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 talent are most welcome. May God bless all of us.

ST. PAUL'S PARISH, SHANKILL

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 19 JANUARY 2020

> Canon Liam Stevenson, PP Fr. Jozef Wozniak, S.Chr Fr. Brian Fitzpatrick, CC 66–70 North Street, Lurgan BT67 9AH (028) 3832 3161



OUR MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Vigil 7:00p.m. (Saturday) 9:00a.m., 10:30a.m. and 12:00noon.

> Monday 10:00a.m. Saturday: 10:30a.m.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Evening before First Fridays: 6:15 to 6:50p.m.

Saturdays:

11.00a.m. to 11:30a.m. 6:15p.m. to 6:50p.m.

Saint Paul's Parish Office

Parish Secretary – Patricia McCann (028) 3832 1289

Office Hours Monday, Tuesday **Thursday and Friday** 9.30a.m. to 12.30a.m. Wednesday 1.00p.m. to 4:30p.m.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please join us in the Adoration Chapel, Edward Street. 9.00am to 9.00pm

PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION Sunday 12th January £2249.13 Many thanks for your huge generosity!

Parishioners' wishing to donate items to the Food Bank at Saint Paul's Church are asked to leave them with Fionnuala in the Church Sacristy.

ANAM CARA ARMAGH

Will be holding 'A Parent Evening' on Wednesday 29th January at 7:20p.m. in the Armagh City Hotel, Armagh, BT601E. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. Contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888 888 for any queries.

Fr. Colum Wright, CC 54 Francis Street, Lurgan BT66 6DL (028) 3832 7173

Rev. Kevin Devine Our Parish Deacon (028) 3832 3161

SAINT PETER'S CHURCH

OUR MASS SCHEDULE

Sundays: Vigil 6:00p.m. (Saturday) 8:00a.m., 10:00a.m., 11:00a.m. (po polsku) and 12:15p.m.

Monday to Friday: 8:00a.m. Monday and Wednesday: 10:30a.m. Tuesday and Friday: 7:00p.m. Saturday: 9:30a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Friday: 6:15p.m. to 6:50p.m. Saturday: 5:15p.m. to 5:50p.m.

Saint Peter's Parish Office Parish Secretary - Marie Brady (028) 3832 3161

Office Hours

Monday 10.00a.m. - 1.00p.m. 1:45p.m. – 4.00p.m. **Tuesday to Thursday** 9.00a.m. to 1.00 p.m. 1:45 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Friday 9.00a.m. to 1.00p.m. 1:30p.m. to 2:30p.m.

Please note that anyone wishing to arrange Anniversary Masses here in Saint Paul's Church; should now contact Fionnuala in the Sacristy before or after any Parish Mass. Anniversaries that are to be included in the following Sunday's bulletin must be registered before Wednesday at 1.00p.m.

2020 Parish Calendars are now available at the back of both Churches.

Please take one for your home, for those who are sick and housebound, and those who for their own personal reasons don't practice their faith in our parish Church on a weekly basis.

TROCAIRE

Thanks to all parishioners from both Saint Peter's and Saint Paul's for your generous donations to Trocaire before and after Christmas. Through your generosity and the buying of the Global Gifts the total sent to Trocaire was **£6492.50.**

Parish Sacristan: Fionnuala Hamill

(028) 3832 1289

Parish Website: www.lurganparish.com Saint Vincent de Paul, William Street:

(028) 3832 5725

Safeguarding Children and Adults Who Require Protection

Dromore Diocesan Designated Liaison Person Mrs Patricia Carville. Tel. 077 8991 7741

Saint Paul's Parish Safeguarding Representative

Ms Fionnuala Hamill. Tel. 028 3832 1289

** Emergency number for all sick calls

(weekends included) Tel: (028) 3832 3161 **

FEAST DAYS 2020

Monday 20th January – Saint Fabian was the Bishop of Rome from January 236 to his death in 250, succeeding Anterus. He himself was succeeded by Cornelius. He died a martyr at the beginning of the Decian persecution.

