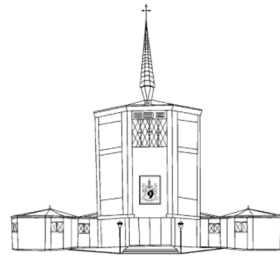


SAINT PAUL'S PARISH, SHANKILL



OUR PARISH BULLETIN

We extend a warm welcome to all who attend our church. We hope you will find our parish community a place where your life of faith will be nourished. Your prayers, your presence and your talents are most welcome! May God bless all of us.

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THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY 2025
For vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.



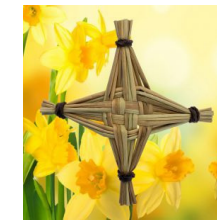
ADORATION CHAPEL EDWARD STREET
Adoration
9.00am - 9.00pm

BETTER TOGETHER GROUP
Sunday 2nd February
3pm - 5 30 pm
Venue The Hub Brownlow Road
Craigavon

FOOD BANK
The door to the parish office area will be open daily from **9am to 12 Noon Monday to Friday** for all non-perishable donations to be dropped off. Thank You!



LÁ FHÉILE BRÍDE CELEBRATING ST BRIGID'S FEAST DAY



BLESSING OF SAINT BRIGID'S CROSSES

Father of all creation and Lord of Light, you have given us life and entrusted your creation to use it and to care for it.

We ask you to bless these crosses made of green rushes in memory of holy Brigid, who used the cross to recall and to teach your Son's life, death and resurrection. May these crosses be a sign of our sharing the Paschal Mystery of your Son and a sign of your protection of our lives, our land and its creatures through Brigid's intercession during the coming year and always. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

The Knights of St Columbanus will be distributing St Brigid's Crosses after all the Masses this weekend at St Paul's and St Peter's Churches.
All donations greatly received. Many thanks

SAFEGUARDING REFRESHER TRAINING

Tuesday 4th February @ 7.00pm,
St Anthony's Hall, Craigavon.

This is refresher training for volunteers working in ministries with children (Children's choir/Altar servers/ children's liturgy/ youth ministry etc) or for Eucharistic ministers to the housebound.

New volunteers to work in church ministries are welcome in all parishes

LURGAN LOURDES COMMITTEE

Feast of Our Lady Tuesday 11th
February 2025

Mass at 7pm in St Peters followed by Rosary at the Grotto Levine Road
Everyone Welcome

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 26th January 2025 - £1,796.95
Thank you for your continued generosity to you Parish and your Priests

LIFE'S LITTLE LESSONS

If we haven't learned some of these lessons already, let's try and make a start...

I've learned that the best classroom in the world is just sitting at the feet of an elderly person.

I've learned that when you're in love with someone it shows, and when you're not in love it also shows.

I've learned that just one person saying to me, 'You've made my day', makes my day.

I've learned that having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world.

I've learned that being kind is more important than being right.

I've learned that I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help them in some other way.

I've learned that no matter how serious life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to have a laugh with.

I've learned that sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.

I've learned that life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end the faster it goes.

I've learned that we should be glad God doesn't give us everything we ask for.

I've learned that money doesn't buy class.

I've learned that small daily happenings make life spectacular.

I've learned that underneath a person's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.

I've learned that the Lord didn't do it all in one day. What makes me think I can?

I've learned that to ignore the facts does not change the facts.

I've learned that when you plan to get even with someone, you are only letting that person continue to hurt you.

I've learned that love, not time heals all wounds.

I've learned that no one is perfect until you fall in love with them.

I've learned that life is tough, but I'm tougher.

I've learned that when you harbour bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.

I've learned that I should keep my words both soft and tender, because tomorrow I may have to eat them.

I've learned that a smile is a very inexpensive way to improve your looks.

I've learned that I can't choose how I feel, but I can choose what I do about it.

I've learned that everyone wants to live on the top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs when you're actually climbing the mountain.

I've learned that it is best to give advice in only two circumstances; when it is requested and when it is a life-threatening situation.

And finally, I've learned that it is so important to say thank you, again and again and again.



