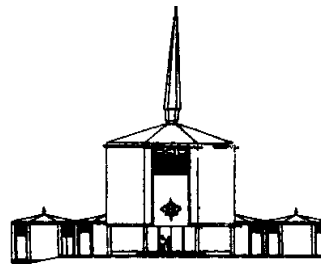


# Bulletin



Third Sunday of Advent ~ 17 December 2017

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### Prayer For Advent

Almighty and loving God, Your Son has taught us the way to live as Your children. We were blessed in our baptisms with special gifts and graces, and still there are times when we find it hard to be all that we should be. We ask for an increased awareness of the needs of others and for the courage to stand up or those who cannot stand up for themselves. Please, God help us to so live in Your grace that all who know us will know You and Your love.  
**Amen.**

On Sunday,  
24<sup>th</sup> December, 10.30 am  
we will be having our  
Nativity Mass.

We would love to see all the children dressed to take part in our Nativity Scene, the more shepherds and angels the better. We will be hosting a small Nativity Play and we are looking for volunteers to take part, please let us know if you would like to be involved.  
*Many thanks to all who support our Children's Mass and Merry Christmas.*

### Legion of Mary Bookstalls & sales of religious items

The Praesidium 'Our Lady of the Snows' regrets to announce that, as from **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December**, the bookstalls and repositories for religious items in both St Paul's and St Peter's Parishes will close indefinitely. This is due to a shortage of members in the Praesidium to manage and sustain them at this time.  
*We thank both our parish communities for the support you have given to the Legion and to this important work of promoting and making available religious reading and religious items among parishioners. We greatly regret having to make this decision, at this time, and are very glad to have been of service to you throughout the years.*

### Confessions for Christmas



#### St. Paul's Parish

Penitential Hour, Mon. 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. 7-8 pm  
With several priests available for Confessions

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec. 10.30 am – 11.30 am  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec. 10.30 am – 11.30 am  
Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec. 11 am – 12 noon & 6 pm – 7 pm

**St. Peter's Parish**  
Penitential Hour, Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December  
immediately after 7 pm Mass

Wed. 20<sup>th</sup> Dec. 11 am – 12 noon  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec. 6 pm – 7 pm  
Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec. 10 am – 11am & 5 pm – 6 pm

**St. Anthony's Parish**  
Penitential Service, Wed., 20<sup>th</sup> Dec, 7 pm.

### Christmas Masses

**St. Paul's Parish**  
Christmas Eve Vigil, 8 pm (Please note new time)  
Christmas Day, 9 am, 10.30 am, & 12 noon

**St. Peter's Parish**  
Christmas Eve Vigil, 8 pm (Please note new time)  
Christmas Day, 8am, 10 am  
11 am (Polish) & 12.15 pm

**St. Anthony's Parish**  
Christmas Eve Vigil, 9 pm  
Christmas Day, 9.30 am, 11.30 am

**Seagoe – St. Patrick's Church**  
Christmas Eve Vigil, 7 pm  
Christmas Day, 11 am

**St. Mary's Church,**  
Christmas Eve Vigil, 9 pm : Christmas Day, 9.30 am

**St. John's, Lylo**  
Christmas Eve Vigil, 11 pm  
(No Christmas Morning Mass)

### St. Vincent de Paul Annual Appeal

We will be requesting food, toys and gifts for our Christmas hampers.

On Christmas Day St. Vincent de Paul Society will prepare dinners for individuals or families who are not able to have Christmas dinner or who may be alone that day. The dinners will be served 12 noon – 2 pm in the Ozanam Centre in William Street.

If you know anyone who is alone or any family who would appreciate a Christmas dinner please call the centre with the names, addresses and telephone numbers and we will arrange to get them to the centre on Christmas Day.

Thank you for your generosity and support.

### New Diocesan History Journal

A special commemorative journal, marking the 40th Anniversary of the founding of the Dromore Diocesan Historical Society, has been recently produced. This very fine, 200-page, publication is on sale for the modest price of £10 per copy.

Available from the parish offices of both St Paul's and St Peter's Parishes.

Parish Office Closed  
Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> December,  
reopens, Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> January,  
2018.

### Trócaire



Christmas Global Gifts & Christmas Mass Bouquets, £3, parish office.

Offertory Collection  
£2,014, thank you.

### Carol Services



St. Paul's Church  
Enjoying the Christmas Season  
Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> December, 7 pm

St. Francis' School  
Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December, 7 pm.

### Legion Of Mary Bookstalls

A range of inexpensive devotional and spiritual reading material for Advent & Christmas. Also, Christmas cards, Sacred Heart, Church Art Calendars and Pocket Diaries.

**Lurgan Lourdes Committee** are now accepting applications for Assisted Pilgrims wishing to travel on the Pilgrimage to Lourdes with the Diocese from 17<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> May '18.

Please enclose GP details and your address/contact number. Please reply in writing to: R. McGuinness, 29 Hunters Lodge, Lurgan, BT66 6NB.

**Fatima :: 12<sup>th</sup> July – 19<sup>th</sup> July 2018**  
£629, full board/en-suite, free tax, free coach transfers, Spiritual Director.  
(Ideal Christmas Gift)  
Tel: Rita, 02890 623186/07934 850000.

