

St. Peter's Parish, Shankill

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BULLETIN

15th DECEMBER 2024 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT




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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
8th December - £3410.08
Plus, Standing Orders £350.60 weekly
Donations –£30
Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

St. Vincent de Paul Annual Collection
The total collection to date from both parishes is £10,367.
Thank you and God bless you for your wonderful generosity to St. Vincent de Paul Conference.


Holy 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

ANNIVERSARIES OVER CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR
Anniversaries and Month's Mind Notices that occur up to Saturday 11th January 2025 should be left into the Parish Office on or before Thursday 19th December @ 12.00 noon if they are to be included in the Bulletin over the Christmas/New Year holiday.
Please use the anniversary envelopes at the back of the Church.


CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES
Tuesday 24th December 6.00pm
St Peter's and St Paul's Churches and 9.00pm St Peter's Church po polsku
CHRISTMAS DAY
St Peter's – 8.00am & 12.00 noon 10.00am (Polish)
St Paul's– 9.00am & 10.30am
St Peter's
Thursday 26th December to Saturday 4th January 9.30am only and St Paul's 10.30am only
NEW YEAR'S EVE WATCH NIGHT SERVICE - St Paul's 11.00pm to 12.15am - Everyone is warmly invited for a cup of tea afterwards.


Please come along and join with the Choirs of St Peter's for their **Annual Carol Service**
Today, Sunday 15th Dec @ 7pm
We shall prepare for the coming of Jesus through prayers, readings & Carols
A time to stop and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas.
Refreshments served afterwards in the Parish Hall


CAROL SERVICES
Sunday 15 Dec at 7.00pm – **ST PAUL'S SENIOR & CHILDREN'S CHOIR**
Monday 16 Dec at 1.30pm – **ST FRANCIS PRIMARY SCHOOL** – St Paul's
Wednesday 18 December at 1.00pm - **CEARA SCHOOL** – St Paul's

PENITENTIAL SERVICES
Sunday 15 December 3.00 – 4.30pm
St Paul's Church
Tuesday 17 December 7.30 – 8.30pm
St Peter's Church
Wednesday 18 December 7.00 – 8.00pm – St Anthony's Church
CONFESSIONS – CHRISTMAS EVE
St Peter's – 9.30 – 10.30am
St Paul's 10.30 – 11.30am

The annual Aifreann Na Nollaig (Christmas Mass) will take place in the Adoration Chapel, Edward St, @ 8pm on Tuesday 17th December.


CHILD'S PRAYER TO ST NICHOLAS AT CHRISTMAS
Dear St Nicholas, so kind and true, on this special day we turn to you. With gifts of joy, you fill our hearts, bless us now as this day starts. Guide us with your gentle hand, help us spread the love across the land. May we share and care each day, in your spirit, we laugh and play. Thank you, St Nicholas, up above, for your kindness, grace and love. On this day, and all year through, we celebrate the joy you bring, its true.


The presence of the poor and the lowly in the nativity scene reminds us that God became man for the sake of those who feel most in need of his love and who ask him to draw near to them. Jesus, 'gentle and humble in heart' (Mt 11:29), was born in poverty and led a simple life in order to teach us to recognize what is essential and to act accordingly. The nativity scene clearly teaches that we cannot let ourselves be fooled by wealth and fleeting promises of happiness. From the manger, Jesus proclaims, in a meek yet powerful way, the need for sharing with the poor as the path to a more human and fraternal world in which no-one is excluded.
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PARISH OFFICE
will close for the Christmas holidays on Friday 20th December @ 1.00pm and re-open on Monday 6th January @ 10.00am


Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Wednesday 18th December at 7.30pm in the Armagh City Hotel, Friary Rd, Armagh.
This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance.
We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 00353 14045378 or email info@anamcara.ie

TRÓCAIRE GIFTS OF LOVE
Soap £5, Chicks £10, Seeds and Tools £10, Dignity Kit for Girls £10, Solar Lamps £15, Emergency Water £20, School Lunches £20, School Kit £20, Play for Healing £35, Food & Nourishment £40, Goats £40, Help for Grandparents £40, New Mother's Care Kit £50, Mental Health Lifeline £50, Honey Bees £60, Water System £90, Protection from Climate Change £90, A Just World £90, Safe Home £125, Ox Plough & Family Farming Tools £200, a pack of 12 Christmas cards £4.
Cards available from the Parish Office until Thursday 19th Dec

