

St. Peter’s Parish, Shankill

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BULLETIN

7<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT




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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**  
30<sup>th</sup> November - £2915.16  
**Standing Orders** - £350.60 weekly  
**Donations** - £25.00  
*Thank you for your continued support*

  
We welcome the following children into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism  
*Enya Marie McConville, Drumna Walk*  
*River Robin Smith, Windsor Hill*  
*Lena Frances McQuillan, Colane Meadows*  
*Ríofach Oonagh Gervin, Fox’s Hill*  
*Darragh Kelly, Gagie Bank, Scotland*  
*Clíodhna Mairead McKenna, Wellington Street*  
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 @ 1.00pm**

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – Monday 8th December**  
We celebrate Mary who, from the first instant of her existence in the womb of her mother Anne, was ‘by singular grace and privilege of almighty God, and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved free from all stain of original sin’.  
Masses in St Peter’s - 8am & 7pm  
St Paul’s – 10am

  
Please come along and join with the Choirs of **St Peter’s** for their **ANNUAL CAROL SERVICE**  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 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*  
**DOWN’S AND PROUD SINGING SHOWCASE**  
Today, Sunday 7th December at 3.30pm in St Peter’s Church  
**CANTABILE**  
“Carols by Candlelight”  
Special Guests: Junior Cantabile, and The Maginn School of Irish Dancing.  
Musical Director Kerrie Patterson  
Accompanist Brian Greene  
designed by evolution m:07805 814355  
St. Paul’s Chapel, today, Sunday 7th December @ 7.00pm  
*Admission is free with voluntary donations in aid of St. Vincent de Paul and St. Ronan’s Community Hardship Fund.*

**God is with Us**  
See, the virgin will be with child, and will give birth to a son, and they will give him the name Immanuel, that is, God with us. *Matthew 1 :23, BCE*

**CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS:**  
**St Peter’s**  
Tuesday 16th December 6:00 (Healing Mass follows at 7:00),  
**St. Peter’s**  
Wednesday 17th December 7:00,  
**St. Anthony’s**  
Monday 22nd December 7:00,  
**St. Paul’s**  
Tuesday 23rd December 7:30 (after evening Mass),  
St. Peter’s

The next **HEALING MASS** with anointing for Advent will take place on Tuesday 16th December in St Peter’s Church commencing @ 6pm. There will be confessions, Adoration, Rosary with music, Benediction, Holy Mass, Confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**The St. Vincent de Paul Society’s Annual Appeal special collection will be next Sunday 13/14 December**  
SVP Members will speak at all Masses to give an update about the work of the local Conference.  
The Giving Tree with tags, requesting toys and gifts is at the back of the church. There is no need to wrap the gifts, just return them along with the tag.  
*Thank you for your generosity*

**LURGAN LOURDES COMMITTEE**  
Dromore Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage  
15<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026  
5 Nights Full Board -£890pp  
We are now taking applications for Assisted Pilgrims  
Anyone who would like to be considered  
Please contact Rosemary (Secretary) 077 9631 0214  
Or any Committee Member

**St Teresa’s Primary School, Lurgan**  
**Christmas School Carol Service**  
Our whole school will be celebrating ‘*The Christmas Story*’ in St Peter’s Church on Thursday 11th December at 7.15pm. This will be a special festive family occasion when our children will retell the meaning of Christmas through song, stories and drama.

**LURGAN MODEL PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY**  
OPEN NIGHT  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 6.00 – 7.30pm  
**P.I.P.S. Hope and Support CHRISTMAS SERVICE**  
St. Mary’s Church of Ireland, Hill Street, Newry  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec at 4:00pm  
For further information: 028 3026 6195

**Better Together Cross Community Group**  
Christmas Party - Sunday 7 December 3.00-5.30pm, The Hub, Craigavon. Music by the Elderly Brothers. Admission £5,

**EVORA HOSPICE**  
Thanks to the parishioners of St Peter’s Parish who donated to the Annual Church Gate collection for Evora Hospice and helped us raise £1,825.  
*We appreciate your support*  
Also, this year’s **Light Up a Life Ceremony** will take place: Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 7:30pm Hospice Grounds, Courtney Hill, Newry

**FESTIVE COOKERY DEMO**  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December  
**Meadows Café**  
Meadows Equestrian Centre  
Tea/Coffee/Tasting Opportunities/Raffle  
Tickets £10 each  
Spaces limited, please contact 077 121 588154 for further information or to book


**CRJI Free Community Support Café**  
Worried about Christmas costs or debt? Drop in for **free, confidential and independent advice** from CAP, Lurgan Credit Union and Community Advice ABC.  
*CRJI Community Office, 69 William Street, Lurgan. Every Tuesday, 10am–12pm until 9th December*  
No booking needed — warm drinks, homemade bakes and friendly support available.


