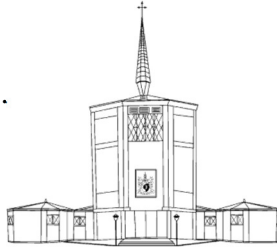


# SAINT PAUL'S PARISH, SHANKILL

## 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.



**SUNDAY 17 MARCH 2024**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**ST PATRICK'S DAY**

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Download App Store or Google Play

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**1000 HOURS OF ADORATION**  
*St Paul's Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024*  
9.00am to 9.00pm

An initiative of prayer during Lent 2024 -  
*"Praying with Blessed Carlo for Vocations"*

In this *Year for Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood* we are invited to reflect on the Priesthood and to pray that more young men may answer God's call to the service of his people as priests.

Adoration will take place in St Paul's Church on the 20<sup>th</sup> March. The Adoration Chapel will be closed on that day only to enable adorers to attend St Paul's.

**Could parishioners fill in a suitable time, on the list left at the back of the Church for them to attend Adoration on 20 March. Thank You!**



**SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2024**

**FEAST OF OUR PATRON SAINT PATRICK**  
**Masses will be at the usual Sunday times**

The faith passed to us through Patrick encourages us to greet each day with joy, hope and courage. Let us be inspired to meet the challenge of each new day with the words of St Patrick's Breastplate:

Christ with me, Christ before me,  
Christ behind me, Christ in me,  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me  
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,  
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,  
Christ when I arise,

Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,  
Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me.

*The prayers of the Mass in today's leaflet are the prayers for the fifth Sunday of Lent. These prayers will not be said, instead we will say the prayers for the Feast of St Patrick.*

*The readings for the fifth Sunday of Lent will be read as printed in your leaflet.*

Wishing all who support **THE FAMILY MASS** a very happy St Patrick's Day from the Children's Liturgy Group.

We are very fortunate to be joined by members from Downs and Proud this Sunday.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**ST PETER'S**  
Stations of the Cross will be celebrated in St Peter's by Fr Kingsley at 6pm each Wednesday evening during Lent. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will follow (we pray for vocations to the priesthood) and the prayers will finish with benediction.

**ST PAUL'S**  
Fridays during Lent  
after  
10.00 am Mass



Saint Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interest and desires. O Saint Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2024**

Anyone wishing to go as a Pilgrim, Fare is £795 Single Room supplement £200.

Please apply to:  
The Secretary Lourdes Committee  
Rosemary McGuinness, 29 Hunters Lodge, LURGAN BT66 6NB  
Or call 077 9631 0214

**OUTREACH GROUP SPONSORS**

Malachi O'Doherty - renowned journalist, author and broadcaster. The theme is: Can Ireland Be One? Come and hear his views on a Border Poll

*The pros and the cons, as he sees it.*

This presentation is in the Jethro Centre, Flush Place, on Wednesday, 20 March at 8pm. All are welcome.

### PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Priests from our Deanery will be available here in

**SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH**  
on  
**SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH**  
**FROM 3.00pm to 4.30pm.**

### Congratulations!

Congratulations to all the boys and girls from Bunscoil and St Francis Primary School who received the sacrament of Confirmation this week.

Comhghairdeas leis na buachaillí agus na cailíní uilig ó Bhunscoil Naomh Proinsias a fuair Sacramint an uChóineartaithe an tseachtain seo chaite.

### FEAST DAYS DURING THIS WEEK 4<sup>th</sup> WEEK OF LENT

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March - St Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church** He excelled as a catechist and administrator and suffered exile in his fight against Arianism. me abbot and bishop. He died around 824.

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March - Feast of Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary** - The virtues of St Joseph have been the object of ecclesial reflection down through the centuries, especially the more recent centuries. Among those virtues the following stand out: faith, with which he fully accepted God's salvific plan; prompt and silent obedience to the will, of God; love for and fulfillment of the law, true piety, fortitude in time of trial, chaste love for the Blessed Virgin Mary, a dutiful exercise of his paternal authority and fruitful reticence.

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March - St Enda** - is considered to be one of the three great late vocations of Ireland. His siter, Faenche, a nun, set his thoughts on a religious vocation. He made a small foundation in Cill Aine, Co Lough and after studies in Scotland under Ninian, made several foundations in Boyne Valley.

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March - St Macartan** - Belongs to a very early generation of saints in Ireland and is recognized as the first Bishop of Clogher. He is known as Patrick's 'Strong Man' for his dedication and faithfulness.

### 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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### 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 and 1:30pm –2:30pm

### ABORTION LAW

Please support an amendment to reduce abortion law from 24 weeks to 22 weeks.

Collect a postcard today from the back of the church and post it to your MP in support of this amendment.

