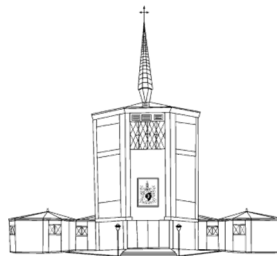


SAINT PAUL'S PARISH, SHANKILL

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 MAY 2026
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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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
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Saint Paul's Parish Safeguarding Representative and Parish Sacristan.
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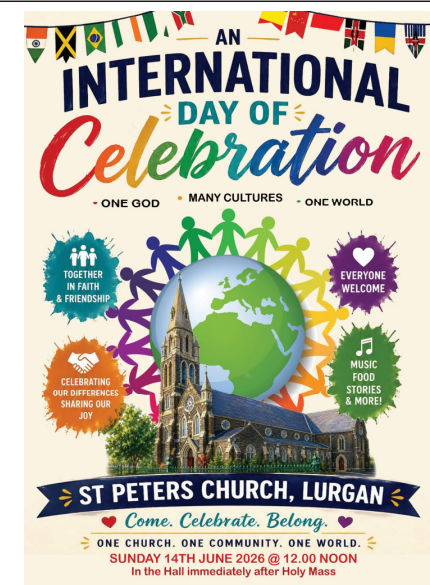
PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO DURING EXAM TIMES

A Students Prayers

O Holy St Joseph of Cupertino who prayed at your exams to be asked *only the questions you knew. Pray now that we too may be successful and in return we promise to make your name known and loved.*

O Holy St Joseph of Cupertino, pray for us.
During exam times candles, are available at the back of Church, for students, free of charge.

All the petitions left in the St Carlo Acutis box are being prayed for at all Masses in St Paul's.



INTERNATIONAL MASS SUNDAY

14 JUNE @ 12.00 NOON

We are very excited to tell you that we will be celebrating the International Mass again this year. Our wish, as before, is to celebrate the diversity of our community and the multinational congregation which we enjoy here in Lurgan.

We invite everyone to join us and we would love if you have a national costume that you would wear it on the day. We will have representatives from many nationalities taking part in a procession at the start of Mass with Irish dancers leading the way. We would like you to register your nationality if it is not Irish, and also to write the word 'Welcome' in your native language. There is a sheet at the back of the Church where you can do this. Afterwards we will be serving light refreshments in the hall. It would be lovely to sample a biscuit or cake from your particular country, if that is possible. You can drop these off with us before Mass. We look forward to welcoming everyone on the day.

LOUGH DERG

Day of Friendship & Prayer

Wednesday 20th May 2026
With Archbishop John McDowell & Archbishop Eamon Martin
See poster at back of St Pauls

THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH PRESENTS

Peter Harper from the Lough Partnership, chief environmental officer, to speak about the work in and around Lough Neagh. He will mainly focus on the many species in the Lough, their problems and survival. This should be of great interest to all of us since we depend on this large body of water and are concerned about its present condition. There will be time for questions and hopefully a lively discussion. Please pass the word around that everyone is welcome. The date is May 20th at the Jethro Center at 7:30pm. Light refreshments are served afterwards.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT Seminar 2026

6.30-7.30pm in St Peter's Parish Hall
You will receive the Holy Spirit Week 6. Thursday 21st May - 7th week of Eastertide
Baptism of the Holy Spirit - Holy Mass
Week 7. Wed 27th May
Wednesday after Pentecost

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

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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

The Ascension of the Lord
17 May 2026 • *World Communications Day*
Leonardo da Vinci had started to work on a large canvas in his studio. Then suddenly he stopped working on it. Summoning one of his talented students, the master invited him to complete the work. The student protested that he was unworthy and unable to complete the great painting which his master had begun.
But da Vinci silenced him. "Will not what I have done inspire you to do your best?" Jesus our Master began to spread the Good News two thousand years ago by what he said and did, and supremely by what he suffered. Jesus illustrated his message and left us to finish the picture. Will Jesus' life not inspire us to finish the picture? This is the message of the Ascension.
Fr Antony Kadavil

ADORATION CHAPEL
EDWARD STREET
Adoration 9am to 9pm

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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Tuesday–Thursday 9.00am – 1.00pm and 1:45pm – 4.00 pm
Friday 9.00am–1.00pm

WORD ON FIRE!

Starting Sunday 12th May 2026
New Peer Led Bible Group Aimed @ Ages 18-35.
St Peters Parish Hall 7pm
Open Honest Discussions in a safe space!
Come as you are!

DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING TRAINING
Are you 18+? And interested in getting involved with some of the exciting youth programmes starting in September? Come along on Tuesday 12 May at 7pm in St Peters Parochial House for safeguarding training and more information on how help ignite Faith in the next generation.

