

St. Peter's Parish, Shankill

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BULLETIN

29th MARCH 2026 – PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION



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OFFERTORY COLLECTION
22ND March - £3430.30
Standing Orders - £350.60 weekly
Donations -£20.00
Thank you for your continued support and generosity.


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 @ 1.00pm

PRAYER FOR HOLY WEEK
As I enter this Holy Week, enable me to walk with you and to offer my own life as a sacrifice in union with your own perfect Sacrifice. May your Holy Week transcend time and permeate every aspect of my life so that, as I die with you, I also share in the glory of your Resurrection. Jesus, I trust in you.

Christ lifted on the Cross is the image which identifies his followers everywhere. Christians have knelt before the Cross in all times of need and distress. It has been held before the eyes of those facing death. It has led missionary journeys so that those who looked upon it might have new life.



Palms will be distributed by the Knights of Saint Columbanus at the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses this weekend in St Peter's and St Paul's
Donations greatly appreciated.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER
CONFESSIONS
St Paul's Monday 30th March 7.00-8.00pm
St Peter's, Tuesday 31st March after 7.00 Mass – 8.15pm
St Anthony's Wednesday 1st April 7.00-8.00am
Monday-Spy Wednesday: Masses as normal in both churches.
HOLY THURSDAY **Chrim Mass from Newry Cathedral** 10:30am
Go to www.churchservices.tv/newrycathedral
Mass of the Lord's Supper: 6.00pm in St Peter's | 7.00pm in St Paul's
Holy Hour at the Altar of Repose: 9.00 – 10.00pm in St Paul's.
GOOD FRIDAY Stations of the Cross: 3.00pm in St Peter's: 3.00pm in St Paul's
A collection will be taken up for the persecution of Christians in the Holy Lands.
Polish Stations of the Cross: 6.00pm.
Veneration of the Cross: 7.00pm in St Peter's: 7.00pm in St Paul's
Please note all anniversaries for Good Friday will be prayed for both at the Stations of the Cross and the evening service.
HOLY SATURDAY Easter Vigil in the Holy Night: 9.00pm in St Peter's: 9.00pm in St Paul's.
Please note all anniversaries for Holy Saturday will be prayed for at the evening Mass.
Blessing of Easter Baskets for Polish Parishioners 11.00am & 12.00 noon
EASTER SUNDAY Mass times as normal. Resurrection Holy Mass in Polish 6am
EASTER WEEK **Easter Monday-Saturday** St Peter's: Mass daily, 9.30am only: St Paul's: Mass daily, 10.30am only.
EASTER MONDAY Mass po polsku: 10.30am

Archbishop Eamon Martin, along with the clergy of the Diocese, will celebrate the Chrim Mass on Thursday 2nd April 2026 at 10.30 a.m. Mass in the Cathedral of St. Patrick & St. Colman, Newry.
All are welcome.
In particular, an invitation to attend is extended to families and schools in the Diocese with children who will make their Confirmation this year. The Mass is also available via Newry Parish webcam at churchmedia.tv/newrycathedral

ALTAR & MISSION SOCIETY
In Parish Hall every Tuesday evening from 7.00pm.
Raising money for the Missions and Church at home and abroad. Can you sew or knit? Could you help in any way?
Old and new members welcome. Alterations done for a donation

'Experience the Last Supper'
SEDER MEAL
Wednesday 1st April in Woodville Arms
Join us for a special Passover celebration reflecting on the roots of the Eucharist and the events leading up to the Passion of Christ
Spiritual Director, Fr Colum Wright
Includes prayers and blessings of the Passover ritual with Seder plate followed by a roast lamb dinner (alternatives available) and wine/red juice, finishing with tea/coffee & biscuits.
Tickets £35 from Parish Office


Can we please ask, that all coins are bagged or changed into notes.

PRAYER MEDITATION FOR HOLY SATURDAY
My Lord, today all is silent. You have given your precious life for the salvation of the world. You died a horrific death, poured out all mercy from your wounded heart, and now you rest in peace in the tomb as the soldiers keep vigil. Lord, may I also keep vigil with you as you sleep. I know that this day ends with your glorious triumph, your victory over sin and death. But for now, I sit quietly mourning your death. Help me, dear Lord, to enter into the sorrow and the silence of this Holy Saturday. Today no sacraments are celebrated. Today the world waits in mourning in anticipation of the glory of new life!
As I keep vigil, waiting the celebration of Your Resurrection, fill me with hope. Help me to look forward to the celebration of your Resurrection, but also to look forward to the hope of my own share in the new life you won for the world. I entrust my whole being to you, dear Lord, as you lay lifeless and still. May your rest transform the brokenness of my own soul, my weakness, my sin and my frailty. You are glorious and you bring the greatest good out of your apparent defeat. I trust in your power to do all things and I entrust my life to you. Jesus, I trust in You.

