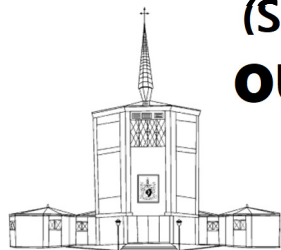


# SAINT PAUL'S PARISH, SHANKILL

(Saint Ronan's Pastoral Area)

## 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.

### OUR PARISH CLERGY

Canon Liam Stevenson, PP VF  
Telephone: (028) 3832 3161  
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Our Parish Deacon: Rev Kevin Devine (028) 3832 3161

**SUNDAY**  
**10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2023**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF**  
**ADVENT**



### ST PAUL'S PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

#### Sunday

Vigil 7:00pm (Saturday)  
9:00am and 10:30am.

#### Weekdays

Monday to Friday: 10:00am  
Saturday 10.30am

#### Saint Paul's Parish Office

Parish Secretary  
Telephone: (028) 3832 1289  
Email:

[stpaulsparishlurgan@dromorediocese.org](mailto:stpaulsparishlurgan@dromorediocese.org)

#### Office Hours

Monday to Friday 9.00am to 12.30pm

Requests for Anniversaries/Month's Mind

Notices should be left into the Parish

Office on or before 12 noon each

Wednesday of the week before if they

are to be included in the Bulletin.

### DROMORE DIOCESAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Society is pleased to announce the formal launch of its latest Journal.

The Journal has a wide range of articles on topics of local relevance and would make an ideal Christmas present for the interested reader.

Articles include 50 years of Moyraverty Parish; the History of Glenvale Convent; the Dougher Graveyard, Lurgan; Old Killeavy; Tony O'Carroll, a Newry Airman; Catholicism, Nationalism and WW1 in Lurgan, and St Colman's College in the 1901 & 1911 Census.

**Priced £15 (or £25 for 2 copies)**, the Journal will be available following all Masses on the weekend of 16/17<sup>th</sup> December 2023 or from most of the Parish Offices.

### PARISH ACCOUNTS

The Income and Expenditure Summary Accounts for the year 2022 is available at the back of the Church.

Please take a copy of these accounts home with you.



### ST PETER'S PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

#### Sunday

Vigil 6:00pm (Saturday)  
8:00am, 10:00am (po polsku)  
and 12 Noon

#### Weekdays

Monday to Friday 8.00am  
Tuesday and Friday 7.00pm  
Saturday 9.30am

#### Saint Peter's Parish Office

Parish Secretary  
(028) 3832 3161

[stpetersparishlurgan@dromorediocese.org](mailto:stpetersparishlurgan@dromorediocese.org)

#### Office Hours

Monday 10:00am – 1:00pm and  
1:45pm – 4.00pm

Tuesday–Thursday 9.00am – 1.00pm and  
1:45pm – 4.00 pm

Friday 9.00am–1.00pm

and 1:30pm – 2:30pm

### ADOPTIVE PARENTS NEEDED URGENTLY

Family Care Adoption Services is an Adoption Agency, and a core part of our work is to place children with new adoptive families, throughout Northern Ireland and we work with Health and Social Care Trusts. These children are aged from babyhood to approximately 5 years old. There are currently more children waiting to be adopted in Northern Ireland than families approved to adopt. All sorts of people from all walks of life can be considered for adoption. So, wherever you live in Northern Ireland if you think you could offer a child/ren a new life in a family of their own and would like an informal chat to discuss this, contact us Email: [email@familycareadoption.org](mailto:email@familycareadoption.org) Phone: 028 9069 1133

Website: [www.familycareadoption.com](http://www.familycareadoption.com)  
We are waiting to hear from you!

### ADORATION CHAPEL EDWARD ST 9.00am to 9.00pm daily



St Paul's Parish  
Christmas Mass Bouquets  
are now available  
at the Parish Office

**24-HOUR NUMBER FOR ALL SICK CALLS AND EMERGENCIES**  
**TEL: (028) 3832 3161**

Parish web: [www.lurganparish.com](http://www.lurganparish.com)  
Facebook: @lurganparish  
Parish App: Parish365

Download App Store or Google Play  
Saint Vincent de Paul, William Street:  
(028) 3832 5725

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND ADULTS WHO REQUIRE PROTECTION:  
Dromore Diocesan Designated Liaison Person  
Mrs Patricia Carville. Tel. 077 8991 7741

Saint Paul's Parish Safeguarding Representative and Parish Sacristan.  
Telephone: 07563 293429

### THE LOURDES ANNUAL DRAW

Due to take place in 2020 was held on Tuesday 5th December at the Lourdes Meeting.

