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# BULLETIN


5<sup>th</sup> September 2021 – Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time




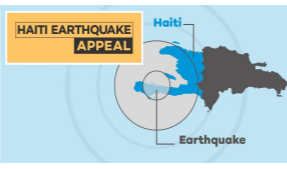
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**MASS SCHEDULE**  
Saturday 9.30am, 6pm (Vigil)  
Sunday 8am, 10am, (po polsku) & 12.00 noon  
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 8am  
Tuesday 8am & 7pm  
Friday 8am & 7pm Communion Service  
**ST PAUL'S CHURCH**  
Sunday: 9am & 10.30am,  
Monday-Friday: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

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**  
29<sup>th</sup> August - £2392.90  
Donation Box - £60  
Car Park (2 weeks) - £905.50  
Our sincerest thanks to all our parishioners who have forwarded their offertory promise envelopes every week during this pandemic

  
*We welcome the following children into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism*  
Daniel John O'Neill, Belvedere Manor  
Síofra Lily McCann, Fox's Hill  
Charlotte Louise Lavery, Belvedere Manor  
Thea Ella Campbell, Lavery Avenue  
Wyatt Stephen Dawson, Garland Avenue  
Abigail Victoria Anne Murray, Merseyside  
**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**

  
**The Season of Creation** will be celebrated from 1<sup>st</sup> September - 4<sup>th</sup> October. It is an opportunity to give thanks to God for the gift of creation, to explore with parishioners the rich content of *Laudato Si'* and decide on what actions should be taken locally to care for our common home.  
The theme for the Season of Creation this year is "A Home for All: Restoring Our Common Home".  
After the Season of Creation there will be a meeting in October of world leaders in China for a UN Biodiversity Conference (known as COP 15) and another UN meeting on Climate Change in November of world leaders in Scotland on (known as COP 26).  
In preparation for these UN meetings there will be a petition known as the **Healthy Planet, Healthy People Petition** available at <http://healthyplanetandpeople.org/> for dioceses, parishes, and individuals to sign. It is envisaged that this petition with signatures will be presented by Pope Francis to the Presidents of these upcoming UN conferences.

**MARY'S MEALS**  
The people of Haiti urgently need our help following the recent 7.2 magnitude earthquake in Haiti, around half a million children need emergency humanitarian assistance.  
Tens of thousands of homes have been destroyed and there is widespread fear of further damage and danger as aftershocks continue.  
People are in urgent need of food, safe water, and shelter.  
Mary's Meals has been feeding schoolchildren in Haiti for 15 years and works closely with four well-established and trusted local partners across the country.  
Many communities were already vulnerable as the Caribbean nation continued to grapple with ongoing political unrest and the long-term damage created by previous natural disasters, so this latest catastrophe has left hundreds of thousands of people in desperate need.  
Our partners are co-ordinating an emergency response, to deliver emergency ration packs of essential food items to families in the worst affected areas.  
Please give if you can, to help families in desperate hardship.  
[https://giving.marysmeals.org/en\\_gb/donate-to-haiti-org](https://giving.marysmeals.org/en_gb/donate-to-haiti-org)  



**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@dromorediocese.org](mailto:youthdirector@dromorediocese.org) no later than Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

**COFFEE MORNING**  
in aid of **Alzheimer's Society**  
Sasha's Bistro, Flush Place, Lurgan on 11<sup>th</sup> 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  


*Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel*  
**Mark 7:31-37**  
1. The healing of the deaf mute provides us with an opportunity to reflect on the importance of communication in our lives. The healing touch of Jesus brought the man from isolation into community. Who have been people who touched you when you felt isolated and alone (perhaps during lockdown) and helped you to come out of painful aloneness? For whom have you done this for?  
2. Deafness is symbolic of being unable to hear what is being said to us. What a difference when our ears are opened! Perhaps you can recall a time when your ears were opened, and you heard in a new way that you were loved – by God or by another person.  
3. Words are not the only form of communication. Actions can speak louder than words. Recall times when this was brought home to you.  
4. Being able to say what is in you is the other side of communication. Perhaps there have been occasions when you have struggled to find words to express what is deepest in you – your faith, your values, your love. Then something changed and you found the words. What was it like to be able to express your deepest self?


**ST TERESA'S PS - 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner Dance**  
23 October 2021 in the Woodville Arms  
Tickets (£30pp) available from the school office – email [lmccartan450@c2kni.net](mailto:lmccartan450@c2kni.net) or any member of Friends of St Teresa's

**EUROPEAN HERITAGE OPEN DAY'S**  
Guided tour of Dougher Graveyard delivered by Jim Conway  
Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Sept @ 10.00am & Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> @ 5.30pm

**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'*

**CHRISTMAS OUTING 2021**  
Glad to say our 'Annual Christmas Fun Day' trip to Dublin this year is on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> 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.*

  
**RECENTLY DECEASED**  
Felim Bates, Edward Street  
Samuel McKey, New Street  
Doreen McAlinden, Taghnevan

**MONTH'S MIND**  
**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September**  
Desmond Lennon, Lavery Avenue

**ANNIVERSARIES**  
**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September**  
Mary E McConaghy, Brownlow Terrace  
Denis Gallery, Antrim Road/Clifden  
Margaret McStay, Ennis Close  
Eileen Kay, Liverpool

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September**  
John Ferris, Clara Street  
Jim McCann, Magheralin/Ulster Street  
Maggie Kerr, North Street  
Conal James Haughey, Allenhill Park  
Mary McAlernon, Cornakinnegar Road  
Patricia Phillips, Lisburn  
Kathleen McCleary, Grattan Street  
Florrie Cafolla, Parkview Street

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September**  
May McStravick, Kilmaine Street  
Trudi Maugher, Guernsey  
Damien Kerr, North Street  
Gerry Geoghan, Soye Crescent  
Dermot Haughian, Prospect Way  
Larry Lawlor, Annesborough Park

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September**  
Paula Moore, Furlong Avenue  
Sheila Jaap, Grattan Street  
Margaret Fearon, Shore Road  
Annie Menary, Wellington Street  
Rebecca Jane Haughey, Clanbrassil Drive  
Arthur, Barbara & Gerald McCaughley, Silverwood Drive

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September**  
Jerome McAreavey, Desmond Avenue  
John Maginn, Shore Road  
Lawrence Cusack, Portadown  
Sally Keegan, Lurgantarry  
Ernest Neil Johnston, Wesley Place  
David McVeigh, Victoria Street  
Vincent Willis, Portadown

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September**  
Bernadette McGeown, Ulster Street  
Oliver Mawhinney, Inglewood  
Vincent McConville, Ulster Street  
Joseph Mulholland, Mary Street  
Yvonne Haddock, Westwood

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September**  
Jonnie McGrath, Drummamoe Gardens  
Mary & Francis McAlinden, Ballinary Road Nth  
Hugh McGeown, Kilmaine Street  
Jim Toner

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