Monday 20th January - Saint Sabastian was an early Christian saint and martyr. According to traditional belief, he was killed during the Roman emperor Diocletian's persecution of Christians, initially being tied to a post or tree and shot with arrows.

Tuesday 21st January – Saint Agnes of Rome (c. 291 - c. 304) is depicted in art with a lamb, evoking her name which resembles the Latin word for "lamb", agnus She is also depicted in art with a martyr's palm.

Wednesday 22nd January - Saint Vincent was a deacon of the Church of Saragossa. He was born at Huesca and martyred under the Emperor Diocletian around the year 304.

Friday 24th January – Saint Francis de Sales was a Bishop of Geneva noted for his deep faith and his gentle approach to the religious divisions in his land resulting from the Protestant Reformation.

Saturday 25th January - Saint Paul (also known by his Hebrew name Saul of Tarsus) was an apostle (although not one of the Twelve) who taught the gospel of Christ to the first-century world. Paul is generally considered one of the most important figures of the Apostolic Age and from the mid-30s to the mid-50s he founded several Christian communities in Asia Minor and Europe. He took advantage of his status as both a Jew and a Roman citizen to minister to both Jewish and Roman audiences.

LOURDES AND THE SHRINE **OF ST BERNADETTE**

You are welcome to join a holiday pilgrimage to Lourdes (5 nights) and then to the shrine of Saint Bernadette in Nevers (2 nights). This pilgrimage will take place from Thursday 30th April to Thursday 7th May, and will be led by Fr Peter Clucas O.M.I., an Oblate presently based in Inchicore, Dublin.

The cost is €760 p.p.s. and includes scheduled flights, accommodation, coach transfers, full board, and all pilgrimage activities. The group is limited to 40 people; early booking is recommended. If you are interested, please telephone Father Peter at 00 353 87 958 0811 or e-mail at: p.clucas@oblates.ie

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 12TH - 17TH MAY INCL.

Lurgan Lourdes Committee are taking applications for the sick, and are asking for Nurses to come along and join in the pilgrimage work. Applications to our Secretary: Rosemary McGuinness, 29 Hunters Lodge. Lurgan BT66 6NB

Parishioners hoping to travel on the 2020 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes are asked to contact Saint Paul's Parish Office. The deposit is £150.00 and is payable at the time of booking. Every Tuesday after the 10.00a.m. Mass a Member of the Lourdes Committee will be in attendance to answer any queries parishioners may have. This year is the 50th Anniversary of Dromore Diocese travelling

to Lourdes, so early booking is advised as numbers may be limited!

YOUTH PILGRIMAGES 2020

Are you 18 to 30 years old? Might you be interested in joining a Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes (12th to 17th May) or the Camino de Santiago, Spain (19th – 25th July).

A great way to get to know likeminded people, to travel and to grow in faith in a new way. To secure your place forward a deposit of £200 to the Diocesan Youth Office, 39 - 41 Hill Street, Newry, BT341AT. Cheque payable to the Diocese of Dromore Trust - Youth. For more information e mail: dromoreyd@btconnect. com or phone Frances 028 3083 3898.

OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHURCH UNITY **18TH TO 25TH JANUARY 2020**

A special Praver Service will be held in Shankill Parish Church of Ireland Church, Lurgan on Wednesday 22nd January at 7.30pm. The guest speaker will be Bishop Kenneth Good, (recently retired Bishop of Derry and Raphoe). The theme for this year is: 'They showed Us Unusual Kindness'. The service and prayers were prepared by the Christian Churches of Malta. Please come along - pray for ourselves and our fellow Christians around the world!

THANK YOU.

