

St. Peter's Parish, Shankill

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BULLETIN

7th JANUARY 2024 – BAPTISM OF THE LORD



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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

OFERTORY COLLECTION
24th December - £4368.73
31st December - £2987.33
Donations –£160
Car Park – 0.00
Thank you for your continued support and generosity.



We welcome the following children into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism

Cushla Rose McQuillan
Colane Meadows

Our prayers and good wishes are extended to her family.

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

BAPTISM OF THE LORD
Whenever there is a sudden downpour of rain, you often hear people saying, 'the heavens opened.' The phrase is used about the baptism of Jesus in today's gospel. Baptism does not remove us from the world. It saturates and soaks us in the muddled waters of every human need. As baptized people, we are embraced as God's 'beloved' through his living spirit.



As Jesus was coming out of the water, he saw the heavens open up and the Holy Spirit descending like a dove. He heard a voice from above say, "You are my beloved son with whom I am well pleased."

Update on St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal.
The total to date is **£23,174**. That is fantastic. Our Conference is so grateful for your generous support. *May the New Year bring many blessings to you and your families.*

Prayer Service for Christian Unity.
The week of prayer for Christian Unity this year is January 18th - 25th. There will be a special service held in the Jethro Centre, hosted by the Community Outreach Group and the Shankill Parish Church on Wednesday evening, January 24th at 7:30pm. Father Andrew McMahon will be the guest homilist. The theme this year is '**Love the Lord Your God... And Your Neighbour as Yourself**.'

Please mark your calendars, come and represent your parish. It is now more than ever we need to pray for our community and our world.

FÁILTE CHUIG AN LORGAIN
Fr Maciej will be away to Poland from 7th – 10th February.
In his absence we welcome Fr. Kingsley Idoghor, Sons of Mary Mother of Mercy Congregation to our parish.
Please give him a very warm welcome from the parishioners of St Peter's & St Paul's Parishes



Young Adults Pilgrimage to Lourdes
6th - 11th August 2024
We welcome 18 to 30 year olds - a great opportunity to the faith, spirit and fun of a Lourdes Pilgrimage, volunteer to help in Lourdes and grow in faith with other likeminded young people - for more information email your name and mobile number to Frances at youthdirector@dromorediocese.org

The Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024
Applications for Assisted Pilgrims wishing to travel on the Dromore Diocese Lourdes Pilgrimage 17th-22nd May 2024 are now being considered.
Please apply in writing to: The Secretary Lurgan Lourdes Committee
Rosemary McGuinness
29 Hunters Lodge
LURGAN BT66 6NB
Applications for Nurses wishing to travel are now also being considered.
Information regarding Pilgrim Fares etc will be available soon.



TWO DAY EUCHARISTIC HEALING RETREAT
Benburb Priory 13th & 14th January
You are invited to a 2-day Eucharistic Healing Retreat led by Fr Brendan Walsh & Eileen King on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th January, Registration at 9am on Saturday 13th January.
Retreat starts 10am-7pm. Retreat will include Holy Mass, Adoration; Rosary; Praise and Worship; Talks; Healing service and confessions.
Registration fee for both days £40.
To book please contact Tel: 078 8070 1387 or 078 4519 7010 or 028 3754 8241.
All Welcome

ACCORD MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE
Planning to get married in 2024/2025?
Book your Marriage course with ACCORD, Newry Parish Centre, The Mall, Newry BT34 1AN 028 3026 3577 newry@accordni.com
ACCORD also offers a safe, professional and confidential process facilitating couples and individuals to explore, reflect upon and resolve difficulties in their marriage and relationship.

ADORATION CHAPEL
Edward Street
In the Blessed Sacrament, the divine is hidden; the human is hidden; love alone is left for all to see.

