

Bulletin





Fifth Sunday of Lent ~ 13 March 2016


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MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday Vigil: 7 pm
Sunday:
9 am 10.30 am 12 noon
Monday - Saturday: 10 am
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday:
9.30 am - 9.50 am
& 6.30 pm - 6.50 pm
Eves of First Friday:
6.30 pm - 7.00 pm

Lough Derg
Monday, 29th August, £48.

Book to secure your seat.
Price includes bus/boat/morning tea/coffee/lunch/evening meal.

St. Patrick's Day Masses

Wednesday Vigil, 7.30 pm
Thursday, 17th March 8.30 am & 10 am
NO EVENING Thursday (17th) Lent Mass

24 Hours for the Lord

Dear Parishioners
I wish to express deep appreciation to the people of both parishes within Lurgan for their very prayerful and supportive response to the 24 Hours for the Lord, hosted by St. Paul's Church.
It appears to have been a very enriching time of prayer for all who were, in any way, part of it and many parishioners have spoken of how touched they were by the whole experience. I believe that this very special and graced time, in the life of both our parishes, will bear fruit long after this moment has passed and I thank all who through their presence, their time and their involvement, helped make it all possible throughout the course of last weekend.
Fr. Andrew McMahan.

Musical Evening at St. Peter's Church

The South Ulster Community Band, St. Ronan's College, Lismore Comprehensive School, Cantabile Choir, Counterpoint Choir and Lisburn Ladies' Choirs will be performing **'The Armed Man'** A Mass for Peace (composed by Karl Jenkins) in **St. Peter's Church, 13 March, 7.30 pm**
This is the premier performance, in the Craigavon area, of a very special musical work and promises to be a great evening.
A retiring collection will be taken up for local charities.


Dromore Diocesan Historical Society
Wednesday, 16th March, 7.30 pm for 7.45 pm in the Balmoral Hotel, Warrenpoint.
The Society's Annual Irish Night, comprising Dinner & Entertainment appropriate for the Eve of St. Patrick's Day, organised by Very Rev. Anthony Davies. Cost per person, £20.
This year's Irish Night with dance, song, poetry and reflection will highlight the national awareness of the seminal happenings of one hundred years ago.
Highly recommended. To book (in good time), please phone, Martin and Mary Goss, tel: 3026 2849, or Frank McCorry, tel: 38 322 943.
Parishioners are most welcome at all events organised by the Society. The committee greatly appreciate the wonderful turn-out of people at the recent Sisters of Mercy lecture in Lurgan.

St. Patrick's Day Parade
will leave from St. Peter's Club at **11 am on Thursday, 17th March.**
Everyone welcome, family activities taking place in the club afterwards

KNOCK
Sunday, 24th April
Bus leaves St. Paul's Church, 8.15am
To book contact: Mary, 077185 31096, Marguerite, 078431 92431, £20 return. (Bring lunch)


Lourdes :: £550
17th - 22nd May, '16


St. John Paul 11 Awards
We offer warmest congratulations to the young people from our parishes who received the result of their hard work in social and parish work during 2015.
Jesuit campaigner for the homeless Fr. Peter McVerry presented Gold Awards to Aoife Haughian, Anna Magee, Sorcha McGeown, Danielle Quinn, Caitriona Cairns, Aaron Callaghan, Clara Devine, Sarah Doran, Ciara Magee, Emily Murphy, Caoimhe McCreanor, Emily McKee, Niamh McKerr, Anna Stewart and Maria Quinn at the awards ceremony in Banbridge on Wednesday night.
Sincere thanks for your parish involvement, and long may it continue.

Good Friday Water Walk

Come and join the Pope John Paul award participants from Lurgan and surrounding parishes in our 2016 Trócaire water walk.
We begin at St. Patrick's Church, Derrymacash, at 1.30 pm on Good Friday and arrive at St. Paul's Lurgan in time for 3 pm Way of The Cross, carrying water in solidarity with those who have to walk every day for fresh, clean water.
Our water will then be blessed at the Easter Vigil. All welcome.

