

# Bulletin



Fourth Sunday of Easter ~ 17 April 2016 ~ Jubilee Year of Mercy

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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

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Paul's Church



This weekend, we are acknowledging the Fiftieth Anniversary of the solemn dedication of St Paul's Church. Plans for the new Church were drawn up in the early 1960s and work on the site was begun in 1962. The Foundation stone for St Paul's was put in place in 1963 and blessed by Bishop Eugene O'Doherty on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September that year. The new St Paul's was ready for use by December 1965 and Masses were celebrated for the first time on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December 1965, the Fourth Sunday of Advent that year.

With work on the Church finally complete, the ceremony of solemn dedication and 'official opening' of St Paul's was arranged for Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April, 1966, which was the Sunday immediately following Easter, or 'Low Sunday' as it was then known. Cardinal William Conway presided at this ceremony, accompanied by Bishop O'Doherty, along with Bishop William Philbin of Down and Connor and Bishop Anthony McFeely of Raphoe. Once the Church had been dedicated, a Solemn Mass was offered with a large congregation and many clergy in attendance. Canon James Burke was the celebrant for this Mass. He was assisted at the altar by two deacons, Revd. Gerard McCrory and Revd. Rory McKee, both of whom would be ordained to the priesthood later that same year. All three clergymen were natives of Lurgan.

The site on which St Paul's Church is built was known locally as 'Celtic Park'. Lurgan Celtic F.C. played there in the early years of the last century and, in later decades, the park was a popular location for greyhound racing. Long the property of the Donnelly family of Church Place, it was bequeathed to the Parish of Shankill by Miss Emile Piche Donnelly, on her death in April 1959. A small memorial stone has been put in place, just to the right of the main entrance of the Church, to acknowledge the late Miss Donnelly and her generous bequest of this site.

We welcome Bishop McAreavey as the principal celebrant of the 12noon Mass in St Paul's today as we mark - to the very day - the fiftieth anniversary of the solemn dedication of our Church. We welcome clergy previously associated with St Paul's who are also joining with us for this Mass.

*We give thanks, at this time, for the gift that St Paul's Church has been for local people, and for all who have been part of Catholic life in Lurgan, during the past five decades.*

## Confirmation

St. Francis & Carrick School



Bishop McAreavey will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to the pupils of St. Francis and Carrick School this weekend.

*We pray for these children that they will be guided by the Holy Spirit in all aspects of their life.*

*We thank all the teachers, parents and volunteers who helped them prepare for this special Sacrament.*

## POPE FRANCIS' COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE

On Sunday, 3rd April, the Holy Father called for an extraordinary collection in support of those suffering the consequences of violence in Ukraine.

This collection will be taken up in Catholic churches throughout Europe on **Sunday, 24 April** to express the solidarity and concern of Pope Francis and the Catholics of Europe with those suffering in Ukraine.

*There will be an opportunity at Masses in St. Paul's next Sunday to contribute to this appeal for any parishioners who would like to do so.*

## The Redemptorists at Clonard Monastery

have organised a programme of monthly events to honour the year of Mercy as decreed by Pope Francis.

**Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> April**

The theme is: **ILLNESS-BROKENNESS-GRIEF.** Commences, 6.15pm with evening Mass at 6.30 pm followed by Confessions.

Buses will leave St. Mary's, Derrytrasna at 5.15 pm, St. Patrick's, Derrymacash at 5.30 pm and St.Paul's at 5.15 pm.

Price, £7 per person.  
Tel: Mary, 0771853 1096 or Margurite, 07843 192431.

## KNOCK

**Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration**  
Bus leaves St. Paul's Church, 7.45 am

To book contact:  
Mary, 077185 31096,

£20 return. (Bring lunch)

## Taghnevan Senior Citizens Club

Every Thursday, 11 am – 1.30 pm in Taghnevan Youth & Community Centre. Lunch, Arts & Crafts, exercise and much more.

Tel: 3832 4989.

## St. Paul's 2016 Calendar

available at the parish office, £5.

## Humour Corner



A few minutes before the services started, the townspeople were sitting in their pews and talking. Suddenly, Satan appeared at the front of the church. Everyone started screaming and running for the front entrance, trampling each other in a frantic effort to get away from evil incarnate.

