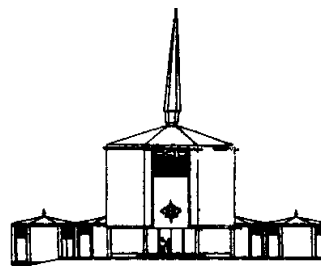


Bulletin



Second Sunday of Advent ~ 10 December 2017

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 10 am
Saturday: 10.30 am
Saturday Vigil: 7 pm

Sunday:
9 am 10.30 am 12 noon

CONFESSIONS
First Thurs of the Month:
6.15 pm – 6.50 pm

Saturday:
11 am – 11.30 am
& 6.15 pm - 6.50 pm

ADVENT a time to prepare

We all know that Advent is a time of preparation for the birth of Christ but how many of us arrive at our Christmas Mass in a state of physical exhaustion.

We've wrapped the presents, sent the cards, baked the cakes, made the puddings, decorated, cleaned etc... But spiritually ... we're empty and too exhausted to celebrate the greatest birth in the history of mankind.

St. Vincent de Paul
Ozanam Centre,
William Street

Opening Hours: (Shop & Office)

Monday – Friday,
10 am-1 pm :: 2 pm-4 pm

Closed, lunch, 1pm – 2 pm.

Saturday, (shop only)
10 am- 12 noon

Office: Tel: 38 325725 ext 3
Shop: Tel: 3832 5725 ext 2

RTÉ TV MASS

Next Sunday, young people from our parish will be part of a Dromore Diocesan Choir for Mass to mark the Pope John Paul award in Ireland.



Tune in to enjoy the singing at Mass live on RTÉ 1 TV next Sunday, 11 am, or available afterwards on demand at rte.ie/player. *Beirigí bua!*

On Sunday, 24th December, 10.30 am we will be having our Nativity Mass.

We would love to see all the children dressed to take part in our Nativity Scene, the more shepherds and angels the better. We will be hosting a small Nativity Play and we are looking for volunteers to take part, please let us know if you would like to be involved.

Many thanks to all who support our Children's Mass and Merry Christmas.

New Diocesan History Journal

A special commemorative journal, marking the 40th Anniversary of the founding of the Dromore Diocesan Historical Society, has been recently produced. This very fine, 200-page, publication is on sale for the modest price of £10 per copy.

Available from the parish offices of both St Paul's and St Peter's Parishes.

All December Anniversaries to be left into the parish office by Tuesday, 12th December.

Parish Office Closed
Monday, 25th December,
reopens, Wednesday, 3rd January, 2018.

Ozanam Men's Shed Christmas Bazaar

After all Masses this weekend.
St. Peter's Parish Hall
Paintings, Cribs, Reindeers, Snowmen, Christmas Crafts, Irish Cottages, Wishing Wells and much more.
Call and pick up a Christmas Gift.

St. Vincent de Paul Annual Appeal

Church Door Collection
after all Masses this weekend.

We will also be requesting food, toys and gifts for our Christmas hampers.

On Christmas Day St. Vincent de Paul Society will prepare dinners for individuals or families who are not able to have Christmas dinner or who may be alone that day. The dinners will be served around 11.30 am in the Ozanam Centre in William Street.

If you know anyone who is alone or any family who would appreciate a Christmas dinner please call the centre with the names, addresses and telephone numbers and we will arrange to get them to the centre on Christmas Day.

St. Elise will be speaking at all Masses this weekend.

Office phone: 3832 5725, ext. 3.
Thank you for your generosity and support.

Conradh na Gaeilge Aifreann Nollaigh Christmas Mass

Adoration Chapel, Edward Street,
Tuesday, 12th December, 8 pm.
All members of Conradh na Gaeilge are encouraged to attend. An Cór Gaelach and Comhaltas Ceoltóirí will attend this Mass. Everyone welcome.

Trócaire



Christmas Global Gifts & Christmas Mass Bouquets, £3, parish office.

Offertory Collection
£2,018, thank you.

Carol Services



St. Paul's Church
Enjoying the Christmas Season
Sunday, 17th December, 7 pm

St. Francis' School
Tuesday, 19th December, 7 pm.
Bunscoil, Thursday, 14th Dec. 7 pm

St. Patrick's Church, Aghagallon
Sunday, 10th December, 6 pm
(including South Ulster Community Band)

Legion Of Mary Bookstalls

A range of inexpensive devotional and spiritual reading material for Advent & Christmas. Also, Christmas cards, Sacred Heart, Church Art Calendars and Pocket Diaries.

Lurgan Lourdes Committee

are now accepting applications for Assisted Pilgrims wishing to travel on the Pilgrimage to Lourdes with the Diocese from 17th – 22nd May '18.

