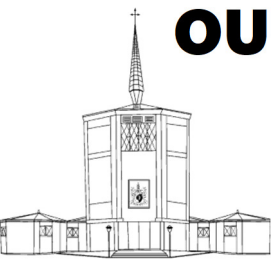


SAINT PAUL’S PARISH, SHANKILL

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.

OUR PARISH CLERGY

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24-HOUR NUMBER FOR ALL SICK CALLS AND EMERGENCIES

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Parish App: Parish365
Download App Store or Google Play

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William Street:
(028) 3832 5725

"Volunteers needed. Please give your time"

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND
ADULTS WHO REQUIRE PROTECTION:
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Designated Liaison Person
Mr Stephen Sherry: 07301246329
safeguardingdirector@dromorediocese.org

Saint Paul's Parish Safeguarding
Representative and Parish Sacristan.
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WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY JANUARY 18 TO 25 2026

The Community Outreach Group is sponsoring the annual prayer service in honour of the Week of Christian Unity on Wednesday 21 January in the Jethro Center at 7:30pm.

The Shankill Parish Church is hosting the service.

The theme this year is: There is one body and One Spirit, just as you called to the one Hope of your calling (Ephesians 4:4)

The prayers for this year's service were prepared by the Department of the Armenian Apostolic Church.

Please come and pray with us for our Christian family around the world and at home.

COMMUNITY URGED TO PROTECT SITE IDENTIFIED FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION CAMPUS IN LURGAN

The Education Authority (EA) and the *Dromore Diocesan Education Trust* are appealing to the local community to help protect the former St Ronan's site on Waring Street/Edward Street, Lurgan, which has been identified for development as a new special education campus.

The site, which is planned to become a dual campus for Ceara Special School, has been identified to address the growing demand for special educational needs (SEN) provision in the area. However, concerns have been raised about potential damage or vandalism that could jeopardise the development timeline.

A planning application has been submitted and subject to sufficient capital funding being secured for the education sector, the first phase of the development is scheduled to open in September 2026. Both EA and the *Dromore Diocesan Education Trust* who own the site, have warned that any damage or anti-social behaviour at the site could delay this important project and prevent vulnerable children from accessing the specialist education they need within their local community.

Father Murphy, *on behalf of the Trust* said:

"This site represents a vital opportunity to enhance SEN provision for children and young people in the Lurgan area. We are appealing to everyone in the community to respect the site and report any concerns about unauthorised access or anti-social behaviour. By working together to protect this facility, we can ensure that our children and young people with special educational needs will benefit from this important development as soon as possible."

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THANK YOU

On behalf of St. Vincent de Paul Lurgan, we wish to express our deep appreciation for the generosity of all those who supported the Annual Christmas Appeal - individuals, organizations, clubs and schools.

We are overwhelmed and very grateful for the donations that enable us to support so many of our fellow parishioners and families of the Lurgan area.

The total collection gifted to the Society is £34,764.

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



Or visit
<https://donate.mydona.com/st-pauls-parish-lurgan>

FEAST DAYS DURING THIS WEEK

Tuesday 13th January - St Hilary, bishop and doctor of the Church - Was elected bishop of Potiers and distinguished himself by his stand against Arianism. In exile (356-59) by order of Emperor Constantius he used his time to write. His major works include De Trinitate, as study of the Trinity.

Thursday 15th January - St Ita, Virgin Born in Co Waterford. She founded a monastery in Killeedy, Co Limerick which attracted a great variety of young people. She was given the title 'foster-mother of the saints of Ireland'. She died in 570.

Friday 16th January - St Fursa, Abbot and Missionary - Hebrews - Saint Fursa was an Irish monk who did much to establish Christianity throughout the British Isles and particularly in East Anglia.

Saturday 17th January - St Anthony, died 356, Father of monasticism, lived a life of solitude but also attracted many others to form communities of hermits.



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

Daniel Rafferty, Albert Street/Armagh
Laura McGibbon née Brown Castor Bay Rd
Marie Hogan, née Thompson, Levin Road
Olive Mulholland, Mary Street

SATURDAY 10 JANUARY 2026 10.30AM

Annie Haddock, Sloan Street
Kathleen (Kitty) Lavery, Hawthorne Avenue
Basil Hoy, Ashwood
John F Green, Glenholme Park
Paddy Mulholland, Albert Street

SATURDAY 10 JANUARY 2026 7.00PM VIGIL

Geraldine Mulholland, Gilford Road
Gerald Doran, Monbrief Walk

SUNDAY 11 JANUARY 9.00AM

Aaron Vincent Frencillo (MM), Philippines

John and Jean McAleese, Boconnell Lane
Joseph and Susan McAleese, Boconnell Lane
Bernard, Michael and Dominic Kane, Boconnell Lane