The winners are:  
£1000 Teresa Conlon  
£200 Laura Cassidy  
£100 Olive Cloughley

Applications for Assisted Pilgrims wishing to travel on the Dromore Diocese Lourdes Pilgrimage 17th-22nd May 2024 are now being considered.

Please apply in writing to:  
Rosemary McGuinness Secretary  
Lurgan Lourdes Committee  
29 Hunters Lodge  
LURGAN BT66 6NB

Applications for Nurses wishing to travel are now also being considered. Information regarding Pilgrim Fares etc will be available in January.

### TRÓCAIRE CHRISTMAS GIFTS OF LOVE

Cards now available from the Parish Office

Soap £5, Chicks £7, Solar Lamps £10, Seeds and Tools £10, Menstrual Dignity £10, Emergency Water £15, School Lunches £15, School Kit £20, Family Essentials £30, Mental Health Lifeline £40, Goats £40, Give Grandparents a Hand £40, New Mother's Care Kit £45, Honey Bees £55, Protection from Climate Change £85, Water Systems £85, Women's Empowerment £85, A Just World £85, Safe Home £125, Ox Plough and Farming Tools £170. A Pack of 12 Christmas

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A MARRIAGE AND RELATIONSHIP COUNSELLOR WITH ACCORD NI?

Accord NI Catholic Marriage Care Service is seeking applications for a 2- year part-time Certificate in Counselling (Couple and Relationship). You will need weekend availability for our funded residential training courses in Crossgar, Co. Down and a commitment to complete the course over 2 years, beginning in April 2024. You do not need previous counselling experience or qualifications, academic qualifications or to pay academic rates. Whilst there is no charge to trainees for the training itself, there is a one-off non-refundable deposit of £200 to secure your place. Course fees will be funded and placement will be provided by Accord NI. The closing date for receipt of applications is 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023. If you would like further information, please contact Brenda at 02890233002 or [info@accordni.co](mailto:info@accordni.co)

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

St Vincent de Paul Conference have their Christmas Giving Tree in the Churches, with gift tags with requests for needy families and persons. It is not necessary to wrap the gift - just return it to the Church in a bag with the tag attached to it. We prepare the family gift bags at the centre.

The Annual Christmas Appeal is this weekend **Saturday/Sunday, 9 and 10 December**. A member of the Society will speak at all the Masses that weekend. A collection will be taken up after all Masses that weekend. Our appeal for help with food, gifts and toys for distribution to families in need for Christmas continues and will run until 17<sup>th</sup> December.

As always, we are indebted to you for your wonderful generosity. We thank you and ask God's blessing on you all.

**DAWG SUICIDE PREVENTION** is holding a fund-raising coffee morning on **Sunday 10th December in St Peter's Parish Hall after the 12 Noon Mass**. Please note change of venue. All Welcome

**DOWN'S AND PROUD CAROL SERVICE - Sunday 10 December 2023 in St Peter's at 3.00pm**

**ST PAUL'S NAVY MASS - SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> December** - We'd love to see all the children dressed to take part in our Nativity Scene, the more shepherds and angels the better. We will be doing a small Nativity Play where we will be looking for volunteers to take part so please let us know if you'd like to be involved. Many thanks to all who support our Children's Mass and Merry Christmas.



### CAROL SERVICES IN ST PETER'S AND ST PAUL'S DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### CANTIBLE PRESENTS "CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT"

St Paul's Church Lurgan on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm.

Special Guests - The Maginn School of Irish Dancing and Junior Cantabile - Musical Director Kerrie Patterson Accompanist Brian Greene. Admission is free with a voluntary collection in aid of St Vincent DePaul and Bluebell Trust, Lurgan.

**BUNSCOIL CAROL SERVICE St Paul's Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 1.30pm**

**ST PAUL'S CAROL SERVICE - Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 7.00pm**

**ST PETER'S CAROL SERVICE - Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 7.00pm**

**ST FRANCIS PRIMARY SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 1.30pm**



### PENITENTIAL SERVICES and ADVENT CONFESSIONS IN OUR PARISHES

Penitential Service in Saint Paul's on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 3.00p.m.

Penitential Service in Saint Peter's on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm

Penitential Service in Saint Anthony's on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm.

Confessions in Saint Peter's on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 10.00a.m.