### SOLITUDE SATURDAY 23 March

An opportunity to take some time for yourself in the beautiful surroundings of St. Clare's Convent Glenvale to refresh mind and body. The day begins at 10am and ends at 3.30pm Refreshments and a light lunch included. Suggested donation £20 Places limited so early booking essential. CONTACT: 028 3083 2828

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024 £1,864.32  
**Thank you for your continued generosity and support to your Parish and your Priests.**

### Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - St Turibius of Mogrovejo

was a layman when he was appointed archbishop of Peru by King Philip II. He built up the Church in Peru.

### 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

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#### Office Hours

**Monday to Friday 9.00am to 12.30pm**

#### Requests for Anniversaries/Month's Mind

Notices should be left into the Parish Office on or before 12 noon each **Wednesday** if they are to be included in the Bulletin.



### ADORATION CHAPEL

Edward Street Adoration:  
9am - 9pm

"Perpetual adoration is the most beautiful thing you could ever think of doing. People are hungry for God. Imagine for a moment that we are living in Jesus' time and He has invited us to visit with Him and spend some quiet time getting to know Him better.

### FOOD BANK

Thank you for your continued support and generosity for the local foodbank.

The door to the parish office area will be open daily from **9am until 12 Noon** Monday to Friday for all donations to be dropped off.

### MOYRAVERTY 50 + TEA DANCE

St Anthony's Parish Centre on Thursday 21 March 2024 8-10pm. We welcome old and new members. Music by Mons Wheeler. Raffle prizes. Admission £4, including light supper.

### GENTLE REMINDER

If you have taken a bulletin during Mass, please take it home with you. Thank You



### 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

**Kevin McHugh, Grattan Street**  
**Mary McCann, Gilpins Manor**  
**Mary Scullion, Allenhill Drive**

**Daniel (Danny) Canavan, Manor Park**

**Isobel Patterson (née Kingham), Templar Court**

**Francis (Francie) O'Neill, Drumglass**

**SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup> MARCH 7.00pm (VIGIL MASS)**

Maria Gaskin, Church Walk

Agnes and John Haughian, Cypress Gardens

Mary Ellen (May) Coleman, Edward Street

**SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH 9.00AM MASS**

John Mulholland, Taghnevan Close

Rosemary Brady, Parkview Street

Eveline Swail, Caroline Avenue

Imelda Philips, Tullylish

William Downey, Ardoyne Belfast

Ellen McCaughley

**SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH 10.30AM MASS**

Amelia Goodfellow, Drumlin Drive

Maureen Doran, Killough Gardens

**MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup> MARCH 10.00AM**

James Coleman, Waring Street

Larry Smyth, Ashgrove Avenue

Hugh McKenna, Edward Street

Bernard Rafferty, Gilpin's Mews

Sarah Ann Carville, Arthur Street

**TUESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MARCH 10.00AM**

Rodney Green, Beaumont Square

Mary (May) Doran, New Street

Mary Wood, Lakelands, Craigavon

**WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> MARCH 10.00AM**

Stephen Mallon, Collingwood Drive

Eva Atkinson, Taghnevan Close

Kathleen Wright, Thornleigh/Edward Street

Peggy Fox, Taghnevan Drive

**THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> MARCH 10.00AM**

Anna Bailie, Francis Street

Bob McIntyre, Silverwood Drive

Margaret McConville, Francis Street

Charles Scullion, Parkview Street

Annie Gorman, Monbrief Walk

**FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 10.00AM**

Patrick Strawbridge, Ulster Street

James Basil McAlinden, Ashwood

Christy Reid, Drumbeg North

Patrick McCorry, Francis Street

Gregory Creaney, Killough Gardens

Evelyn Ann Doris, Hill Court

**SATURDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> MARCH 10.30AM**

Mary (May) McCreanor, Cafolla Gardens

**SATURDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> MARCH 7.00pm VIGIL MASS**

Teresa Reilly, Monbrief Walk

Kieran Devlin, Ashwood

Edmond and Sarah Devlin, Mansefield

Patricia Robinson, Maghera

May McKenna, New Street

Hugh McKerr, Deeny Drive

Hugh and Kathleen McCorry, St Winifred's Terrace

The McCann Family Glasgow

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Some of us become overwhelmed by life's contradictions. The pain and injustice that they see on every side causes them to lose all faith in God and in life. That could have happened to Jesus. If ever there was a person who had the right to doubt God and to despair of the human race, and to become cynical about life, that person was Jesus. But through all of His injustice and all of the pain, His faith did not fail. He kept on believing in God, unlike many of us, He kept on believing in people, He kept believing in life. At Calvary, faith won.