

BULLETIN

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28th August – 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Jubilee Year of Mercy



The Sisters of Mercy

150 Years in Lurgan

The Mercy Sisters were founded by Dublin woman, Catherine McAuley (1778-1841). Catherine used a legacy she had received to build a 'House of Mercy', in her native city in 1827, to provide education and an early form of social services for impoverished women and children. Her initiative attracted the involvement of other women who effectively became the first Sisters of Mercy, officially recognised by the Church as a religious congregation in 1835. Catherine pioneered a 'non cloistered' form of religious life. Her Sisters would serve primarily in the community and, because of their presence in public, often in pairs, they became known as the 'walking nuns' in towns where they later settled. A Dublin priest, Fr Michael Blake, knew Catherine McAuley well and had supported her in establishing her House of Mercy. He was appointed Bishop of Dromore in 1833 and encouraged the Mercy Sisters to come to Newry, which eventually happened in 1855. A decade later, the Parish Priest of Shankill began to discuss, with the Newry Sisters, the possibility of a similar community being established in Lurgan. This happened, a year later, when the first Sisters came from Newry to Lurgan on 20th August 1866.

Catherine designed a distinctive 'Mercy Cross' for her Sisters. It was a white cross set against a black background. Catherine wanted it to remind the Sisters of the centrality of the crucified Christ in their spiritual lives. Interestingly, however, it has no figure of Christ on the cross. Catherine believed that the religious Sister should strive to be that presence of Christ to the people she lived and moved amongst. This echoed the thinking of the 16th century Carmelite reformer, St Teresa of Avila, who had famously written 'Christ has no body now on earth, but yours'.

Catherine McAuley died at her Dublin House of Mercy, in November 1841, having contracted tuberculosis. There were around 100 Mercy Sisters by the time of her death. Catherine was declared 'Venerable' by Pope John Paul II in April 1990.

LISMORE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

Return to school dates:
Year 8 - Thursday 1st& 2nd September
All Year Groups – Monday 5th Sept
Best wishes to all of our students for the new school year ahead.

GAELIC LEAGUE

Registration for Irish Language classes will take place in the Gaelic League, North Street on Monday 5th September from 7-8.30pm
All welcome

SVP HALLOWEEN BREAK AT MORNINGTON DROGHEDA

3 day break for senior citizens in Ozanam Holiday Centre 30, 31 Oct and 1 Nov 2016
Cost £100 per person sharing on full board basis
Entertainment nightly and transport provided
Deposit of £50 per person required by 16 Sept to secure place.
Contact Sheila 3832 2500 after 6pm

In the beginning was the Word (John 1:1)

Our Alpha Community Group meets in Mount Zion House, Edward Street. Meetings are fortnightly on a Friday @ 7.45 for 8pm start.
Meet like-minded Christians in a warm friendly environment.
Please come and join us. Tea/coffee provided. For further details, contact Danny 075 4998 6282 or Gerry 079 9057 8753.
Our next meeting is Fri 2nd Sept

LURGAN LIBRARY

Tuesday 6th September
Local History Talk
Not Forgotten- Lurgan and The Great War by Richard Edgar

Tuesday 6th September

Heartstart by Cathy Devlin
"Heartstart" is the British Heart Foundation's 2 hour Emergency Life Support Skills programme. The programme aims to give people confidence to know what to do in a life threatening situation
FREE. BOOKING ESSENTIAL

MOYRAVERTY 50+ GROUP

Thursday 1st September
Tea Dance in St Anthony's Hall
For transport call Maureen 077 7450 5169
Everyone welcome

PIPS UPPER BANN & CLANN EIREANN CC

Charity Cycle Sunday 4th Sept
Two routes – 50miles/17miles
Registration on the day from 8.30am
50 mile option departs St Colman's Hall, Lake St @ 9am
17 mile option 10am
Sponsorship forms available from Clann Eireann Social Club



RECENTLY DECEASED

Jim McClarnon, Edward Street/ USA
Jim Brady, Ashwood

MONTH'S MIND

Tuesday 30th August
Josephine Lavery, Ennis Green
Friday 2nd September
Mary Mulvenna, Rosemount

ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday 28th August
Stephen Totton, Ashgrove Park
Elizabeth Gillespie, New Street
Annette Williamson, Church Walk
Alice McCrory, Thomas Street
Raymond McCrory, Victoria Street
Mamie McAreavey Filbin Crescent
Eileen McNally, Kilwilke Road
Aidan Toman, Deramore Drive

Monday 29th August

Fr Jim Kerr, North Street
Sean McCaughley, Deeny Drive
Mary Brady, Shore Road
Philomena Lavery, Mary Street
Philomena Leathem, Rectory Park