**Thanks**  
St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank everyone who gave so generously last weekend for their annual collection.  
The total amount to date is: £11,801

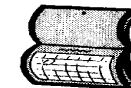
**St. Vincent de Paul**  
Ozanam Centre, William Street  
Opening Hours: (Shop & Office)

Monday – Friday,  
10 am-1 pm :: 2 pm-4 pm  
Closed, lunch, 1pm – 2 pm.  
Saturday, (shop only)  
10 am- 12 noon  
Office: Tel: 38 325725 ext 3  
Shop: Tel: 3832 5725 ext 2

**Quiz :: Southern Area Hospice, Goodyear Sports & Social Club, Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> December, 8 pm.** Everyone welcome.  
(Marathons in 2018, contact club).

**St. Francis' Primary School**  
Application forms for 2018-2019 available now.  
Nursery: Child born between 2 July '14-1 July '15  
Year 1: Child born between 2 July '13-1 July '14  
Closing date: 12 noon Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> Jan. '18.  
School will close 12 noon Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> Dec., reopening Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> January.

### Dates To Remember



Confirmation 2018  
St. Francis' School  
Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> April, 11.30 am

Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> May, 6 pm  
(Bunscoil in Newry)

First Holy Communion  
St. Francis' School  
Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> April, 11.30 am  
(Bunscoil)

Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> May, 11.30 am

Carrick & Kings Park  
Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> June, 11.30 am

Confirmation  
& First Holy Communion  
Ceara & Donard Schools  
3<sup>rd</sup> March, 11.30 am

An Irish Christmas Card  
12 poems and prayers for friends and family by Michael Maginn.

A seasonal tour through several Irish counties.

All proceeds to Moyraverty, St. Vincent de Paul Annual Christmas Appeal. Available through parish offices and other outlets. £2.

Beginner Online Irish Lessons  
(Learn from the comfort of your own home.)  
Tel: 07488268208  
fountoflearning@gmail.com

Action on Hearing Loss,  
Lurgan Library, Wednesday,  
20<sup>th</sup> December, 10 am – 12 noon.  
07407732106.

Moyraverty Lourdes Fundraising Committee invite everyone to their Annual St. Stephen's Day Walk around The Lakes, 10.30 am at St. Anthony's Hall.  
Afterwards Homemade Soup, Tea, Coffee & Pastries.

**Volunteers Needed**  
We are in need of persons to assist the Catechists (Religion teachers) with the preparation of the children at Carrick School for the Sacraments of Penance, First Communion & Confirmation.  
Tel: 07726143435.

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Patrick Gray, Kilwilke Road,  
John McGrann, Meadowbrook,  
Sean Lavery, Coventry/Church Walk,  
Julia Mitchell, Annaloiste Road,  
Evelyn Megahey, Shankill,  
John McCaherty, Lisburn,  
Phil McStay, Wellington Street,  
Seamus Mulholland, Aghagallon.

### ANNIVERSARIES SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER

#### Vigil

Jim McAleese, Ardmore,  
Brendan Maye, Elmwood Terrace,  
George Hatchell, Silverwood Drive,  
Ernie & Rose Watson, Edward Street,  
Gerald Donaghy, Elmwood Terrace, M.M.,  
William Patrick Blaney, Mansefield,  
Mary Ellen Blaney, Mansefield,  
Jim Blaney, Mansefield.

#### 9 am

Francis Jordan, Cypress Gardens,  
Margaret Hoye, Manor Park,  
John (Jack) McAvoy, Ballnamoney,  
Charlotte McCrory,  
Jim Smyth, Thornleigh,  
Sheila & Sean O'Hagan, Stonebridge.

#### 10.30 am

Elizabeth & Harry O'Neill, Byrnes Rampart.

#### 12 noon

Ailish Black, Portadown,  
Joseph Haddock, Sloan Street,  
Colin McKee, Lough Road, M.M..

### MONDAY 18 DECEMBER

Ellen & Frank McKenna, Edward Street,  
Martin & Jennifer Hagan, Taghnevan,  
Jimmy Maughan, Ardowen.

### TUESDAY 19 DECEMBER

Josephine Cassidy, Beaumont Square,  
John Harbinson, (Snr) Magheralin.

### WEDNESDAY 20 DECEMBER

Ernest McCarron, Shankill Street,  
Hugh Haughian, Sloan Street,  
Kathleen Hanratty, Ashwood.

### THURSDAY 21 DECEMBER

Angela Jordan, Cypress Gardens,  
Mary Carter,  
Isabell McCaughley, Garland Avenue,  
Eleanor Adams, Downshire Avenue,  
Isabella Strain, Stevensons Park,  
Mary & Robert Black, Strabane,  
Bernadette Conway, Hawthorne Avenue,  
Jean English (Magee), Leeds/Shankill.

### FRIDAY 22 DECEMBER

Ethel Ranaghan, Killough,  
Billy & Vera Jordan, Portadown,  
Sarah McMahon, Oakfield Terrace.

### SATURDAY 23 DECEMBER

Nora Moore, Shankill Street,  
Patrick (Pat) McKerr, Silverwood Drive,  
Mary Lyness, Cypress Gardens,  
Jim O'Hagan, Francis Street,  
Charles McCluskey, Derryveen,  
Mary Ann Magee, Silverwood.