The family of the late Hugh McCreanor would like to thank all who donated to Marie Curie in Hugh's memory. The total amount donated was £1,250.00.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Catholic Schools Week 2020 will take place from Sunday 26th January until Sunday 2nd February. Our theme is: 'Catholic Schools: Living in Harmony with God's Creation'. We are encouraged to see that we all have a responsibility to care for the earth, not just for our own future, but for the future of every one of God's creatures.

Pope Francis challenges us to look at our lifestyles and become aware of the impact our lives have on the lives of others. He asks for justice and equality, as it is clear that the vulnerable all around the world are further impacted by our actions. The hope of Catholic Schools Week 2020 is that we realise how powerful each and every one of us is, and that even the smallest changes can have the biggest impact.

Catholic Schools Week Mass in our diocese will be celebrated by Archbishop Martin in St Thérèse's Church, Banbridge on Thursday 30th January at 10:30a.m. Everyone welcome!

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE PARISHES OF NORTHERN IRELAND Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on 24 February - £399.00 per person sharing. Price includes return bus transfer to Knock, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with breakfast lunch and dinner (full board). All entertainment and excursions included. Lunches on days out. Wheelchair accessible rooms. Single room supplement £40.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail. com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

THE FRIENDLY CLUB

In Clan na Gael Community Hall (a social group for all of us older people who enjoy celebrating and making the most out of life) has started back on Thursday from 10:30a.m. to 12:30p.m. £2.00 per week. Everyone welcome!

CHOOSING GODPARENTS

Congratulations to all the parents of newborn children in our parish. With your baby's best interests at heart, the Church asks you when considering sponsors for your child's baptism to choose a Godfather and Godmother (one male, one female) who are at least 16 years old, and who lead a life of faith. One of the sponsors (called a 'witness') may be a baptized Christian from another church. We look forward to welcoming you. All parents wishing to have a child baptised in either Saint Paul's or Peter's Parish, must notify their Parish Office in person. One month's notice is required.

QUIZ!!! Saturday, 1st February Goodyear Social Club at 8.00p.m. All funds raised are in aid of Southern Area Hospice. Price £5.00 per person, which includes a light supper (sandwiches and hot nibbles). Great Craic and Big Prizes! Contact Kieran on 0774 508 0531.

JOIN US FOR A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE. Friends of Silverwood School will host an 'Old Photograph Exhibition in the School on Sunday, 26th January, from 3.00p.m. to 5.00p.m. Guest speakers and a chance to catch-up follow up will follow on in Goodyear Sports and Social Club from 5.00p.m. to 7.00p.m. A light supper will be served. f you have any old photographs, please, bring them along!

WALK THE CAMINO DE SANTIAGO FOR YOUR LOCAL HOSPICE.

The Southern Area Hospice is delighted to announce that they will be taking a group of walkers to complete this once in a lifetime expedition from 23rdto 30th May 2020. If you would like to join us on this journey please phone Amy in Fundraising on (028)3025 1333 or email mckeowna@ southernareahospiceservices.org for more information. If you can, try to come along to our information night in Hospice on Thursday 30th January at 7.00p.m.



The Thought for Today...A huge lorry with a heavy load got jammed under a bridge in the middle of a town. The traffic was backed up for miles in both directions. It was total chaos. An official from the company that owned the lorry finally arrived and made all kinds of attempts to help free it. School children all gathered and sat on a wall nearby watching everything that was going on. A young lad shouted over to the official who looked so important as he stood there in his pinstriped suit: 'Hey Mister, do you want to know how to free the lorry?' 'No thank you' he replied, and muttered under his breath: 'All I need now is some young smart ass telling me how to do my job'. The young lad began to laugh and continued to sit on the wall with his many friends. Within a few hours the police and the fire brigade had all been arrived, but even they were still unable to budge the lorry. The young lad made his way over to the company official again, and in front of all those standing there he asked, 'Do you think it might help if you let the air out of the tyres?' The official began to shake his head. In his heart he knew that the air had been let out of his tyres, big time! The sad thing was that it could all have been avoided if he had only taken the time to listen to what someone else had to say!