

St Peter's Parish, Shankill

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BULLETIN

28th DECEMBER – THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

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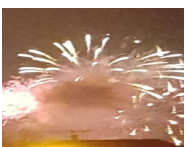


**MASS SCHEDULE**  
Saturday 9.30am, 6pm (Vigil)  
Sunday 8am, 10am, (po polsku) & 12.00 noon  
Masses from Monday 29th December - Saturday 3rd January **9.30am only**  
**ST PAUL'S CHURCH**  
Saturday: 10.30 am & 7pm (Vigil)  
Sunday: 9am & 10.30am  
Monday 29th December –Saturday 3rd January **10.30am only**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
With Fr Jozef  
Friday 6.00pm - 6.45pm

**OFERTORY COLLECTION**  
**21st December - £3644.33s**  
**Plus, Standing Orders £350.60 weekly**  
**Donations – £**  
*Thank you for your continued support and generosity.*

  
**Holy Baptism**  
We welcome the following children into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism  
*R J Pio Fox, Romford Street*  
*Fódhla McDaid, Lake Street*  
*Méabh Louise Bernadette Madden, Woodville Gate*  
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 & fifth Sunday of each month**

  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR 2026**  
Heartfelt thanks from Fr Colum Murphy, Fr Jozef Wozniak, Fr Colum Wright, Fr Kingsley Idoghor, Rev Kevin Devine and Rev Pearse Thornbury to you, our benevolent parishioners who have supported us throughout 2025, not least during this Yuletide with your generous Christmas envelopes, cards, gifts and prayers.  
Your kindness and generosity is very much appreciated.  
The holy sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.  
Deacon Kevin and the priests take this opportunity to wish all our parishioners God's blessing for a peaceful, prosperous and Happy New Year.  
*Athbhliain faoi Haise oraibh go léir.*

**THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**  
*'If we grow up in a loving family, we are ready for the world'.*  
Lord keep me close to you this New Year. Help me to reflect your glory always. Lord bless my family and all families. Help us to grow rich in what matters most of all: love, unity and joy. Amen.

**PARISH OFFICE**  
**WILL RE-OPEN ON**  
**MONDAY 5TH JANUARY AT**  
**10.00am**


**BE AT PEACE**  
*Do not look forward in fear to the changes of life; rather look to them full of hope as they arise. You are God's very own and God will deliver you from out of them. God has kept you in the past and God will lead you safely through all things; and when you cannot bear it, God will bury you in his arms. Do not fear what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting God who takes care of you today will take care of you; shield you from suffering or give you unfailing strength to bear it.*  
**St Francis**

**PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR**  
Dear Lord, please give me...  
A few friends who understand me and remain my friends; A work to do which has real value, without which the world would be the poorer, a mind unafraid to travel, even though the trail be not blazed; An understanding heart; A sense of humour; Time for quiet, silent meditation; A feeling of the presence of God; The patience to wait for the coming of these things, with the wisdom to recognise them when they come.

**NEW YEAR**  
Ring out the old, ring in the new. Ring happy bells across the snow, the year is going, let him go. Ring out the false, ring in the true; Ring out the grief that saps the mind, for those that here we see no more, ring in the common love of good. Ring out old shapes of foul disease, ring out the narrowing of lust gold, ring out the thousand wars of old, ring in the thousand years of peace, ring in the valiant man and free, the larger heart, the kinder hand, ring out the darkness of the land, ring in the Christ that is to be.  
In Memoriam, (Ring out wild bells)  
*Alfred Lord Tennyson 1809-1892*

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE – 1ST JANUARY**  
Theme: Forgive us our trespasses; grant us your peace  
Forgive us for the war, Lord.  
Lord Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on us sinners.  
Lord Jesus, born under bombs, have mercy on us.  
Lord Jesus, dead in the arms of a mother, have mercy on us.  
Lord Jesus, in the 20-year-olds sent to the frontline, have mercy on us.  
Lord Jesus, who continues to see hands armed with weapons under the shadow of the cross, forgive us, Lord.  
Forgive us if, not content with the nails with which we pierced your hand, we continue to drink from the blood of the dead torn apart by weapons.  
Forgive us if these hands that you had created to protect have been turned into instruments of death.  
Forgive us, Lord, if we continue to kill our brother, if we continue like Cain to take the stones from our field to kill Abel.  
Forgive us if we go out of our way to justify cruelty, if, in our pain, we legitimise the cruelty of our actions. Forgive us war, Lord.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of Christ, we implore you to stop the hand of Cain, enlighten our conscience, let not our will be done, do not abandon us to our own doing. Stop us, Lord, stop us, and when you have stopped the hand of Cain, take care of him also.  
He is our brother.  
O Lord, stop the violence. Stop us, Lord. Amen.  
*Composed by Archbishop Domenico Battaglia of Naples*

**DRUMNAMOE NURSERY SCHOOPEN DAY**  
Monday 5th January  
9.30-10.30am  
For children born on or between 2 July 2022 & 1 July 2023  
Who are due to start school September 2026  
[www.drumnamoenurseryschool.com](http://www.drumnamoenurseryschool.com)