Tuesday 30th August

Hugh Gallagher, Ashgrove Avenue
Patrick Begley,
Limerick/England/Craigavon

Wednesday 31st August

Tommy French, Edward Street

Thursday 1st September

Alice (Eilish) Breen, Brownlow Terrace

Friday 2nd September

Geraldine McKenna, Knockramer Meadows
Lawrence O'Neill, Oakleigh Fold

Saturday 3rd September

Gerry McGibbon, Kilwilke Road
William McAlernon, Antrim Road
Josephine O'Hara, Thornleigh
Margaret Fox, Wellington Street
Edward Coleman, Victoria Street

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

AGHAGALLON PTAA

There will be a Ceili and Old Time Dance in the John Mitchell Hall on Fri 2nd Sept 9.30-12.15 Music by Raymond Loney
Admission £5 including supper
Everyone Welcome

Parochial House and Parish Office

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Safeguarding Children: Designated person for Dromore Diocese – Mrs Patricia Carville 077 899 177 41

MASS SCHEDULE

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

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday
8am & 10.30am
Tuesday & Friday 8am & 7pm
Saturday 10am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Thursday (for First Friday)
6.15pm-6.50pm
Friday 6.15pm-6.50pm
Saturday
9.15am – 9.50am & 5.15pm – 5.50pm

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 21st August - £3840
Donations – 1 x £80 and £60 loose
Thank you for your continued support.



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

Leo Wah Tein Vong,
Brownlow Terrace

Ben Murtagh,
Deerings Wood

Ryan Og McGivern,
Lurgantarry

Bella Mary Graham,
Belvedere Manor

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

Baptisms take place each Sunday

WANTED

The Knights of St Columbanus would appreciate donations of unwanted mobile phones, old Irish and Foreign coins and note3s to help with their charity projects. These items maybe left in the Parish Office

ST PETER'S CHOIRS

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

The choirs of St Peter's will return to Mass on the following dates:

St Peter's Junior Choir – Sat 3rd September 6.00pm Mass
St Peter's Male Voice Choir – Sunday 4th September 10.00am Mass
St Peter's Ladies Choir – Sunday 4th 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

Please join with the choirs as they prepare for Christmas, Easter and weekly liturgies.

Rehearsals take place once a week and you are invited to attend the rehearsals listed below.

St Peter's Senior Choirs (Age 20+) Tues 6th Sept 7.30-9.00pm in the Gallery
St Peter's Junior Choir (aged 8 +) Wed 7th Sept 5.00-6.00pm at the main altar

BANK HOLIDAY

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday 29th August for the Bank Holiday and re-open on Tuesday 30th Aug at 10am

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Ozanam Centre, 3832 5725
OPENING HOURS
Monday – Friday
9am 1pm & 2pm – 4pm
Closed 1pm – 2pm for lunch
Saturday 10am – 12 noon

Exclusive Charity screening of the most 'Extraordinary Christian Movie for an Extraordinary Year'. The Original Image of Divine Mercy, is a most magnificent and inspiring Christian documentary. Vatican endorsed, it truly brings to life this Divine Image for our modern day.
Moviehouse Yorkgate Belfast Wed 31st Aug at 7pm
TICKETS: £10 at the door (on a first-come basis)

OZANAM CENTRE

Senior Citizen Group will commence Thurs 1st Sept from 11am-12.45pm
Classes will run each Thursday with a variety of programmes on offer.
Admission £3 per week

ST RONAN'S COLLEGE

Reminder of the return dates for students:
Thursday 1st September – Year 8
Two induction sessions for Year 8 pupils and parents in full school uniform:
Session 1 9.30 am - 11.30 am (8FN, 8CC, 8PT, 8JS, 8BG)
Session 2 1.00 - 3.00 pm (8RT, 8CT, 8GM, 8JN, 8EZ)
Thursday 1st September – Year 11 and Year 13
Friday 2nd September – All Year Groups

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

New rotas are available and can be downloaded from the parish website at the following address:
<http://www.lurganparish.com/our-parish/parish-rotas/>
Or hard copies can be picked up from the sacristy.

ADORATION CHAPEL, EDWARD STREET

Adoration 9am-9pm
'In the Blessed Sacrament, the divine is hidden; the human is hidden; love alone is left for all to see.'
(St Bernard)

MARIE CURIE FUNDRAISING EVENT

In the Woodville Arms
Saturday 3rd September
Golden Oldies disco, raffle, magician, and guest appearance
Emma Horan
Admission £5 at the door

BEFRIENDING LOUGHSHORE!

Do you want peace of mind?
Have you an elderly relative or a friend that you feel may benefit from a Befriending Visit?
Call Loughshore Care Partnership on 028 3885 1911 to arrange a FREE weekly Befriending visit.