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# BULLETIN

27<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2017 – 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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## MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday** 6pm (Vigil)  
**Sunday** 8am, 10am,  
11am (po polsku) &  
12.15pm

**Monday & Wednesday**  
8am & 10.30am  
**Thursday** 8am  
**Tuesday & Friday** 8am &  
7pm,  
**Saturday** 9.30am

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Friday 6.15pm -6.50pm  
Saturday 5.15pm –  
5.50pm

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August  
£4672.76  
Donations £25 loose  
*Thank you for your continued generosity*



## RECENTLY BAPTISED

Phoebe Corey-Bell,  
Soye Gardens  
  
Cohen Ben McShane,  
Turmoyra Court  
  
Isla Grace Harte,  
Maple Court  
  
Kayson Stephen  
Thompson,  
Drumbeg North

## BAPTISMS

*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 the opportunity to meet some members of the Baptism Team prior to the day of Baptism.*

## Marking 25 years of St Peter's and St Paul's Parishes 1992-2017

Dear Parishioners

The month ahead sees the significant milestone of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the establishing of St Peter's and St Paul's as distinct parishes within Lurgan. These new entities came into being in September of 1992, following the retirement of the late Monsignor Murray from the former office of Parish Priest of Shankill. Bishop Brooks canonically established the two parishes as St Peter's, Shankill, and St Paul's, Shankill, on 4<sup>th</sup> September 1992, in a decree which stated:

*The new parish of St Peter's shall consist of the following townlands: Kinnego, Clanrolla, Liscorran, Tullydagan, Tannaghmore North, Lurgantarry, Cornakinnegar, Drumnamoe, Tullyronnelly, Kilmore, Killaghy, and part of each of Lurgan, Drumnakelly, Ballyblagh, Dougher, Knocknashane, Derry and Turmoyra.*

*The new parish of St Paul's shall consist of the following townlands: Annaloiste, Boconnell, Knockramer, Silverwood, Shankill, Taghnevan, Tannaghmore South, Toberhewney, Aughnacloy, Tirsogue, and part of each of Lurgan, Drumnakelly, Ballyblagh, Dougher, Knocknashane, Derry, Turmoyra and part of Ballinamoney (the other part being in Seagoe Parish) and part of Monbrief (the other part being in Moyraverty Parish).*

One week later, on 11<sup>th</sup> September 1992, Bishop Brooks appointed the then Fr Arthur Byrne as Parish Priest of St Peter's, Shankill, and Fr Francis Molloy as Parish Priest of St Paul's. With the larger and much older of Lurgan's Catholic churches at its heart, St Peter's Parish naturally inherited a strong sense of both identity and tradition. St Paul's Parish, while it contained some of Lurgan's longest established streets and neighbourhoods, centred around a church which was, in 1992, just twenty-six years in existence. It was perceived, perhaps, to be very much the 'new' parochial entity within the town and set about the challenge of forging its identity as a vibrant, independent parish.

The dividing of larger parishes into smaller ones was not unusual in the decades following the Second Vatican Council. With the Council's promotion of the Church as the 'people of God', an emphasis grew upon parish as 'community'. Efforts were made to try and develop parishes as meaningful 'local' communities - especially in larger urban environments. Many modern church buildings (and schools) appeared in Ireland's cities and bigger towns in these decades. They usually catered for new housing developments and attempted to provide residents with a local sense of Church and neighbourhood. In more recent years, however, we have seen an on-going decline in Mass attendance and, also, a falling number of priests. This is leading to very significant change in parish life and, yet again, new trends are emerging: Neighbouring parishes often have to share clergy, and other resources, and sometimes parishes are merging altogether.

During the past two and a half decades within Lurgan, St Peter's and St Paul's Parishes have shared responsibility for the upkeep of St Colman's Cemetery. The trusteeship of local Catholic schools has also been shared. In very recent years - since November 2012 - St Peter's and St Paul's have shared a common team of clergy, who have been ministering across both parishes.

At the same time, separate church premises, parish offices, parish staff and parish bulletins have been maintained. In addition, St Peter's and St Paul's each has its own pastoral council and finance committee whose members advise on the pastoral, liturgical and devotional life of their particular parish and on the management and oversight of parish resources and facilities. In consequence, each parish has probably developed its own priorities and its own distinctive way of doing things in the course of the past twenty-five years.

We cannot foresee how the Lurgan parishes might change and develop in the years ahead. Nevertheless, we entrust both Faith communities to the unending care of our almighty Father and the guidance of His Holy Spirit. And we give heartfelt thanks to God for the parishioners and pastors of both St Peter's and St Paul's and for all who, in cooperation with them, have helped make our two parishes - over the past quarter century - the faithful and generous communities they have become and continue to be.

Fr Andrew McMahon

## MUSIC MINISTRY IN ST PETER'S CHURCH

'Those who sing, pray twice', - St Augustine

### ST PETER'S CHOIRS

The choirs of St Peter's will return to Mass on the following dates:  
St Peter's Junior Choir – Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> September 6.00pm Mass  
St Peter's Male Voice Choir – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 10.00am Mass  
St Peter's Ladies Choir – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 12.15pm Mass

If you like to sing and feel you can dedicate some time to the church choirs, you are invited to join, use your talent and continue the wonderful choral tradition in St Peter's Church.