**ADORATION CHAPEL**  
**Edward Street 9am – 7pm**  
  
*'Come to adoration, don't leave the gift unwrapped, open it and feel His presence, I promise you will never look back'*


**2026 TOURS**  
**St Patrick's Day in London**  
Sun 15 March - Wed 18 March  
return flights inc baggage, return coach Lurgan to Airport.  
3 nts B&B in 3\* St Giles Hotel (Oxford St/Theatreland) £379  
price based on 2 sharing deposit of £30pp required to secure your seat.  
Call: Noel 079 5547 5650 or Gerard 3832 4741  
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**Easter in Mayo**  
dept Mon 06 April  
1nt Carrick on Shannon  
3nts Westport Woods  
inc local Tours & entertainment  
£489 ss £45  
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**Summer in Nottingham**  
dept Sun 16 Aug  
5 nts Warner Leisure  
full entertainment & tours  
£679 ss £50

**PASTORAL ACTIVITES 2026**  
**1.** Healing Mass for Easter 23rd March in St Paul's  
**2.** International Day Celebration, Pentecost Sunday – 24th May in St Peter's. 12.00 Mass with 'All Nations food taste' in Parish Hall.  
**3.** May Devotion: A decade of the Rosary should be said before each weekend Masses. Rosary procession and Benediction in St Paul's 30th May  
**4.** Healing Mass for Advent in St Peter's, 15th December.

**LURGAN LOURDES COMMITTEE**  
Dromore Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage  
15th to 20th May 2026  
5 Nights Full Board -£890pp  
We are now taking applications for Assisted Pilgrims  
Anyone who would like to be considered  
Please contact Rosemary (Secretary) 077 9631 0214  
Or any Committee Member

**St Peter's Parish now accepts ONLINE DONATIONS**  
Just scan the QR code with your phone camera to donate.  
  
Or visit <https://donate.mydona.com/st-peters-parish-lurgan>.  
Scan the QR code. Enter your amount. Input your card details. Please do not forget to Gift Aid

  
**MONTH'S MIND**  
**Monday 29th December**  
Martin Hogan, Hillcourt  
**Tuesday 30th December**  
Bernadette Mackey, Deeny Drive  
**Saturday 3rd January**  
William Knox, Drumnamoe Avenue

**ANNIVERSARIES**  
**Sunday 28th December**  
Gabriel McStravick, Bowens Close  
Fergus Lennon, Shore Road  
Maureen Filbin, Shore Road  
The Geary Family, Watford  
Kieran McClure, Portland Manor  
Elizabeth (Lily) Lavery, Portland Manor  
Elizabeth Gethins, Blair Drive  
Gary & Linda Lavery, Antrim Road/Manchester  
James Curran, Island View, Kinnego  
**Monday 29th December**  
Joe Doran, Wellington Street  
Mary & Thomas McKavanagh, Castor Bay Road  
Peter Mallon, Lisburn/Lurgan  
Paul Ansell, London  
Maggie Kerr, Garland Avenue  
Sally Dempsey, The Grange  
**Tuesday 30th December**  
Ethna McCorry, Thornleigh  
Kathleen McConville, Kelly Gardens  
Maryann Donaghy, Inglewood/Armagh  
Gerard McCrory, Ashgrove Avenue  
**Wednesday 31st December**  
Elizabeth (Lily) Henderson, Antrim Road  
Gerald Walsh, Charles Street  
Gabrielle Donnelly, Lurgantarry  
Ena & Ria Creery, Rosemount  
James Boyle, Kilwarlin  
Harry McStay, Cornakinnegar Road  
Ciaran Killops, Church Walk  
Patrick Byrne, Shore Road  
Gemma Geraghty, Abbey Park, Armagh  
Sheila Drainey, Shore Road  
John Quinn, Silverwood Drive  
Ellen McGuinness, Ennis Tarry  
Sean Harte, Rampart Street  
**Thursday 1st January**  
Lelia Brady, Beech Court  
Michael McConville, Allengrove  
Michael Downey, Belvedere Manor  
Patricia Heaney, North Street  
Teresa, Neal & Sean O'Loughlin  
Bridie Thompson, Levin Road  
Annie McManus, Kelly Gardens  
Austin McAreavey, Victoria Street  
Vera McStay, Killaughy Road  
Gabriel & Lily McDowell, Ennis Close  
Mary & Harry McAreavey, Waring Street  
**Friday 2nd January**  
Brian Quinn, Kilwilke Road  
Thomas Culbert, Levin Road  
**Saturday 3rd January**  
Joan McCann, Ulster Street  
Dermot Thompson, Manor Park  
Francie Scullion, Oakleigh Manor  
Brian (Barney) McAreavey, Clonmeen  
Kevin Donnelly, Scarva Street, Banbridge  
Pauline Nuttal nee Canning  
Frank Canning, Scotland