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BULLETIN

28th February 2021- SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



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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)

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Car Park - £441.30
Donations – 1 x £100 & £255 loose
Thank you for your continued support and generosity


ADORATION CHAPEL
Edward Street
Private Prayer only
Adoration 9am – 7pm
'Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him... May our adoration never cease'

 **Baptism**
We welcome the following children into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism
Daire David McVeigh, Deeny Drive
Sean James McConville, Belvedere
Fiadh McLaughlin, Woodville Gate
Fiadh McMahon, Annesborough Park
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*

ST DAVID - 1 MARCH
I have seen David with the Gospel and the Altar in his caravan. He brought the Church into our homes, put the sacred vessels on the kitchen table, and he took bread from the pantry and wine from the cellar, and stood behind the altar like a tramp, so as not to hide from us the wonder of the sacrifice.
D. Gwenallt Jones. – St David

A PRAYER FOR LENTEN SIMPLICITY
Free me, Lord Jesus, from anything that obstructs my way to you. Clear away the clutter of petty grudges Remove smudges of resentment and bitterness. Cleanse me of thoughts filled with anger, envy, or self-pity. Create space in my life for more kindness and less spitefulness, greater generosity and stronger compassion. Enlarge my heart with a spirit of gratitude this Lent, so that I recognise the simple gifts that lay in abundance all around me. In your sacred name, I pray. Amen

LENT
During Lent many people 'give up' things or 'turn away' from things that they do too much of eg: too much eating, too much TV or time playing computer games. Lent is a time for turning away from things that distract us from God. It is a time for drawing closer to God. Resources to help people at home mark the beginning of Lent and enter into the spirit of this holy season, log onto the link: <https://www.armaghprays.com/lent-2021>
Lenten Services at St Paul's (all Virtual):
• Divine Mercy will be said on Tuesday and Friday morning at 9.45am
• Holy Hour each Wednesday from 7pm to 8pm during Lent • Stations of the Cross will be said immediately after the 10am Mass each Friday during Lent.
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We encourage you all to download the app as it greatly enhances our communications with the faithful and we thank you for doing so.
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
1. Go to the Apple App Store (IOS) or Google Play Store (Android).
2. Type Parish365 in the search bar.
3. When it appears, click St Peter's and St Paul's Parishes and select your profile.

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION
Evangelisation: The sacrament of Reconciliation.
Let us pray that we may experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation with renewed depth to taste the mercy of God

UPDATE Regarding Covid-19
Following on from the UK government's instruction, 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. Envelopes, anniversary/month's mind notices & post can be put through the letterbox.
• 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.

Baptisms can continue with parents, godparents and baby only.
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
Molly Patterson, Wellington Street

MONTH'S MIND
Sunday 28th February
Bob Thompson, Desmond Avenue
Monday 1st March
Jim Heaney, Kilwilke Road
Tuesday 2nd March
Joseph McManus, Derrymacash
Friday 5th March
Ronan Lavery, Antrim Rd/Milford, Donegal

ANNIVERSARIES
Sunday 28th February
Joe McCann Snr, Beech Court
Richard (Dick) Lavery, Filbin Crescent
Jack Hughes, Woodville Street
Thomas Faloon, Antrim Road
Ann McAtasney, Church Walk
Lily Magennis, Brownlow Terrace
Monday 1st March
Gertrude O'Hagan, Mary Street
Sean Magee, Antrim Road
James Heaney Snr, Ennis Close
John Harbinson, Wellington Street
Sally McCready, Ashgrove Gardens

Tuesday 2nd March
Brendan O'Connor, Levin Road
Teresa Fearon, Ashwood
Seamus Rice, Inglewood
Mary Toland, Drummamoe Gardens
Gerard McAlinden, Lake Street
Brian McGeough, Portadown
Noel Lennon, Shore Rd/Brownlow Terrace

Wednesday 3rd March
Geraldine Smyth, Antrim Close
Frank Walsh, Victoria Street Place
Francis McKeown, Cornakinnegar Road
Daniel McStay, Church Walk
Rita McDonald nee Higgins, Soye Crescent
Denis Doran, Edward Street
Ernest Fox, Wesley Place
Magdalene Mitchell, Donnelly Gardens

Thursday 4th March
Sheila Kelly, Blair Drive
John McKerr, Grattan Street
Jim Blevins, Inglewood
Monica McCarron, Castor Bay Road

Friday 5th March
Ciaran Rooney, Victoria Street
Imelda McCavigan, Antrim Road
Gerry Fearon, Ashwood
Catherine & Arthur Toman, Bleary
Thomas Byrne, Tannaghmore North
Annie Fox, Ennis Tarry

Saturday 6th March
Matthew Doran, Drumnakelly
Eamon McConville, Beech Court
Josie McAvoy, Colane
John Lavery, Edward Street
Colette Hatchell, Kilwilke Road

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.