If you are and instrumentalist (Grade 4+) and would like to be involved in the liturgies in St Peter's, please give your name and details to Michelle in the choir gallery before or after Mass on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Please join with the choirs as they prepare for Christmas, Easter and weekly liturgies.

If you would like to join please come to rehearsals listed below.  
St Peter's Senior Choirs (Age 20+) Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Sept 7.30-9.00pm in the Gallery  
St Peter's Junior Choir (aged 8 +) with special training for solo performance Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Sept 5.00-6.00pm at the main altar

## DROMORE DIOCESAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September.** The Society's General Annual Meeting will be held at **6.50pm** in St Peter's Parish Hall. The timing of this event coincides with the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Society's foundation in Canon Bernard Treanor's parochial house, Finnis, Dromara in 1977. The lecture that follows the A.G.M. @ **7.30pm** will be given by committee member, Jim Conway, and is entitled "*Trasna's Ancient origins: Clanbrassil McAlinden: Sons & A Swansong to War*". The lecture will trace the search for four McAlinden brothers, his ancestors and their contributions and sacrifices during WW1. The lecture follows on from Capt Tom McAlinden (*Two Brothers: Two Wars*) and a special interest to the Lurgan rural families of the McAlinden, Haughian, O'Neill, Hogan, Harte, Conway and Seeley.

## FRIENDS OF SOUTHERN AREA HOSPICE

Invite you to join them for a coffee morning and bag, scarf and jewellery sale  
Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 10am – 1pm  
In **St Peter's Parish Hall**  
*Donations to the Hospice and St Peter's Restoration Fund*

## MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

New Rotas are available for collection from the Sacristy after all Masses, they can be accessed on the website  
<http://www.lurganparish.com/our-parish/parish-rotas/>

## English as a Second Language Classes for Immigrants and Refugees:

Sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul Society, Ozanam Centre,  
There will be a meeting on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm at the Centre to prepare for upcoming classes in September.  
We invite anyone who has volunteered or who would be interested in being volunteer as a tutor or assistant in these classes. *We are hoping to focus on helping the students with improving their conversation in English.*

## TEA DANCE

St Anthony's Hall,  
Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> August  
8-10.30pm, usual transport

## PARISH OFFICE

Will be closed on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August for the Bank Holiday and re-open on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> @ 10am

## OZANAM CENTRE, WILLIAM STREET

Senior Ladies Line Dancing  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Sept 11am-12pm  
followed by Bingo 12pm-12.45pm  
With prizes, gifts admission £3  
Light refreshments provided  
*Come along and join the fun and meet new people*

## MICK CAIRNS CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT

In Aid of V&S Building Project, Africa  
In the Woodville Arms  
Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September @ 9pm  
Admission £5, strictly over 18

## CLANN EIREANN

PIP's Charity Cycle  
Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September  
Two routes 50+ miles, 17 miles  
Registration from 8.30am  
50+ mile departs St Colman's Hall, Lake Street @ 9am  
17 mile option departs 10am  
Suggested min donation £15  
Cycling helmets must be worn  
*Sponsor forms from Clann Eireann Club*

## AGHAGALLON P.T.A.A.

Ceili & Old Time Dance in the John Mitchell Hall on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Sept @ 9.30pm. Music by Raymond Loney  
Admission £5 including supper  
*Everyone welcome*



## RECENTLY DECEASED

Brendan Ward, Inglewood  
Peter McKeown, Allenhill Park  
Charlie Agnew, Tannaghmore Nth Rd

## MONTHS MIND

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August**  
James (Jim) McMahon. Allenhill Park

## ANNIVERSARIES

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August**  
Gary McCaughley, Victoria Gardens  
Thomas Dummigan, Clara Street  
Joseph Heaney, Lower North Street  
Alice McCrory, Thomas Street  
Shirley Magennis nee Creaney Maple Court  
Sean Quinn, Rosemount  
Elizabeth Brady, Shore Road

## Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August

Stephen Totton, Ashgrove Park  
Raymond McCrory, Victoria Street  
Annette Williamson, Church Walk  
Mamie McAreavey, Filbin Crescent  
Eileen Loughran, Kilwilke Road

## Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August

Fr Jim Kerr, North Street  
Patrick Begley, Limerick/England/Lurgan  
Sean McCaughley, Deeny Drive  
Philomena Leatham, Rectory Park  
Phyllis Lavery, Mary Street

## Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August

Hugh Gallagher, Ashgrove Avenue  
Colm McCartan, Old Kilmore Road  
Tommy French, Edward Street  
Peter Carville, Kildare

## Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September

Alice (Eilish) Breen, Brownlow Terrace

## Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

George Fox, Church Walk  
Lawrence O'Neill, Oakleigh Fold

## PLEASE NOTE

*Anniversaries and Month's Mind notices should be left into the Parish Office on or before the Wednesday of the week before if they are to be included in the Bulletin. As we have a booking system anniversaries can be booked in advance*

## MASSIVE PRAYER RALLY FOR IRELAND

On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 1pm.  
Join thousands of people gathering at Nutts Corner, Co. Antrim, to pray for the healing, restoration and transformation of our land. For more information, contact Precious Life on [028 9027 8484](tel:02890278484) or [info@preciouslife.com](mailto:info@preciouslife.com)

Always wanted to volunteer overseas? Want to do a course on global social injustice? Learn more at the Viatores Christi (VC) - Information & Recruitment Session in BELFAST on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in St John's Parochial House, Falls Road, Belfast BT12 6EN  
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