BLESSING FOR A CHRISTMAS TREE
God of all creation, we praise you for this tree which beauty and memories and the promise of life to our home. May your blessing be upon all who gather around this tree, all who keep the Christmas festival by its lights. We wait for the coming of Christ, the days of everlasting justice and of peace. You are our God, living and reigning, for ever and ever. Amen.
The lights on the tree are then turned on


Advent Prayer
Heavenly Father, heal my heart during this season of Advent. Help me to love more fully. To forgive more generously. To wait more patiently for Christmas, embracing each day and hour knowing the joy that awaits. In Your name I pray. Amen



Thanks to everyone who took part in the Aghagallon Santa Fun Run which raised £8,718 for Southern Area Hospice Services. Thanks to Barry Shanks and Kevin McAlinden who have organised the event for 19 years and thanks to all the volunteers and people who donated prizes.
Looking for the perfect Christmas gift? Get your loved ones the gift that gives twice with our **Southern Area Hospice** gift certificates! Also available are our teacher and classroom assistant gift certificates for that special teacher. With a minimum donation of just £5 you can help make a difference this Christmas. Available to purchase from the Hospice reception or by calling 028 3026 7711.

NI CANCER PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES.
Sat 10 May to Thurs 15 May 2025
The price of £859 (with price reduction for Cancer Patients) includes: Return flights from Belfast International Airport, operated by Northern Star Travel Ltd and facilitated by Joe Walsh Tours. Full board and accommodation at the Hotel Agena in Lourdes for five nights based on twin/double/triple rooms.
The party will consist of patients, ex-patients, relatives and friends accompanied by medical, nursing and other staff. To enquire or book call:- Mrs Jean Clarke, Hon. Secretary, NI Cancer Pilgrimage, 67 Ballynahinch Road, Carryduff, Belfast, BT8 8DL, or speak to us on Tel. 078746 88388, or email mail@nicancerpilgrimage.org.uk


RECENTLY DECEASED
Jean McCann, Shore Road
MONTH'S MIND
Tuesday 17th December
Damian McKerr, Portland Manor
Friday 20th December
Rita Smyth nee O'Neill, Cornakinnegar Road

ANNIVERSARIES
Sunday 15th December
Baby Mason James Marshall, Lurgantarry
William Lavery, Campbell Walk
Andria Morgan, Enniskeen
Tom McDonald, North Circular Road
Dermot McGeown, Island View, Kinnego
Mary Rose Haddock, Brownlow Terrace
Brian Griffin, Cheshire Mews/Cherrytree Walk
Sinead McNally, Dublin, Headington Avenue
Vincent Moore, Highmoss, Derryadd
Monday 16th December
Baby Penny McKavanagh, Belvedere Manor
Eileen Doherty, Antrim Road
Rita Mulholland, Silverwood Drive
Godfrey Martin, New Street
Sheila Lavery, Wellington Street
Tuesday 17th December
Charlotte McCrory, Kilwilke Road
Seamus McCorry, Oakleigh Fold/Edward Street
Anne McCarron, Forest Glade
Mary Ellen Haughey, Kilmaine Street
Hugh McCorry, Glenavy
Elizabeth Leonard, New York
Patrick Lennon, Francis Street
Kieran Shanks, Drumnamoe Avenue
Wednesday 18th December
Elizabeth Mackle, Shore Road
Jane Shanks, Dingwell Park
Mary McAlernon, Grattan Street
Kathleen Kerr, Portadown
Natalie McNally, Silverwood
Ellen & Bob McCorry, Tannaghmore North

Thursday 19th December
William McManus, Soye Gardens
Dermot McStay, Kilmore Hill Road
Canon Gerard McCrory, Ballynahinch/Castor Bay
Friday 20th December
Brendan Gordon, Deeny Drive
Aidan Courtney, Cottage Walk
Stephen Lyness, Portadown
William Martin, Francis Street
Julia Blaney, Castle Lane
Saturday 21st December
Tommy O'Hara, Dingwell Park
Kathleen Jordan, Kilmaine Street
Mary Carter, Waring Street
Virginia McGroarty, New York
Jim McConville, Edward Street/London
Dessie McKinstry, Wesley Place
Hugh & Harry Murtagh, Lurgan/Dublin
James Knox, O'Neill's Terrace
John Joseph Lavery, Richmount Gardens
John Catney, Mary Street
Eternal rest grant onto them O Lord