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

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

DROMORE DIOCESAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Monday 18th MAY: @7:30pm in BALL YNAHINCH PARISH CENTRE
The Society's next event of its 2026 programme is a talk by **Padraig Coyle** entitled **"The Life of Fr Patrick Kelly, Co Down priest and member of the French Resistance in WW2"**.

After his retirement from France in 1973, Fr Kelly served in Derrytrasna, Derrymacash, Ballela and Dunmore in the Dromore Diocese
Padraig Coyle is a well-known journalist and broadcaster.
Admission £1.00. All welcome

DROMORE DIOCESAN JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Sunday 31 May 2026
led by Archbishop Eamon Martin

Bookings are now open for the annual pilgrimage to Knock.
Coach departing from St Therese's church car park, Banbridge at 7:30am and St Paul's Church, Lurgan at 8:00am. Cost £25 per person.
Time constraints do not allow for an evening meal, but 'comfort and coffee' stops will be available in each direction. Please book through your parish office, and payment will be taken on the bus. Pilgrims in the Newry area should book through Newry Parish Office for coach departing Newry Parish Centre on the Mall at 7:00am.

DROMORE DIOCESE YOUTH COMMITTEE

in partnership with Knock shrine Youth Ministry are offering young people the opportunity to volunteer on their VAKs programme - 26th to 28th June 15/16 years old- and 24th to 26th July 16/17 years old - as a volunteer all are there to welcome pilgrims, guide, help, provide support, help with liturgies, you will be the face of Knock shrine through your willingness and ability to reach out to those in need with a smile. This is a 3 day experience that offers the opportunity for all to make new friends, volunteer together, have lots of fun and grow in faith.
Training is delivered on arrival. If interested email FRANCESyouthdirector@dromorediocese.org or phone 028 30833898 for information

TAGHNEVAN TODDLERS

Open Monday 10.30am - 12.30pm
Birth to school age. All welcome.

LURGAN LOURDES COMMITTEE

Wish to thank all the Parishioners for your generous donations at our Church Gate Collection this past weekend
Amount collected £2860.11
Your continued support is very much appreciated.
We will remember you all in our Prayers at Our Lady's Grotto this week
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
Kate Martin, Bexhill on Sea

SATURDAY 16 MAY 2026 10.30AM
Joseph Delaney, Thornleigh
May McCrory, Edward Street
Joseph Joseph, India

SATURDAY 16 MAY 2026 7.00PM VIGIL MASS
Mary (May) Lavery, Manor Drive
Kay Matthews, Taghnevan Close
Tom Brown, Oakleigh Fold
Ruby Doran, Monbrief Walk
Aidna & Jim Haughian, Richmount Gardens

SUNDAY 17 MAY 2026 9.00AM

SUNDAY 17 MAY 2026 10.30AM
Patrick Crewe, Glenholme Avenue
Edward McGeown, Ulster Street
Linda Phillips, Victoria Street
Lily Seeley, New Street

MONDAY 18 MAY 2026 10.00AM
Elizabeth McDonald, Manor Park
Gerry McCluskey, Coventry
Clara & Jane Conlon, Laurencetown
Antoinette O'Dowd-McCorry, Lenny's Road, D'trasna

TUESDAY 19 MAY 2026 10.00AM
Billy McAlinden, Drumlin Drive
Vincent McKenna, Albert Street

WEDNESDAY 20 MAY 2026 10.00AM
William McCaughley, Ashwood
Jim & Margaret Donnelly, Armagh

THURSDAY 21 MAY 2026 10.30AM
Brigid McConville, Hawthorne Avenue
Noel McDonald, Knockramer Meadows

FRIDAY 22 MAY 2026 10.00AM
Peter Corey, Knockramer Meadows
Frank Curran, New Street

SATURDAY 23 MAY 2026 10.30AM
William McCorry Glenavy
Claire McFadden, Carrickvale
Donal McLaughlin, Hawthorne Ave

SATURDAY 23 MAY 2026 7.00 PM VIGIL MASS
Gary Nelson, Derrytrasna Road
Michael Starkey, Carrickvale Ave
ETERNAL REST GRANT INTO THEM, O LORD!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATES 2026
St Francis Primary School:
Friday 22nd and 29th MAY at 12 Noon
Bunscoil Naomh Proinsias
Friday 5 JUNE 2026 at 12 Noon
Ceara School
First Holy Communion and Confirmation
On Friday 19th JUNE at 1.00pm

MOYRAVERTY 50+ GROUP
Monthly Tea Dance takes place in St Anthony's Parish Centre on Thursday May 21st 2026
8.00 - 10.00pm
£5 (includes light supper) raffle prizes
Music by: Mons Wheeler