SUNDAY 11 JANUARY 10.30AM

Aaron Vincent Frencillo (MM), Philippines

Gerald Lennon (MM), Hawthorne Avenue

William James Magee, Oakfield Terrace
Paula Jordan, Taghnevan
Patrick and Sarah McGeown, Wheatfield Terrace
Ann Murphy, College Close
Andrew Breen, Derryloiste Road
Hugh Burns, Ashwood

MONDAY 12 JANUARY 10.00AM

No Anniversaries

TUESDAY 13 JANUARY 10.00AM

Oliver Headley, Killough Gardens
Mel Corey, Desmond Avenue

WEDNESDAY 14 JANUARY 10.00AM

Evelyn McCorry, Parkview Street
Maureen McCaughley, Kilvergan Road

THURSDAY 15 JANUARY 2026 10.00AM

James McCarron (Senior), Shankill Street
Paddy McCrory, Cafolla Gardens
Margaret O'Hagan, Downshire Avenue
Leonard Harvey, College Walk
Jim Prunty, Drumbeg, Craigavon

FRIDAY 16 JANUARY 2026 10.00AM

Margaret Doran (MM), Oakridge

Anita English, Silverwood Leaves
John Livingstone, O'Neill's Terrace

SATURDAY 17 JANUARY 2026 10.30AM

Frank Smyth, Ulster Street

SATURDAY 17 JANUARY 2026 7.00PM VIGIL

No Anniversaries

**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEIR
SOULS**

**O LORD AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT
SHINE UPON THEM. MAY THEY REST IN
PEACE**

**MAY THEIR SOULS AND THE SOULS OF
ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED, THROUGH
THE MERCY OF GOD, REST IN PEACE.**

AMEN



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

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Requests for Anniversaries/Month's Mind

**PLEASE HAVE ANNIVERSARIES IN
THE PARISH OFFICE BY 12 NOON if
EACH WEDNESDAY of the week
BEFORE if you want them included
in the Bulletin**

RNID NEAR YOU - LURGAN SESSION

FREE support service to help people with their hearing aids returns to Lurgan.

The next session is taking place on Tuesday 20th January, from 10am to 12noon. It will be held at the Lurgan Library in the town, which is at 1 Carnegie St, Lurgan BT66 6AS. The service is provided by the RNID.

We can provide new batteries, cleaning and retubing of ear moulds and openfits for NHS hearing aids," the charity explained. "Hearing aids must be placed in a labelled envelope, with name and contact details," the charity added.

We can also offer basic hearing checks for those who don't already wear hearing aids". "Users can wait for the service to be done at Lurgan Library or drop off your hearing aids to RNID and return before 12noon to collect hearing aids."

Hearing aids can be dropped off by friends or family members.

If you would like more information, you can contact 07483941623 or send an email to Carolyn.ritchie@mid.org.uk



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

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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

LURGAN LOURDES COMMITTEE

Dromore Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage
15th to 20th 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



BAPTISMS

All parents wishing to have a child baptized in St Paul's Parish, must notify the Parish Office in person.

ONE MONTH'S NOTICE IS REQUIRED

Baptisms take place on the second and fourth Sunday of each month.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday 4 January 2026 £

Thank you for your continued generosity to your Parish and your Priests.

ALPHA 2026 IN A CATHOLIC CONTEXT

We are about to embark on a journey that no one could refuse. The time has come for "Alpha in the Catholic context" to begin here in our local Parishes: Seagoe (Derrymacash/Derrytrasna), St. Anthony's Parish (Moyraverty) & St Peter's and St Paul's Parishes (Shankill).

Alpha is a space for people to hold meaningful conversations about life, faith and purpose. We are here to invite you to explore your faith, in a friendly, open and informal environment. Each Alpha session includes a video and discussion, with of course tea/coffee & biscuits. It is FREE of charge, and we would look forward to welcoming new faces to Alpha 2026.

The Alpha Course will meet each Monday for 10 weeks as follows:

Beginning: Monday, 26th January 2026 @ 7:00pm to 8:30pm Ending: Monday, 23rd March 2026 Location: St. Anthony's Parish Centre, Legahory, Craigavon, BT65 5BE St. Peter's Catholic Church, North St, Lurgan, BT67 9AH

Details to register your interest:
Catriona Kavanagh 079 0030 6912 / Peter McCann 078 8195 4552

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ADORATION CHAPEL EDWARD STREET

Adoration 9am to 9pm

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Beginning here we glimpse the Three-in-one: The river runs, the clouds are torn apart, The Father speaks, the Spirit and the Son Reveal to us the single loving heart that beats behind the being of all things

and calls and keeps and kindles us to light. The dove descends, the spirit soars and sings "You are beloved, you are my delight" In that swift light and life, as water spills And streams around the Man like quickening rain,

The voice that made the universe reveals The God in Man who makes it new again, He calls us too, to step into that river, To die and rise and live and love forever.

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