

St. Peter's Parish, Shankill

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BULLETIN

25th December 2022 – The Nativity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ



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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 & 12.00noon
Please note that there will be an extra Mass on Sunday at 12.00noon in St Paul's on 25th December to facilitate crowds
 Christmas Week (Mon to Sat) 10.30am only

OFERTORY COLLECTION
 18th December – £3163.27
 Car Park – £600.40
 Donations – £40 loose
Thank you for your continued support and generosity


We welcome the following children into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism

Ronnie Stephen Totton, Ashgrove Park
 Amara Iris Janet Mulholland, Lake Street


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 and Deacon Kevin Devine wish all our parishioners every blessing, peace and happiness for Christmas

Spokojnych, zdrowych, radosnych swiat Bozego Narodzenia spedzonych w gronie rodziny i przyjaciol oraz wszelkiej pomyslności w Nowym Roku. Niechaj Bo_onarodzeniowe swieta przyniosa wszystkim betlejemski blask.

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 Nollaig Shona Daoibh




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

St. Vincent de Paul Society sends a heartfelt thank you to all those who have contributed in any way to the requests for the Christmas Appeal for Families in need. Your response was so encouraging and supportive of our work. May God bless you all this Christmas Season.

Christian Unity Week falls each year around the middle of January. This coming year there will be a special prayer service in St. Peter's Church on Wednesday evening, 18th January at 7:30pm. This is sponsored by the Community Outreach Group. *All are welcome to attend and pray for Unity and Justice in our world.*

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



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.

FOR THOSE FAR AWAY
 How often, Lord, would I wish to stretch across the miles and touch loved ones far away, or be whisked on angel's wings to their very side. Lord, be with them in all they do, and when their hearts grow homesick, when they long to see and hold their loved ones, touch them, Lord, with the touch of your presence. Hold them in your embrace, help them feel better, knowing that in your love we are close together

2023 TOURS
Easter in Waterford – Ireland's Oldest City
 Monday 10 -Friday 14 April
 Staying in Dooley's Hotel
 With great live music - £359
Summer in Medieval Chester
 Sunday 13 – Friday 18 August
 Staying in Leonardos Hotel, City Centre, with visits to Liverpool, Lake District & Cheshire Oaks -150 Shopping outlets. £549
Christmas Cracker in Gleneagles
 Monday 20 Nov in beautiful Killarney. Price to be confirmed.
For further information call Gerard 3832 4741, Noel 079 5547 5650
Thank you to all who supported our tours this year. Look forward to 2023, Noel & Gerard

ADORATION CHAPEL, EDWARD STREET
 Adoration 9am-7pm

'Radiant and beautiful, the Lord comes down to be with us'



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
 Thanks to everyone who supported the Aghagallon Santa Fun Run which raised £6.052 for Southern Area Hospice

Children- but adults too! – often like to add to the nativity scene other figures that have no apparent connection with the Gospel accounts. Yet each in its own way, these fanciful additions show that in the new world inaugurated by Jesus there is room for whatever is truly human and for all God's creatures. From the shepherd to the blacksmith, from the baker to the musicians, from the women carrying jugs of water to the children at play: all this speaks of everyday holiness, the joy of doing ordinary things in extraordinary ways, born whenever Jesus shares his divine life with us.

What is 'your true love' singing about?
The 'Twelve Days of Christmas' dates back to 16th century England, when Henry VIII had broken ties with Rome and founded the Church of England. Catholics faced imprisonment for practising their faith, so they came up with novel ways of keeping their religion alive. 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' was used as teaching aid, with each day representing different aspects of the Catholic faith in numbers and hidden meaning.

