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BULLETIN

29th August 2021 – Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday 9.30am, 6pm (Vigil)
Sunday 8am, 10am, (po polsku) & 12.00 noon
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 8am
Tuesday 8am & 7pm
Friday 8am & 7pm Communion Service
ST PAUL'S CHURCH
Sunday: 9am & 10.30am,
Monday-Friday: 10am
Saturday: 10.30 am & 7pm (Vigil)

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
22ND August - £2884.75
Donation Box – 2 x £50 & £ 60 loose
Our sincerest thanks to all our parishioners who have forwarded their offertory promise envelopes every week during this lockdown
Thank you for your continued generosity to your Parish and to your Priests.


CHOOSING GODPARENTS
Congratulations to all the parents of newborn children in our parish. With your baby's best interests at heart, the Church asks you when considering sponsors for your child's baptism to choose a godfather and godmother (one male, one female) who are at least 16 years old and who lead a life of faith. One of the sponsors (called a 'witness') may be a baptised Christian from another church. We look forward to welcoming you.

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

This weekend we celebrate the feasts of a mother and son, St Monica & St Augustine
St Monica, 332-387, an early African Christian saint, converted her pagan husband, Patricius, to the faith, and by her prayers and tears brought her son, St Augustine to Christianity and a moral life.
Patron saint of mothers



St Augustine, 354-430. Bishop of Hippo, where he lived with a community until his death. His theological influence has been most significant in the Church, especially on the understanding of God's grace.
Patron saint of theologians



POPE JOHN PAUL II AWARD
Congratulations to all our young people who have completed their Pope John Paul II Award. This year's Award Ceremony will be Parish based. A date will be arranged for later in September or early October. I encourage all who registered for the Award in September 2019 to complete their Record Card and Reflection and forward to the Youth Director at 39 – 41 The Mall, Newry, BT34 1AT, or email to youthdirector@dromorerdiocese.org no later than Monday 6th September.

St Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church
Friday 3 September
Bishop of Rome from 590 to his death 604. A Roman noble who was Prefect of the City before becoming a monk. As Pope he established a pattern for the papacy for years to come. He sent missions to Lombardy, Sardinia and England.
Patron of musicians

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION – 1st SEPTEMBER
Caring for God's Creation
 **A Prayer for our Earth** 
All powerful God, you are present in the universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.
Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with your peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.
Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.
Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.
We thank you for being with us each day.
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle, for justice, love and peace.
(Laudato Si')

ACCORD MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES
Planning to get married in 2022/2023?
Book your pre-marriage course in your choice of venue at www.accord.ie, or contact ACCORD, Newry Parish Centre, The Mall, Newry BT34 1AN 028 3026 3577 newry@accordni.com

MARRIAGE AND RELATIONSHIP COUNSELLING
Accord offers a safe, professional and confidential process facilitating couples and individuals to explore, reflect upon and resolve difficulties

COFFEE MORNING
in aid of **Alzheimer's Society**
Sasha's Bistro, Flush Place, Lurgan on 11th September from 10.00am
This is a drop-in event serving tea / coffee sandwiches / biscuits and a donation bucket along with some Alzheimer's Society merchandise

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

CHRISTMAS OUTING 2021
Glad to say, our 'Annual Christmas Fun Day' trip to Dublin this year is on Saturday 4th December with a 3 course Christmas dinner in the Canal Court Hotel - £30
To book your place please contact Gerard 3832 4741 or Noel 079 5547 5650

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.
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.

LIFE PREGNANCY MATTERS
Provides a counselling service for people dealing with an unplanned pregnancy, miscarriage, or abortion
Contact 9043 4848

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
1. Certain sections of the Jewish people put great store on the importance of rules and conventions as a measure of the goodness of a person. Jesus challenges this view. Where have you seen goodness in unconventional people? What brought it home to you that being a good person meant more than getting appearances right?
2. Even fidelity in religious practice is not enough. 'This people honours me with their lips, but their heart is far from me'. How have you experienced the importance of carrying your faith beyond attendance at Mass on Sundays? When have you seen that in others? What brought this home to you?
3. What Jesus seeks are followers whose faith is whole-hearted and warm, people whose religion is not seen primarily in dutiful observance but in enthusiasm for life and care for one another. It is good to be with them. Give thanks for the people you know who are like that.
4. 'It is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come.' It is also from within that good intentions come. We have choices. When have you been faced with the choice between good and evil? When did you realise the importance of accepting responsibility for your own life and choices? How has this helped you grow as a person?


RECENTLY DECEASED
Donald Furphy, Cherrytree Walk
Charlie Barr, Drumlin Drive
Sabina Duggan, Hill Street

ANNIVERSARIES
Sunday 29th August
Fr Jim Kerr, North Street
Phyllis Lavery, Mary Street
Philomena Leathem, Rectory Park
Patrick Begley, Limerick/England/Craigavon
Monday 30th August
Tony McColgan, Ballyhannon, Portadown
Peggy Irwin, New Jersey
Frank Creaney, Kilmaine Street
Tuesday 31st August
Mary Greene, Kiln Lodge
Tommy French Edward Street
Bronagh McAvoy, nee Magill, Cornakinnegar
Wednesday 1st September
Isa McGibbon, Castor Bay Road
Carmel McSherry, Ennis Green
Alice (Eilish) Breen, Brownlow Terrace
Thursday 2nd September
Geraldine McKenna, Knockramer Meadows
Gerard Russell, Melrose Park
George Fox, Church Walk
Shane Campbell Devlin, Derrymacash
Friday 3rd September
Josephine O'Hara, Thornleigh
Margaret Fox, Wellington Street
Jim McCorry, Kilwilke Road
Edward Coleman, Victoria Street
Saturday 4th September
Lily Maxwell, Oakridge
Mary Martin, New Street
Kathleen Hill, Magheralin

Almighty Father, source of forgiveness and salvation, grant that our relatives and friends who have passed from this life may, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of all the saints, come to share your Eternal happiness through Christ our Lord. Amen
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 until the end of the year. Please use the anniversary envelopes at the back of the Church


The Parish Office will be closed on Monday 30th August for the Bank Holiday and re-open on Tuesday 31st @ 10.00am