret Lavery, Victoria Gardens
Bernadette France, Oakleigh Heights
James & Aiden McKeown, Blearly Road

Monday 25th January
Dermot Caniffe, Lurgan/Cork
Tommy Rodgers, Princess Street
James Keelips, Aghagallon
Jack McCann, Dromore Road
Maria Mulholland, Wesley Place

Tuesday 26th January
Fintan McCabe, Silverwood Drive
Sadie McLaughlin, Hawthorne Avenue
Gerard Magill, Craigavon

Wednesday 27th January
Myles McVeigh, North Street
Tom Lamb, Gosselin Avenue
Bobbie McGivern, Desmond Avenue
Patrick Menary, Wellington Street
Brendan Austin, Wellington Street
Gerard Toland, Black's Court

Thursday 28th January
Bernard (Barney) Findon, Edward Street
Harry Henderson, Antrim Road
Margaret Doyle, Belvedere Manor
Frank McCann, Sperrin Drive
Mamie McComb, Ashgrove Drive
Eileen & Paddy Smyth, Wellington Street

Friday 29th January
Donal McConville, Kilwilke Road
Angela Vige, Filbin Crescent
John Bosco McAtasney, Oakleigh Manor
Eamonn Byrne, Shore Road
Mary Elizabeth Coleman, Waring Street
Susan McDonald, Ennis Close
James McCann, Oakleigh Heights

Saturday 30th January
Denise Bryson nee McAlinden

Almighty Father, source of forgiveness and salvation, grant that our relatives and friends who have passed from this life may, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of all the saints, come to share your Eternal happiness through Christ our Lord. Amen