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# BULLETIN

2nd January 2022 – Second Sunday of Christmas



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**MASS SCHEDULE**  
Saturday 9.30am, 6pm (Vigil)  
Sunday 8am, 10am, (po polsku) & 12.00pm

**WEEKDAY MASSES**  
Monday & Tuesday 9.30am only  
Wednesday 9.30am & 6.00pm  
Thursday 8.00am  
Friday 8.00am & 7.00pm

**ST PAUL'S CHURCH**  
Saturday: 10.30 am & 7pm (Vigil)  
Sunday: 9am & 10.30am,

**WEEKDAY MASSES**  
Monday- Wednesday 10.30am  
Thursday 10.00am & 7.00pm

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

*Our sincerest thanks to all our parishioners who have forwarded their offertory promise envelopes every week during this pandemic*

**Baptism**

**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**

**FEAST OF THE EPIHANY**  
Thursday 6th January

This feast celebrates the inclusion of all people, cultures and religions of the nations of the world. Jesus shares our human nature to redeem and save all humanity in a generous love. In the words of the preface in today's Mass: 'For today you have revealed the mystery of our salvation in Christ as a light to the nations.'

**MASS TIMES**  
St Peter's  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> Vigil, 6.00pm  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>, 8.00am  
St Paul's  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>, 10.00am and 7.00pm

**Calling all men - New Year Resolution?**  
Exodus 90 is a spiritual exercise for men, with over 50,000 who have completed it so far. It's a challenging 90-day period (Jan 17th to Easter Sunday 2022) of prayer and asceticism, supported by a weekly fraternal gathering. Today Exodus 90 is renewing the Church by transforming men. See [www.exodus90.com](http://www.exodus90.com) to learn more. Zoom information event with testimonies on Thur Jan. 6th at 8pm. Meeting ID: 494 625 9738 passcode: 997298

**PARISH OFFICE**

Will re-open on  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January @ 9am

*In prayer we are never alone. But too often we do not appreciate this: our eyes can be closed to the blessings around us, to the height and depth and breadth of the mystery of our Christian prayer and our Christian life. But even there, God is full of compassion for us in our weakness, as is Christ our mediator. And he can work with us in his own way, usually hidden from us, to bless us with all the abundance and generosity that are his.*

**Patrick McGoldrick**  
*'Remember and Give Thanks',*  
**Veritas Publications, 2021**

**FOR THOSE FAR AWAY**  
How often, Lord, would I wish to stretch across the miles and touch loved ones far away, or be whisked on angel's wings to their very side.

Lord, be with them in all they do, and when their hearts grow homesick, when they long to see and hold their loved ones, touch them, Lord, with the touch of your presence. Hold them in your embrace, help them feel better, knowing that in your love we are close together

**Pope's Monthly Intention**  
*For true human fraternity:* We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers & sisters in the human family.

**EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE**  
Reflect on ways you may have turned away from loving God, our neighbours and the earth: How do my actions show my compassion for all those who are trapped in grinding poverty? Do I cherish and protect creation, remembering that God is the creator of all? Advent called us to change our lives: how will you 'prepare a way for the Lord' in your life this new year

**PRAYER FOR FAMILIES**  
*'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*

**"A Knight in the Kitchen"**  
The Knights of St. Columbanus have prepared a cookery book with a collection of easy-to-follow recipes from all over the Lurgan community. Cost only £5. The proceeds will be used to support local parish initiatives including the building of the Shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes in St Paul's

The cookery book will be on sale at the back of the church at the Christmas Masses or you can order a copy by calling 0750 1783 628 or 07900 608 657

**New Year Resolution, Why Not...**

1. Check on an elderly neighbour or those who live alone.
2. Make a resolution to discover more about your faith this year through prayer, reading or activity.
3. Prepare to recycle some of the unloved presents you may have received this Christmas for donation to a charity shop.