Please enclose GP details and your address/contact number. Please reply in writing to: R. McGuinness,
29 Hunters Lodge, Lurgan, BT66 6NB.
Also

The total amount raised for the recent town collection was £1,580. Thanks to everyone who contributed and for the ongoing support.

St. Paul's GFC :: AGM

Sunday, 10th December, 3 pm
in the Social Club. Everyone welcome.

Life In The Spirit - Seminar

Concludes on Wednesday, 13th December, 8 pm. with Mass celebrated by Fr. Michael Donnelly in thanksgiving for blessings received during the Seminars. All parishioners welcome to join us in Portacabin beside Derrymacash Parochial House.

Arrive & Jive

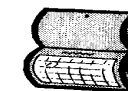
(For the orphaned Children of Belarus)
Seagoe Hotel, Thursday, 14th December, 9pm.
Night of fun/prizes and live music.

St. Francis' Primary School

Application forms for 2018-2019 available now.
Nursery: Child born between 2 July '14-1 July '15
Year 1: Child born between 2 July '13-1 July '14
Closing date: 12 noon Wednesday, 10th Jan. '18.
School will close 12 noon Thursday, 21st Dec., reopening Monday, 8th January.

Charlene's Project 7th Big Festive Fry
Sat., 16th Dec., 7.30 am – 12 noon.
Dollingstown Church Hall.

Dates To Remember



Confirmation 2018
St. Francis' School
Saturday, 21st April, 11.30 am

Wednesday, 9th May, 6 pm
(Bunscoil in Newry)

First Holy Communion
St. Francis' School
Saturday, 28th April, 11.30 am
(Bunscoil)

Saturday, 12th May, 11.30 am

Confirmation
& First Holy Communion
Ceara & Donard Schools
3rd March, 11.30 am

An Irish Christmas Card
12 poems and prayers for friends and family by Michael Maginn.

A seasonal tour through several Irish counties.

All proceeds to Moyraverty, St. Vincent de Paul Annual Christmas Appeal. Available through parish offices and other outlets. Suggested donation: £2.

Beginner Online Irish Lessons
(Learn from the comfort of your own home.)
Tel: 07488268208
fountoflearning@gmail.com

Christmas Tea Dance
Tuesday, 12th December, 2 pm-4 pm
Youth Suite, Jethro Centre, £2, includes refreshments.
Tel: 3832 5673.

Volunteers Needed

We are in need of persons to assist the Catechists (Religion teachers) with the preparation of the children at Carrick School for the Sacraments of Penance, First Communion & Confirmation.

The Classes are at Carrick one hour, once a week, on Tuesdays – Penance & First Communion on Thursdays – Confirmation from 3 pm – 4 pm. Tel: 07726143435.

RECENTLY DECEASED
Declan McCaughley, Desmond Avenue.

ANNIVERSARIES SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER Vigil

Eileen Mulholland, Ulster Street, May & George Dennis, London, Eileen & Tommy McCrory, London, Patsy Magill, London, Donald Loughran, London, Gordon De Carteret, Cafolla Gardens, Austin Toman, Antrim Road, Sheelagh Gorman, Lisburn, May Thompson, Manor Park.
9 am
Thomas Hill, Magheralin.
10.30 am
Jane (Jeanie) Quinn, Prospect Way.

MONDAY 11 DECEMBER

Brendan Doran, Silverwood Drive, Elizabeth Doran, Grattan Street, Noel McAlinden, Taghnevan, Mary McConville, Silverwood Drive, Deirdre Boyd, Cafolla Gardens, Conal Smyth, Taghnevan Drive, Sam Coleman, Edward Street.

TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER

Edward McCluskey, Shankill Street, Lena May, Silverwood Drive, Patrick Colalura, Meadowbrook, Edward Bell, Cherrytree Walk.

WEDNESDAY 13 DECEMBER

Liz Maxwell, Manor Drive, Annie Corey, Tarry Lane.

THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER

Mary Smyth, Ulster Street, Jerome Doran, Silverwood Drive.

FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER

Thomas McConville, Derrycor Lane, Joseph Haughian, Sloan St/ England, M.M., Molly Williamson, Portadown, Brian McShane, Conor Park.

SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER

Colette McMahon, Old Portadown Road, Catherine Thornbury, Edward Street, Emmanuel Magennis, Downshire Avenue, M.M., Patricia McConville, Lake Street, Sheila McCluskey, Woodville Street.

Moyraverty Lourdes Fundraising Committee invite everyone to their Annual St. Stephen's Day Walk around The Lakes, 10.30 am at St. Anthony's Hall. Afterwards Homemade Soup, Tea, Coffee & Pastries.

Anam Cara - Parent Evening
Wednesday, 13th December,
7.30 pm – 9 pm, Armagh City Hotel.
Tel: 028952 13120.