REMEMBER THEM O LORD

As parishioners we offer our sincere sympathy, prayers and support to the family members of those who have died recently:

RECENTLY DECEASED

Peter McCrory, Grattan Street

SATURDAY 1 FEBRUARY 10.30AM

Arthur Creaney, Silverwood Drive
Donna Woods, Meadowbrook

SATURDAY 1 FEBRUARY 7PM (VIGIL MASS)

Patricia McShane, Glenholme Park

SUNDAY 2 FEBRUARY 9.00AM MASS

Alison Doyle, Kilwilkie Gardens
William Corey, Ashdene Park
John and May Campbell, Bleary

SUNDAY 2 FEBRUARY 10.30AM MASS

Maurice Fitzpatrick (MM), Killough Gardens

Ita McStraw, Killough Gardens
James McCabe, Francis Street

MONDAY 3 FEBRUARY 10.00 AM MASS

John Murphy, Tannaghmore West
Vera and Arthur McAlinden, Shankill Street
Rosaleen Magennis, Manor Park

Alice News, Woodville Avenue
Teresa Conway, Cafolla Gardens
Elizabeth Magee, Cafolla Gardens
Geraldine McCarron, Richmount Gardens

John Conway, Silverwood
Catherine Downey, Ardoyne, Belfast

TUESDAY 4 FEBRUARY 10.00AM

Eddie and Clara McCann, Edward Street
John McAlinden, The Palms, Ballinry
Maureen Blevins, Drumlin Drive

Donal Kerr (Junior), Drumlin Drive

Patrick Martin, Prospect Way

Gerard McCluskey, The Palms

Kevin Cassidy, Beaumont Square

WEDNESDAY 5 FEBRUARY 10.00AM

Bridie Potter, Kent

Sammy Mitchell, Brown Street

Jean Devine, Ashwood

May Lynch, Edward Street

Francis Quinn, Linen Mews

Sarah McSherry, Beechcourt

THURSDAY 6 FEBRUARY 10.00AM

Charles McIntyre, Ashwood

Patrick (Patsy) McKerr, Donnelly Gardens

Patrick (Pat) Lawless, Portadown

FRIDAY 7 FEBRUARY 10.00AM

James Doran (MM), Taghnevan

John McKerr, Tarry Drive

Dermot Shanks, Oakfield Terrace

Elizabeth (Betty) Cassells, Killough Gardens

Lily McMahon, Richmount Gardens

SATURDAY 8 FEBRUARY 10.30AM

Winifred McMullan, (MM), Drumlin Drive

Sister Carmel Mulligan, Convent of Mercy Lurgan

Mary Leathern, North Street

SATURDAY 8 FEBRUARY 7PM (VIGIL MASS)

Mona Lavery, Richmount Gardens

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD.

Prayer for deceased relatives and friends.

Almighty Father, source of forgiveness and salvation, grant that our relatives and friends who have passed from this life may, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of all the saints, come to share your Eternal happiness through Christ Our Lord, Amen!

KNOCK PILGRIMAGE FOR ADULTS

8/9th February - staying at St Mary's beside Shrine, B&B and Saturday evening meal included.

Transport from Newry, Banbridge and Lurgan - all for £145 each, will also include morning Tea/coffee and scones on route.

To secure your place email
youthdirector@dromorediocese.org
or phone 028 3083 3898

FEAST DAYS DURING THIS WEEK

Sunday 2nd February - The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord - also known as Candlemas day, the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, or the Feast of the Holy Encounter, is a Christian feast day commemorating the presentation of Jesus at the Temple by Joseph and Mary. This feast is a remembrance of the Lord and Mary, mother of the Lord. With candles in their hands, the people go out to meet the Lord and to acclaim him like Simeon, who recognized Christ as 'a light to reveal God to the nations'.

Monday 3rd February - St Blaise, Bishop and Martyr and St Ansgar, Bishop: St Blaise died 315, bishop of Sebaste, martyred in Armenia. Tradition states that he was a physician before becoming a bishop. Since the eight century he has been venerated as patron of those who suffer from disease of the throat.

Monday 3rd February - St Ansgar, a Frenchman who became Archbishop of Hamburg in the ninth century and preached the gospel in Denmark and Sweden. Apostle of Scandinavia, Patron of Denmark.

Wednesday 5th February - St Agatha, Virgin and Martyr died a martyr for the faith at Catania in Sicily in the third century. Patron of bell-founders.

Thursday 6th February - Ss Paul Miki and Companions - martyred at Nagasaki, Japan in 1597. The six Franciscans, seventeen Franciscan Teriatiaries and three Jesuits died suspended on crosses.

Friday 7th February - St Mel Bishop Ardagh and Clonmacnoise - He is said to have been a Briton who came to Ireland with Patrick, with whom he worked until he was ordained in Ardagh. He is one of the earliest Irish Saints and gave the religious veil to Brigid,

Saturday 8th February - St Josephine Bakhita, a native of Sudan, brought as a slave to Italy where she became a Christian and later entered the institute of Canossian Daughters of Charity in Venice.

Today is International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking first observed in 2015.

Through the Day of Prayer we reflect on the experience of those who have suffered but also we are called to reach out to victims and survivors.