The new **2026/2027** envelopes are now ready for collection. They are now available from the Parish Hall for pick-up and are in alphabetical order according to the streets.
Please call in before/after Mass and lift yours and maybe a neighbour's who is housebound.

SHORT REFLECTION FOR HOLY WEEK
Holy week is a secret journey that invited us to walk with Jesus through his Passion, Death and Resurrection. It is a time to pause, reflect and enter deeply into the mystery of God's love for us. As we recall Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, his last Supper with his disciples, his agony in the garden, and his suffering on the Cross, we are reminded of the depth of his sacrifice. He endured all of this out of love for us, to redeem us and bring us back to the Father. This week calls us to examine our own lives: Where do we need to surrender to God's will? How can we love others more selflessly. What burdens do we need to lay at the foot of the Cross? But Holy Week does not end at the Cross. It culminates in the joy of Easter, the triumph of life over death and the hope of resurrection. Let us walk this journey with faith, knowing that through Christ's sacrifice, we are offered the gift of new life. May this Holy Week deepen your relationship with Jesus and prepare your heart to celebrate the joy of his Resurrection.

Lurgan Conradh na Gaelilge
would like to thank everyone who donated to our collection on St Patrick's day. £1396.39 was raised from both parishes.
Go raibh mile mhaith agaibh

LURGAN LOURDES COMMITTEE
Dromore Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage
15th to 20th May 2026
5 Nights Full Board to include all transfers and full Itinerary
Pilgrim Fare £890pp
Please contact Rosemary 07796310214 or any Committee Member

PADRE PIO PILGRIMAGE
Group pilgrimage accompanied by
Fr. Maciej Zacharek
15th June – 20th June 2026.
Cost **€995** pps.
Contact: Marian Pilgrimages 00353 1 8788159 or Paul Johnstone 00353 86 8282977


DOWN'S & PROUD DAY
is Saturday 11th April in The Woodville Arms
Children's Fun Day 2.00 - 4.00pm
Adults Quiz and Disco 8.00pm till late
All welcome, tickets available from The Woodville

St Peter's Parish now accepts ONLINE DONATIONS
Just scan the QR code with your phone camera to donate.



Or visit <https://donate.mydona.com/st-peters-parish-lurgan>.
Scan the QR code. Enter your amount. Input your card details. Please do not forget to Gift Aid

RECENTLY DECEASED
Colin Avery, Kilwilke Road
Andrea Dummigan, Kilwilke Road
Una McCrory nee O'Neill, Ennis Tarry
Eamar O'Hagan, Ashgrove Park
Gerald Maginn, Shore Road

MONTH'S MIND
Tuesday 31st March
Sean McGeown, Allenhill Park

ANNIVERSARIES
Sunday 29th March
James McCaffrey, Beaumont Square
Terry McConville, Brownlow Terrace
Sheila Plaistowe, Springhill Manor
Mary McAlinden, Oakleigh Fold
James Eddie Doyle, Castlevue, Gilford
Elizabeth Devlin, Oakleigh Fold
Tony Elliott, Furlong Avenue
Bernadette Grimes, Lurgantarry
Sarah Ann Carville, Arthur Street
Kevin Brown, Shore Road
Monday 30th March
Caitriona McKeag, Belvedere Manor
George Campbell, Ardowen
Owen Haughey, Derrymacash
Evelyn Quinn, Derryadd
Marissa Shanks (Foye), Kilwilke Road

Tuesday 31st March
Mary McCann, Oakleigh Heights
Bernadette Rooney, Garland Avenue
Joe Leonard, Kelly Gardens
Sarah Magee, Ennis Tarry/Derryclone
Kathleen Robinson, Brown Street

Wednesday 1st April
Molly McDonald, North Circular Road
Sarah Jane Cassells, Mary Street
Thursday 2nd April (Holy Thursday)
Molly McDonald, Lake Street
Margaret Heaney, Filbin Crescent
Bernice Lavery, Conor Park
Patrick Doran, Woodville Avenue

Friday 3rd April (Good Friday)
Christopher Woods, Princes Street
Noel Maginn, Drumnamoe Avenue
Dolores McKavanagh, Dill Avenue
Laura Marshall, Ennis Green
Lee Stevenson nee Lavery, Antrim Road/London

Saturday 4th April
Mick Toman, Grattan Street
Bil Holland, Brownlow Terrace
Sarah Greene, Ashwood

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

FOODBANK
At the moment the foodbank is running low on the following items: tinned tomatoes, red and brown sauce, Super Noodles, porridge, shampoo and toothpaste.