

# St. Peter's Parish, Shankill

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# BULLETIN

3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL – FIFTH 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)

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

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**  
27<sup>th</sup> March – £2445.03  
Donations – 1 X £100 & £10 loose  
Car Park – £436.10  
*Thank you for your continued support and generosity*

 **Baptism**  
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**  
**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.

**POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION**  
We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by government and local communities

**WELCOMING PEOPLE BACK TO MASS**  
At the Spring General Meeting of the Bishops of Ireland they recommended the lessening of restrictions imposed during the pandemic for the last two years. The Sunday Eucharist is our greatest act of thanksgiving and so we will welcome all parishioners back to Mass on Easter Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> April.  
In the light of the above our local Pastoral Council met on 22<sup>nd</sup> March and recommended the following:  
The Church has been divided into two sections. You now have a choice of either sitting on the right-hand side, which is still socially distanced, or the left-hand side which is now more open. The Holy Water Font will not be reinstated yet, but holy water can be bottled from the container at the back of the Church. Church cleaning and use of sanitisers to be maintained. Wearing of masks still to be encouraged. Encourage people to continue to receive communion in the hand and the proper way to do this is to place one open hand on top of the other. However, some parishioners wish to receive Communion on the tongue. Those parishioners are requested to kindly wait until the end of the Holy Communion queue. Sign of Peace may resume as a gesture or greeting of peace rather than the traditional handshake. Holy Week ceremonies can be planned as normal (although veneration of the cross will take place without the traditional kissing of the cross). During the season of Lent, everyone (except those who are sick or vulnerable) are encouraged to return to Sunday and weekday Masses. From Easter Sunday this will once again be deemed an **essential expression** of faith for all the Church members.

**RESCHEDULE**  
For anyone wishing to receive **EASTER CONFESSION AND HOLY COMMUNION**, Priests from our Deanery will be available in  
**St Paul's Church, today, Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April 3.00pm - 4.30pm.**  
Please feel very welcome to come along and receive these sacraments. All Covid 19 regulations will be in place.

**6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL AE RUSSELL FESTIVAL**  
*From Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April*  
Exhibition in the Hub William Street  
**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 19.45**  
AE presentation & Talk Jethro Centre for COG  
**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 12.45**  
AE presentation & talk North Lurgan Community Centre.  
**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April open Mic Night**  
Vintage 20.30pm

  
**ST VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE**  
The collection is wonderful testimony to the generosity of the people of both parishes.  
*May God bless you all.*  
Parishioners' donations £20,412  
Altar and Mission Society £8,500  
**Total Amount £28,912**

**LOUGH DERG**  
After being closed for two seasons, Lough Derg is delighted to announce it is re-opening again this year. Retreats, pilgrimages, bookings, enquiries etc can be made on our website [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org) or for those who prefer to lift the phone, Maureen & Nuala are happy to assist with information.  
Call 00353 71986 1518 or Email [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org)

**FOOD BANK**  
For the month of March, you kindly donated 226kg/35st 9lbs worth of items for the foodbank  
*Thank you for your*  
**SUPPORT**

**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*

**ADORATION CHAPEL**  
Edward Street  
Adoration 9am-7pm  
*'To visit the Blessed Sacrament is proof of gratitude, an expression of love...'*

  
**SHOPPING DAY IN DERRY**  
**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April**  
With a visit to the Free Derry Museum (£4) and then evening dinner in the **Quinn Corner Restaurant, Ballygawley**  
(Choice of meal) £37  
Contact Gerard 3832 4741 or Noel 079 5547 5650  
Easy payment available

**"LONDON CALLING"**  
Weekend in London  
Fri 23 – Mon 26 September  
3 nights B&B in St Giles Hotel  
Right beside Oxford Street  
Coach transfers included  
Price £329  
(Easy payment available)  
Contact Gerard 3831 4741 or Noel 079 5547 5650  


**ACCORD**  
is recruiting interested people to assist in the provision of Marriage Preparation Programmes.  
Application forms are available by contacting [marriagepreparation@accord.ie](mailto:marriagepreparation@accord.ie)  
Selections will take place in June of this year with training commencing in September.  
This year Accord is celebrating 60 years supporting couples and families.  
Please contact us for any support you may need  
[www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)

**The Shrine of Our Lady of Knock**  
is now once again open to welcome pilgrims.  
The annual Dromore Diocesan Pilgrimage will be celebrated for the first time in three years on Ascension Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> May and all parishioners are invited. Bookings will be taken after Easter.  
Watch out for information in the bulletin in coming weeks.

**Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel John 8:1-11**  
1. Compassion for human frailty combined with a gentle challenge to a better life marked the response of Jesus. From whom have you experienced a compassionate challenge? What was that like for you? To whom have you given such a challenge?  
2. The Pharisees and scribes self-righteously condemned the woman until Jesus brought them in touch with their own sinfulness. This was a conversion moment for them and they turned away from their quest for the death of the woman. Have there been times when your awareness of your own fragility and sinfulness has helped you to be less judgemental of others?  
3. 'What do you say?' can be an embarrassing question. Jesus had the courage to voice an opinion, even though it was against the party line of the day. When you have seen that courage shown – by yourself, or by another? What was the result?

  
**RECENTLY DECEASED**  
Jack Robinson, Antrim Road  
Martin Toye, England, formerly Gravigon  
Cyril Lennon, Ailsbury Gardens  
Anna Osbourne nee Coleman, Sloan Street  
Patricia McNeice, Garland Heights  
**MONTH'S MIND**  
**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April**  
Conor McHugh, Wellington Street  
**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April**  
Eileen McNeice, Kilwilke Road

**ANNIVERSARIES**  
**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**  
Molly McDonald, Lake Street  
Dolores McKavanagh, Allenhill Drive  
Noel Maginn, Drumnamoe Avenue  
Laura Marshall, Ennis Green  
Christopher Woods, Princes Street  
Susan Bunting, Waring Street  
Gertie McGivern, Cafolla Gardens  
**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April**  
Mick Toman, Grattan Street  
Bill Holland, Brownlow Terrace  
Sarah Greene, Ashwood  
Joe & Gertie Loughran, North Circular Road  
Annie & Matty Smith, Cootehill, Co Cavan  
**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April**  
Kenny Smyth, Oakleigh Grove  
Phyllis McCarron, Forest Glade  
James McConville Snr, Sloan Street  
Irene McClean, Isle of Man

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April**  
Conor Toman, Levin Road  
John Downing, Leansmount Road  
Philomena Wallace, Ardglass, Co Down  
**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April**  
Benny McNeice, Shore Road  
Anna Headley, Elmwood Terrace  
Ann McMahon, Mansfield  
Elizabeth (Cissie) McCusker, North Street  
Dermot Joseph Findon, Cherrytree Walk  
Patrick & Rose McAlernon, Tullydagan  
Mary & Tony Bassett, Moira  
Tom McInerney, Antrim Road

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April**  
Liam (Jack) McConville, Drumnamoe Gardens  
Don McCreanor, Kilwilke Road  
**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April**  
Mary Lewsley, Shore Road  
Marie Reynolds, Lough Road  
Molly Quinn, Kilwilke Road  
Kathleen Brady, Waring Street  
Katherine O'Neill, The Moy/Florida  
Mark Porteus, Cookstown

*Eternal rest grant on to them O Lord*  
**PLEASE NOTE**  
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 up until the end of the year.  
**Please use the anniversary envelopes at the back of the Church**