Soon everyone had exited the church except for one elderly gentleman who sat calmly in his pew without moving, seeming oblivious to the fact that God's ultimate enemy was in his presence. So Satan walked up to the old man and said, "Don't you know who I am?" The old man replied, "Yep, sure do." "Aren't you afraid of me?" Satan asked. "Nope, sure ain't," said the man. "Don't you realize I can kill you with a word?" asked Satan. "Don't doubt it for a minute," returned the old man, in an even tone. "Did you know that I could cause you profound, horrifying, physical AGONY ... for all eternity?" persisted Satan. "Yep," was the calm reply.

"And your still not afraid?" asked Satan. "Nope."

More than a little perturbed, Satan asked, "Well, why aren't you afraid of me?"

*The man calmly replied, "Been married to your sister for the last 48 years."*

## Lurgan Lourdes Fundraising Committee

**Dance & Annual Draw**

Master McGrath Arms  
Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 8 pm

Annual Draw will take place on the night. Also an extra Draw for Attendees only – 2 x £50. Pay at door, £5. *Everyone welcome.*

## Charity Night

**Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> April, 9 pm,**  
Bay Hall, Derrytrasna, £5.

*Proceeds in aid of Alzheimers ADM.*

## Leonard Cheshire Disability

are holding a

**Bake Sale**

**23<sup>rd</sup> April, 11 am in Cheshire Mews.**

Please come and support our fundraiser. Donations of cakes and buns would also be greatly appreciated.  
Tel: 3832 1843.

## Movravery 50+ Club

**Tea Dance**

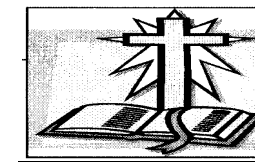
takes place on  
**Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> April**  
in St. Anthony's parish centre,  
8 pm – 10.30 pm.  
Usual transport available.  
Tel: 0777 4505169.

## Befriending Loughshore

Do you want peace of mind?

Have you an elderly relative or a friend that you feel may benefit from a Befriending Visit?

Tel: 3885 1911 to arrange a FREE weekly Befriending visit.



## RECENTLY DECEASED

Yvonne Blaney, Oakleigh Fold,  
Gerard McGleenan, Monaghan Road,  
Patrick McVeigh, Aghagallon,  
Barney McQuillan, Ellington Avenue,  
Anne McCready, Donnelly Gardens,  
Imelda Faloon, Antrim Court,  
Jim McKeown, California.

## ANNIVERSARIES

### SUNDAY 17 APRIL

#### Vigil

Kieran Devlin, Ashwood, M.M.  
Sarah & Edmond Devlin, Mansefield,  
Brian Devlin,  
Gerard McCaughley, Meadowbrook, M.M.

#### 9 am

Elizabeth Kelly, Shankill Street,  
Jackie McCann, Thornleigh,  
Jacqueline Duffy, Ballinamoney.

#### 10.30 am

Paddy Brankin, Portadown.

#### 12 noon

Bronagh Kane, Wolfisland Terrace.

### MONDAY 18 APRIL

William Bunting, (Jnr) Waring Street,  
John Haughian, Silverwood Drive,  
Michael O'Malley, Arthur Street,  
Norah McCloskey, College Close.

### TUESDAY 19 APRIL

Sarah McAlinden, Wellington Street,  
Ellen McQuade, Clara Street,  
Joe & Ellen (Nellie) Moore, Shankill Street,  
Peter Doran, Drumnakelly,  
Elizabeth Loughran,  
William James McElroy, Oakfield Terrace,  
Margaret Craig, Oakfield Terrace,  
Thomas Strain, Stevenson's Park,  
Ethna McHugh, Mary Street.

### WEDNESDAY 20 APRIL

Daniel McStay, Kinnego,  
Pat McCorry, Parkview Street,  
Nealie & Margaret Moore, Hawthorne Avenue.

### THURSDAY 21 APRIL

Arthur Thornbury, Brown Street,  
Eddie Breen, Taghnevan Drive,  
Colm Gilmore, Dingwell Park.

### FRIDAY 22 APRIL

Mary Rose Eagers, Edward Street.

### SATURDAY 23 APRIL

William Joseph Gethins, Oakridge.

## Medugorje Youth & Family Pilgrimage

20<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> July (£399)  
Tel. Mary, 077185 31096

## Volunteers Needed for Cancer Focus NI

in Lurgan,  
Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April and

Portadown, Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> May.

Tel. 9066 3281,

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

£2470, thank you.

**Lourdes :: £550**  
17<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> May, '16



Places still available,  
contact parish office.