**ADORATION CHAPEL**  
Edward Street Private Prayer  
Only Adoration 9am – 7pm

**'Come to adoration and know that you are loved, each encounter holds a precious gift just for you from God above'**

**ST TERESA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
Primary 1 children starting school in September 2022

Please apply via [www.eani.org.uk/admissions](http://www.eani.org.uk/admissions) (between 10th January and 28th January 2022) and visit [www.stteresaslurgan.com](http://www.stteresaslurgan.com)  
All welcome!

**POINTS TO PONDER**  
William Barclay wrote that there are three ways to make the New Year meaningful; a) something to dream, b) something to do, and c) someone to love. 'I have a dream' said Martin Luther King. We should all have a noble plan of action (dream a noble dream), for every day in the New Year. We need to remember the proverb: 'Cherish your yesterdays, dream your tomorrows, but live your today.' It has been truly said that an idle mind is the devil's workshop. We must not be barren fig trees, nor barren branches in God's vineyard. We must be always engaged, doing good for others, and loving the men and women we encounter in daily life, for they are our brothers and sisters in Christ. This becomes easier when we make God the centre of our life and realise His presence in all the people around us. Let us light a candle instead of blaming the darkness around us. Just as the moon borrows sun's light to illuminate the earth, we must radiate the Light of God shining within us. Let's pray the prayer of Dag Hammarskjold: 'Lord, for all that has been, Thanks! For all that will be, Yes!'  
**Fr Anthony Kadavill**

**Seeing your life through the Lens of the Gospel John 1: 1-18**

1. This prologue to John's Gospel is a piece of poetry. Like any poetry one of the ways to enter into it is to read it a few times slowly and let the words and images speak to you.
2. The prologue proclaims Jesus as the true light come into the world. How has Jesus, and the message of Jesus, been a light for you in your life?
3. The prologue also affirms the transforming power of faith: 'to all who receive him... he gave power to become children of God'. How would you describe the difference it makes to you to have faith as part of your life?
4. In Jesus we get a glimpse of God and of the love of God. But as 'Jesus people' in the world today we also are witnesses to the light. Who has been a witness to you? To whom have you been a witness

**MONTH'S MIND**  
**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January**  
Anne Tipping, Inglewood  
Patrick Hogan, Mary Street  
**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> January**  
Madge Scullion, Antrim Road

**ANNIVERSARIES**  
**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January**  
Brian Quinn, Kilwilke Road  
Paddy & Mary Donaghy, Inglewood

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**  
Francie Scullion, Oakleigh Manor  
Rose Ann McKerr, Grattan Street  
Frank Canning, Scotland  
Pauline Nuttal nee Canning, Coronation Street  
Kevin Donnelly, Scarva Street, Banbridge  
Tommy McConville, Beech Court  
Sean Brankin, Lurgantarry

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January**  
Annie Haughey, Allenhill Park  
John McKerr, Grattan Street  
Margaret Henry, Grattan Street  
Joseph Doran, Grattan Street  
Maggie McConville, Drumnamoe Gardens  
Eileen McConville, Drumnamoe Avenue

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January**  
Alice Hatchell, Silverwood Drive  
Liam Thornbury, Brett Drive  
Ellen McStay, Cornakinnegar Road  
Laurence Bennett, Avenue Road  
James Cullen, Portadown

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January**  
Patsy Magee, Hawthorne Avenue  
Nora Rooney, Portadown  
Kathleen Ranaghan, Killough, Co Down  
John Haughian, Wellington Street  
Edel Scarlett nee Greene, Kilmore Rd/Scotland  
Pat & Joyce Toman, Luton

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January**  
Patrick Magill, Grattan Street  
Ellen Lavery, Lake Street  
George McKee, Allenhill Park  
Edward & Margaret McConville, Brown Street

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> January**  
John Edward Lavery, Mary Street  
Patrick McKavanagh, Castor Bay Road  
James McKenna, Shore Road  
Bernadette Bann-Lavery

*Eternal rest grant onto them O Lord*

**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**