

SAINT PAUL'S PARISH, SHANKILL

OUR PARISH BULLETIN

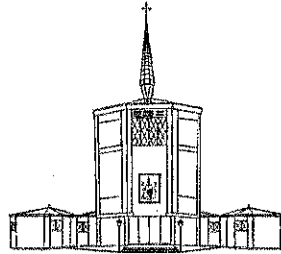
We extend a warm welcome to all who attend our church. We hope you will find our parish community a place where your life of faith will be nourished. Your prayers, your presence and your talents are most welcome! May God bless all of us.

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SUNDAY 12 APRIL 2026
2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER



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
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stpaulsparishlurgan@dromorediocese.org

Office Hours

Monday to Friday 9.00am to 12.30pm
Requests for Anniversaries and Month's

Mind notices should be left into the Parish Office on or before 12 noon on the Wednesday prior to the week before if they are to be included in the Bulletin.

The minimum diocesan stipend is £10.

ENVELOPES ARE PROVIDED AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH WHICH WE WOULD ASK YOU TO PLEASE USE.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

12 April 2026 • Divine Mercy Sunday

In whatever state a soul may be, it ought to pray. A soul which is pure and beautiful must pray, or else it will lose its beauty; a soul which is striving after this purity must pray, or else it will never attain it; a soul which is newly converted must pray, or else it will fall again; a sinful soul, plunged in sins, must pray so that it might rise again. There is no soul which is not bound to pray, for every single grace comes to the soul through prayer.

St Faustina Kowalska (Diary, 146)
Intercom Magazine, April 2026

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



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



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

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



BAPTISMS

With great joy and thanksgiving we welcome the following child into our parish community who was baptized recently in St Paul's:

Matilda Marshall-Masson
Cora Rose Gorman

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.



ADORATION CHAPEL EDWARD STREET Adoration 9am to 9pm

LURGAN CONRADH NA GAELILGE

Would like to thank everyone who donated to our collection on St Patrick's Day £1,396.39 was raised.

Go raibh mile mhaith agaibh.

24-HOUR NUMBER FOR ALL SICK CALLS AND EMERGENCIES

TEL: (028) 3832 3161

TEL: (028) 38321289

Parish web: www.lurganparish.com

Facebook: @lurganparish

Parish App: Parish365

Download App Store or Google Play

Saint Vincent de Paul

William Street:

(028) 3832 5725

"Volunteers needed. Please give your time"

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND ADULTS WHO REQUIRE PROTECTION: Dromore Diocesan

Designated Liaison Person

Mr Stephen Sherry: 07301246329
safeguardingdirector@dromorediocese.org

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

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION

For priests in crisis:

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

TODAY 12 APRIL 2026

St Patrick and St Ronan's Church, Magheralin

2.00pm Holy Hour (possibility of Confessions)
2.00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
3.15pm Solemn Mass
Public veneration of the First Class Relic of St Faustina Kowalska and her confessor Blessed Father Sopocko

THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH GROUP

Presents - The Quiet Shuffling of Feet - an award winning documentary exploring Conflict, Trauma and Recovery in Northern Ireland.

A very personal film, the remarkable story of a humanitarian faced with unbearable trauma. (The Newsletter) A powerful film that has a sorrow to it, but also a sense of inner gentleness. (The Irish News).

Wednesday, April 15 at 7:30pm in the Jethro Center.
Special Q and A with the author, David Bolton and filmmaker Fergus Cooper.

APOSTOLATE OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

St Carlo Acutis Teenagers Retreat at Knock 19th April.

13-19 years. Limited to 120.

Must pre-book.

Led by Fr Patrick Cahill, Holy Family Mission. 11am-2.30pm in the Prayer Centre. To include Games, Testimonies, Basic catechesis, Crafts Lunch provided & Gift Pack for each participant.

Youth travel free. Adults £25.

Coach leaving Divine Mercy Shop, William Street @ 7.30am.

To book/more info call Louise 0755753 7568

NOTICE - VACANT SCHOOL SITES

It has once again come to our attention that some young people are gaining entry to, and seriously vandalising the vacant school sites in our town. We are aware that these young people are from Lurgan and also from surrounding areas, and some have recently been caught by the police and are awaiting prosecution.

The last thing we want to see is any young person making a silly mistake that will jeopardise their future, and so we ask them in particular that they please stop what they are doing. This not only puts their own future prospects at risk, but also puts at serious risk the provision for special educational needs in the entire area.]

We also appeal to all parents to please be extra vigilant about what their children may be doing when they are in Lurgan at weekends and school holidays in particular, both for the sake of their own children, and for the sake of education for all children and young people in our community.

We would ask the entire community to be aware of anything suspicious happening on these sites, and to report anything they might be aware of to the police at 101, or at 999 if it is an emergency.

We thank everyone for their continued vigilance and support for this very important matter.

Together let us work to provide outstanding and essential education to every child in our community and beyond.