The 'true love' in the song is God himself.
 Partridge in a pear tree, Jesus Christ.
 Two turtle doves Old and New Testament
 Three French hens Faith, hope and charity-the theological virtues.
 Four calling birds four Gospels/ Evangelists.
 Five gold rings first five books of the Old Testament.
 Six geese, six days of creation, Seven swans, seven Sacraments Eight maids, eight beatitudes, Nine ladies, nine choirs of angels/fruits of the Holy Spirit Ten lords, ten Commandments, Eleven pipers, eleven faithful apostles
 Twelve drummers, twelve points of belief of the Apostles Creed

ONCE UPON A TIME
 Inside a small stable one dark winter's night a baby was born in the glow of starlight..... The wise men and shepherds from afar came to pray at the feet of the baby asleep in the hay... The sheep and the cattle stood bowing their heads, adoring this boy in the simplest of beds Then doves in the rafters started softly to sing a lullaby welcoming Jesus, our King

ANNIVERSARIES CONTINUED
Saturday 31st December
 Lily Henderson, Antrim Road
 Sheila Drainey, Shore Road
 Gerald Walsh, Charles Street
 Harry McStay, Cornakinnegar Rd
 John Quinn, Silverwood Drive
 Ciaran Killops, Church Walk
 Ena & Ria Creery, Rosemount
 Kevin Coleman, Ballynery Nt Rd
 Gabrielle Donnelly, Lurgantarry
 Timmy Horgan, Tralee, Co Kerry
 James Boyle, Kilwarlin
 Patrick Burns, Shore Road
 Donald McCarroll, Kilwilke Road
 Sean Harte, Campbell Walk


RECENTLY DECEASED
 Margaret Corbett, Church Walk
 Andria Morgan, Rampart Street
 Daire McMahon, Gilpin Mews
 Veronica Vance, Victoria Street
 Natalie McNally, Silverwood Green

MONTH'S MIND
Sunday 25th December
 Patsy McConville, Ulster Street
 Rose Rafferty, Oakleigh Fold

ANNIVERSARIES
Sunday 25th December
 Kathleen McCorry, Kilmore Hill Road
 Francie McCann, Campbell Walk
 Elizabeth McCrory, Prospect Way
 Eileen Quinn, Silverwood Drive
 Sheila Broderick, Navan, Co Meath
 Maisie Mulholland, Mary Street
 Martha McDonald, Kilwilke Road
 Thomas Burke, Kilwilke Road
 Rose & Ted Leatham, Donnelly Gardens
 William & Margaret McAlernon, Tullydagan

Monday 26th December
 Fr Richard O'Connell, Lurgan/Aghagallon
 Thomas McCrory, Prospect Way
 Felix McCann, North Street
 Lilian Burns, Wellington Street
 Olive Wilson, Wesley Place
 Joe Burns, Arthur Street
 Peggy Martin, Filbin Crescent
 Larry Magee, Windsor Avenue
 Richard Heaney, Brett Avenue
 Patrick & Sarah McGarvey, Ballygawley

Tuesday 27th December
 Rosaleen Gaynor, Wellington Street
 Patricia Haddock, Brownlow Terrace
 Margo McDermott, nee Donnelly, Lurgan
 Patrick Finnegan, North Street
 Eugene Campbell, Westwood
 John Haughian, Kilwilke Road
 Mary Ann Barbour, Shankill Street

Wednesday 28th December
 Fergus Lennon, Shore Road
 Concepta Mincher, Allenhill Drive
 Maureen Filbin, Shore Road
 Gabriel McStravick, Bowens Close
 Gerald & Cynthia Geary, Watford

Thursday 29th December
 Maggie Kerr, Garland Avenue
 Thomas McKavanagh, Castor Bay Road
 Angela Vige, Filbin Crescent
 Sally Dempsey, The Grange
 Pat Coleman, Lough Road
 Peter Mallon, Lisburn

Friday 30th December
 Sr Patrick Begley, Order of Ursula, Westgate
 Ethna McCorry, Thornleigh
 Gerard McCrory, Ashgrove Avenue
 Gary Lavery, Manchester/Antrim Road
 Mary Ann Donaghy, Inglewood/Armagh
 Harry & Sarah Mulholland, Portadown
 Joseph McConaghy, Island View, Kinnego