**TRÓCAIRE CHRISTMAS GIFTS OF LOVE – On sale until Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
Soap £3, Chicks £10, Menstrual dignity £10, Seeds and Tools £10, Solar Lamp £15, Emergency Water £20, School Lunches £20, School Kit £20, Emergency Food £35, Food & Nourishment £40, Goat £40, Help for Grandparents £40, Mental Health Lifeline £50, New Mother’s Care Kit £50, Urgent Financial Aid £60, Honey Bees £60, Protection from Climate Change £90, Water Systems £90, Women’s Empowerment £90, A Just World £90, A safe Home £125, Ox Plough & Farming tools £200, Christmas Cards £5 for pack of 12

**DROMORE DIOCESAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
The Society’s new Journal **Seanchas Dhiroim Mór 2025** is now available in the Parish Offices. Of special interest to Lurgan readers will be articles on the **Dougher Graveyard Part2; Dean Michael McConville; Kieran Clendinning** plus another 18 articles. See our **Facebook page Seanchas Dhiroim Mór** for the full list of contents.  
**PRICE £20.**

SUM OF MONEY FOUND IN THE GROUNDS OF CHURCH ON TUESDAY 2 DEC AFTER 8AM MASS. Contact Parish Office

**ANNIVERSARIES OVER CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR**  
Anniversaries and Month’s Mind Notices that occur up to **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2026** should be left into the Parish Office on or before **Friday 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.*

**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**  
John (Jack) McAlinden, Victoria Street  
Bernadette Mackey, Ennis Close  
Martin Hogan, Hill Court  
Eileen Kerr, Francis Street  
**MONTH’S MIND**  
**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December**  
Noel McAlinden, Victoria Street  
Alice Smith, Oakleigh Fold  
**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December**  
Kevin Coleman, Ennis Green  
Roisin Gallagher, Albert Street  
**ANNIVERSARIES**  
**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December**  
Norah Loughran, Deeny Drive  
Mary Derby, Clara Street  
John Toman, Deramore Drive  
Angela McVeigh, North Street  
Bill Doyle, Brownlow Terrace  
Kevin Magee, Mark Street  
John Anderson, Collingdale  
Charlotte McConville, Arthur Street/Manor Drive  
**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December**  
Sean McVeigh, Tannaghmore North Road  
Brigid Gordon, Annaloiste  
Stephen Mulholland, Silverwod Drive  
Seamus Gallery, Killough Gardens  
Mary McCorry, Glenavy  
Patsy Leonard, Filbin Crescent  
Annie McCann, The Wood  
Agnes McAlinden, The Moss  
**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December**  
Mary Catherine Fox, William Street  
Austin Toman, Antrim Road  
Julia & James McSherry, North Street  
Elizabeth (Lily) McShane, Shore Road  
Sean McKavanagh, Castor Bay Road  
Derek McPeake, Victoria Gardens  
Dolores Magennis, Garland Avenue  
Mary McLoughlin, Maple Court  
Jerome Doran, Silverwood Drive  
**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December**  
Donald McCorry, Victoria Street Place  
Kathleen Magee, Hawthorne Avenue  
Susan Agnew, Canal Bank, Aghagallon  
Thomas Hill, Magheralin  
**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December**  
Gerry McCready, Kilwilke Gardens  
Mary McConville, Silverwood Drive  
Charolotte Agnew, Tannaghmore North Road  
Julia Mitchell, Silverwood Drive  
Jarlath McConville, North Street  
Maureen Walsh, Kinnego  
**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December**  
Eleanor Derby, Lake Street  
Edward Bell, Cherrytree Walk  
Rose Skeffington, Garland Avenue  
John (Jack) Magee, Kilmore Hill Road  
Mona McLoughlin, Lake Street  
Sean (Scone) Coleman, Ennis Close  
Carmel Conlon, Blair Park  
Lydia Doyle, Brownlow Terrace  
Ann Nugent, Woodville Avenue  
William Lavery, Cambell Walk  
**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December**  
Rose Toman, Inglewood  
Brendan Flynn, Ennis Green  
Annie Corey, O’Neill’s Terrace  
*Eternal rest grant onto them O Lord*