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

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



SAMARITANS INFORMATION NIGHT
Have you ever considered volunteering?
Come along to find out more about volunteering with us.
DATE: Saturday 20th January
TIME: 1.00pm
LOCATION: 162 Thomas Street, Portadown, Co Armagh, Northern Ireland, BT62 3BD

2024 TOURS
Easter in Galway
1st April
(Waiting list open)
Clonakilty & West Cork
9 September – 5 Day Tour £429
Spanish October Tour
14 October
Santa Suzanna, Costa Brava
£780
Turkey & Tinsel in Bundoran
Great Northern Hotel
4 Day Tour – 18 November
£319
Rome & Assisi - Feb 2025
For more information or to book Noel 079 5547 5650 or Gerard 3832 4741

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel
Mark 1:7-11

- The baptism of Jesus was an extraordinary religious experience for him. Something happened that was a major step forward for Jesus in coming to know that he was the beloved Son of God. We all have events in our lives that are milestones along the road of discovering who we are. What have been these milestones for you?
- John gives an example of humility as a person confident in his own role but not seeking to claim to be more than he is. He acknowledges that Jesus is greater. There is a freedom in being able to acknowledge the gifts of others without losing a sense of one's own giftedness. Recall times when you were able to do this.

ANNIVERSARIES CONTINUED
Saturday 13th January
Mel Corry, Desmond Avenue
Hugh McAvooy, Shore Road
Irene Thompson, Grattan Street
Theresa Findon, Cherrytree Walk
Jacqueline McGeown Derrymacash

RECENTLY DECEASED
Pauline Greene nee Maillon, Lavery Avenue
Joseph (Tam) Lavery, Richmount Gardens
Peter Loughran, Rampart Street
Sheena Fox nee O'Neill, Antrim Close
Lois (Dolores) Heaney, Bleary/Ulster Street
Annie Haughian, Manor Park
Sarah Doran nee Scullion, Lurgantarry
Connor Cassidy, Francis Street
Joanne McGregor nee O'Hara, Charles Street
Marion Lyness nee Duff, Downshire Avenue
James (Jim) McCluskey, Downshire Avenue
Joe Doran, Wellington Street
Kathleen McConville, Kelly Gardens

MONTH'S MIND
Tuesday 9th January
Kathleen Magee, Hawthorne Avenue
Friday 12th January
Rose Skeffington, Garland Avenue
Saturday 13th January
Odhran Kelly, Princes Street

ANNIVERSARIES
Sunday 7th January
Patrick Magill, Grattan Street
George McKee, Allenhill Park
Seamus & May Hagan, Stonebridge
Monday 8th January
Patrick McKavanagh, Castor Bay Road
Edward Lavery, Mary Street
Garry McCrory, Church Walk
Tuesday 9th January
Barney McCusker, Oakleigh Fold
James (Jim) McKerr, Glenholme Park
Eamon McMahon, Desmond Avenue
Patrick McCann, Church Place
Patrick McStay, Cornakinnegar
Danny Heatley, Mary Street
Patsy (Bart) McConville, Lurgan/Manchester
Eileen Moore, Thornleigh
Danny McCrory, Liscorran Road
Eileen Loughran, James Street
Joan McCann, Ulster Street
Alan Chambers, Derby
Wednesday 10th January
John Conway, Ulster Street
Liam McKernan, Belfast
Josephine Magennis, Lurgantarry
Annie McConville, Brownlow Terrace
Kevin McNeice, Kilwilke Road
Rita Donnelly, North Street
Eileen Owens, Francis Street
Terry Eagers, Soye Gardens
Thursday 11th January
Lucille Finnegan, North Street
Una King, Donnelly Gardens
Patricia (Pat) McStay, Wellington Street
James Mahaffy, Shankill Street
Madge Goff, North Street
Friday 12th January
Ciaran Hendron, Levin Road
Paul Mallon, Inglewood
Maurice McGeown, Kilmaine Street
Rita Lavery, Wellington Street
Ita McConaghy, Ballymoney Heights
Annie McKenna, Edward Street
Hugh McCarron Jnr, Donnelly Gardens/London
Peggy McMullan, North Circular Rd/Wellington St
Francis & Theresa Breen, Derryveen
Pauline Gordon, Annaloiste Road