Fr. Colum Murphy, PP

Parishes of St Peter's and St Paul's, Lurgan

DROMORE DIOCESAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Monday 20th April at 7:30pm in Newry Parish Centre

The Society's next event of its 2026 programme is a talk by Ciaran MacMurchaidh entitled "Exploring Placenames within the Diocese of Dromore"

Admission £1.00. All welcome

Fire Youth Ministry invite you to

PRAISE AND PIZZA

In preparation for Pentecost Sunday
19th April St Peter's Church at 7.00pm
Prayers lead by JPPI award students from St Ronan's College.
Adoration, Benediction and music.

DOWN'S & PROUD DAY

Saturday 11th April in The Woodville Arms

Children's Fun Day 2.00 - 4.00pm
Adults Quiz and Disco 8.00pm till late

All welcome, tickets available from The Woodville

HSC Southern Health and Social Care Trust

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DEMENTIA NAVIGATOR SERVICE

Free drop-in session for carers, family and friends of people living with dementia or anyone who is concerned about memory issues.

We are available to talk with you and answer any questions and signpost you to information and resources if needed.

Upcoming Dates

- Thursday 30th April 2026. Time: 2.00 - 4.00pm. Armagh Library, 2 Market Street, Armagh. BT61 7BU.
- Thursday 7th May 2026. Time: 10.00am - 12noon. Banbridge Library. 23 Scarva Road, Banbridge. BT32 3AD.
- Wednesday 20th May 2026. Time: 10.00am - 12 Noon. Lurgan Library, 1 Carnegie Street, Lurgan. BT66 6AS.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 29 March 2026 - £2,012.34
Sunday 5 April 2026 - £2,339.10

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

MOYRAVERTY 50+ GROUP

Monthly Tea Dance takes place in St Anthony's Parish Centre on Thursday March 16th April 2026 8.00 - 10.00pm
£5 (includes light supper) raffle prizes
Music by: Mons Wheeler



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

Patricia Creaney, Tannaghmore Lane
Cyrus Magee, Soye Crescent
James (Jim) Seeley, Collingwood Drive

SATURDAY 11 APRIL 2026 10.30AM MASS

Margaret McGibbon, Portadown Road
Kathleen McCrory, Beechcourt

SATURDAY 11 APRIL 2026 7.00PM VIGIL MASS

Josephine Forker, Manor Park
Theresa and Paddy (Junior) Brankin, Portadown
William and Elizabeth Hand, Castle Lane

SUNDAY 12 APRIL 2026 9.00AM

Irene Maye Quinn, Dundalk Elmwood Terrace
Sarah (Sissy) McAvooy, Thornleigh

SUNDAY 12 APRIL 2026 10.30AM

Jerry O'Neill (MM), Springwell Gardens
Dympna McNamee, Woodville Gate
Tom Scullion, Edward Street

MONDAY 13 APRIL 2026 10.00AM

Brian Lavery, Filbin Crescent
Eleanor Tennyson, Drumlin Drive

TUESDAY 14 APRIL 2026 10.00AM

Sean McParland, Richmount Gardens

WEDNESDAY 15 APRIL 2026 10.00AM

Madeline Greene, Plantation Road
Peter Murray, Milltown

Ann Miles (McCann), Richmount Gardens

THURSDAY 16 APRIL 2026 10.30AM

No Anniversaries

FRIDAY 17 APRIL 2026 10.00AM

Audrey Byrne, The Grange
Jarlath Conlon, Springwell Drive
Jacqueline Duffy, Ballinamoney Cottages

SATURDAY 18 APRIL 2026 10.30AM

John Haughian, Silverwood Drive
Henry and Margaret McGuinness, Weavers Row
William Bunting (Junior), Waring Street

SATURDAY 18 APRIL 2026 10.30AM

Bronagh Kane, Wolfisland Terrace

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD!

POINTS TO PONDER

Second Sunday of Easter

12 April 2026 • Divine Mercy Sunday

There are times when we seem to be all alone in the world. There are times when we wonder if God is really out there, during loss, illness: we long for some sign that He is out there, and that He cares about us. And we, like Thomas, begin to doubt.

If you hang around skeptical, unbelieving people, then you are in trouble. Your faith is not fed, belief does not do well in faithless company any more than resistance to drugs rarely survives well among drug-taking friends. Faith is like a muscle in the body: if you do not use it, it begins to weaken. If you do not exercise your faith, it too dies.

The way you exercise your faith is by living it. First and foremost, you have to talk to God. We call that prayer. You have to talk to God because you cannot have a relationship with anyone unless you communicate with them. When Death asks the question, 'Is there anyone out there' the answer is a firm 'Yes!'

If you are a person of faith, hold on to it. Exercise it, use it, it is a gift more precious than gold. You are indeed fortunate when you can say, and believe, the words of St Thomas, 'My Lord and my God.'

Fr Bob's homilies Franciscan friars of the atonement atonementfriars.org - Intercom April 2026