Confessions in Saint Paul's on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 11.00a.m.

### THE STUDENTS OF ST RONAN'S COLLEGE PRESENT DISNEY'S

**FROZEN JR - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December on the senior site.** Tickets available from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-ronans-college](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-ronans-college)

(Alternatively you can contact the school on 028 3832 3192)

### TANNAGHMORE Primary School CHRISTMAS FAIR AND OPEN DAY

**Saturday 16th December 10am – 12 noon** Come along and join us for some festive fun. Visit Santa in his grotto. Craft Stalls, Music and Refreshments. Everyone welcome.

**MOYRAVERTY LOURDES FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE** are holding their annual **ST STEPHEN'S DAY WALK (26<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2023)**, all welcome to meet at St. Anthonys Hall 10.30 AM. Light refreshments will be served in the hall after the walk.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The difference between the secular and Catholic understandings of Advent can be profound. For the world, it is a time to seemingly celebrate Christmas in advance, run to the finish line of December 25th, and move on. For the Catholic person, we wait in joyful anticipation and inch closer and closer to this great celebration of Christ's Nativity. Once we're there, we take time to be enveloped by the mystery of God's own Son coming to us in the fullness of time. Then we set off anew into the rest of our year: traveling through Judea, walking after the Cross, and eventually celebrating Jesus' universal kingship again before the cycle repeats.



### 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 Vincent McConville, Stevenson Park**  
**Agnes O'Hara (née Creaney)**  
Formerly Charles Street/Tanaghmore Rd North  
**Gertrude Marner (née Creaney)**  
formerly Garland Drive/Kilmaine Street

#### MONTHS MINDS AND ANNIVERSARIES

##### SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER 10.30AM

Austin and Doreen Toman, Antrim Road  
Margaret and John McCann, Valley Lane  
Vera McKinstry, Hawthorne Avenue

##### SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER 7.00PM VIGIL MASS

Julia Mitchell, Annaloiste Road  
Arthur Reginald Sparkes, Wolverhampton  
Henry O'Neill, Derrytrasna  
Thomas Hill, Magheralin  
Gordon De-Carteret, Cafolla Gardens

##### SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER 9.00AM

Malachy Hogan, Gosselin Drive

##### SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER 10.30AM MASS

**Eileen Murray (MM), Hillcrest**  
Donald McCorry, Victoria Street Place  
Jane (Jeanie) Quinn, Prospect Way

##### MONDAY 11 DECEMBER 10.00AM

Brendan Doran (Senior), Silverwood Drive  
Mary McConville, Silverwood Drive  
Conal Smyth, Taghnevan Drive  
Joseph (Joey) Burns, Beechmount  
Deirdre Boyd, Cafolla Gardens  
Andrew Hogan, Grattan Street  
Sam Coleman, Edward Street

##### TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER 10.00AM

Edward McCluskey, Shankill Street  
Lena May, Silverwood Drive  
Edward Bell  
Mary Black

##### WEDNESDAY 13 DECEMBER 10.00AM

Liz Maxwell, Manor Drive  
Annie Corey, O'Neill's Terrace  
Cathy and David McDonald, Killough Gardens

##### THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER 10.00AM

Jerome Doran, Silverwood Drive  
Sarah Creaney, Silverwood Drive  
Philomena Haddock, Portland Manor/Cafolla Gardens  
Mary Smyth, Ulster Street

##### FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER 10.00AM

Brian Griffin, Cheshire Mews/formerly Cherrytree Walk  
Molly Williamson, Portadown  
Jim Smyth, Thornleigh  
Brian McShane, Conor Park  
Dermot McGeown, Island View, Kinnego  
Kathleen McParland, Gilford

##### SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER 10.30AM

Godfrey Martin, formerly New Street  
Catherine Thornbury, Edward Street  
Colette McMahon, Old Portadown Road  
Sheila McCluskey, Woodville Street  
Henry, Kathleen and Tom Haddock, formerly Shankill

##### SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER 7.00PM VIGIL MASS

Eileen Mulholland, Ulster Street  
George and May Dennis, London  
Maureen Moriarity, London  
Eileen and Tommy McCrory, London  
John (Jack) McAvoy

#### PLEASE NOTE:

**Anniversaries and Month's Mind Notices that occur up to Saturday 13th January 2024 should be left into the Parish Office on or before Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 12.00 noon if they are to be included in the Bulletin over the Christmas/New Year holiday.**