Hearing Aid Users, Lurgan Library
23rd March, 10am - 12 noon.
Tel: 074234 38336.

Events in the Gaelic League
Monday, 14th March
Lecture by Frank McCorry, 7 pm.
Friday, 18th March
Ceilí in St. Patrick's Hall, Aghagallon, 9.30 pm, adm. £5, inc. supper.
Saturday, 19th March
Intensive Irish Language Course 10 am - 4 pm, £10 inc. lunch.

Lent

Bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News.
It sounds like the 'grin-and-bear it' variety of advice, so easily offered, and so often at little cost.
There is, however, a subordinate but all important clause - relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy.
The words are at once an assurance and a challenge. When Peter issued himself the challenge of walking on the waters at the height of a storm, he was conscious of the power of the Lord until he doubted it. We began Lent issuing ourselves a challenge - or did we? Where do you look for the power of the Lord?
You don't have to 'phone a friend' for the answer. Even before the age of instant communications our ancestors knew.
Is gaire cabhair De na an doras.
The help of the Lord is nearer than the door. The door, however, has to be knocked.

Medugorje Youth & Family Pilgrimage
20th - 27th July (£399)
Tel. Mary, 077185 31096

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
£2,415. Thank you.

St. Vincent de Paul Society
has a number of crutches, three-wheel mobility aids, wheelchairs zimmers, shower chairs.
If anyone knows a need for these items please call the SVP office.

Community Outreach Group sponsors Irish Soldier Poets of WW1
(Francis Ledwidge, Thomas Kettle, CS Lewis, etc.)
Speaker: Pro. Fran Brearton, Director of the Seamus Heaney Centre for Poetry, Queen's University - on Wednesday, 16th March, 8 pm in St. Peter's Parish Centre, North Street.
All are welcome, light refreshments served.

LOST
Glasses, in Divine Mercy Shop.
If found please contact, 0751 9776 982.

RECENTLY DECEASED
Denis Doran, Aghalee, Bridget O'Hagan, Derrytrasna, Betty Lavery, Lake Street, James Noade, Belfast.
ANNIVERSARIES
SUNDAY 13 MARCH

Vigil
Brendan Heaney, Francis Street.
9 am
Eddie McKinstry, Arthur Street, George McErlean, Belfast, Joseph Doran, Mary Street, Joseph Fitzpatrick, Arthur Street, Mary & James McAtasney, Silverwood Drive, Mary & Paddy Austin, High Moss.
10.30 am
James Jordan, Arthur Street.
12 noon
Tommy Martin, Francis Street.

MONDAY 14 MARCH
William Smyth, Carlingford, Mary McConville, Mary Street, Eileen Grant, Woodville Street.

TUESDAY 15 MARCH
Dolores Doyle, Kilwilke, Francis Treanor, Cafolla Gardens, Sheila McLaughlin, Woodville Street, M.M., Gerard & Annie Magill, Cornakinnegar, Mary Jordan, Cornakinnegar.

WEDNESDAY 16 MARCH
Joseph Magennis, Arthur Street.

THURSDAY 17 MARCH
Marie Gaskin, Church Walk, Ellen McConville, Ellie McCaughley, Manor Park, Hugh Collins, New York, Maryanna Thornbury, Shankill Street.

FRIDAY 18 MARCH
James Coleman, Waring Street, Hugh McKenna, Edward Street.

SATURDAY 19 MARCH
Mary Wood, Lakelands, Kathleen McCarron, Derryvore.

St. Paul's 2016 Calendar
available at the parish office, £5.
Fr. Maginn's, Seasons of The Moon, £10.

Clan Na Gael Annual 5k/10k
BIG FUN RUN
Sunday, 13th March, 12 noon, Watersports Centre, The Lakes, Craigavon.
(Reg. £10 per person/family, £25.) Refreshments provided, tel: 0787 6632 966.