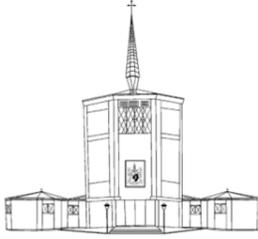


# SAINT PAUL'S PARISH, SHANKILL

## 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.

### OUR PARISH CLERGY

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**SUNDAY 1 MARCH 2026**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**



### 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

Parish Secretary  
Telephone: (028) 3832 1289  
Email:

[stpaulsparishlurgan@dromorediocese.org](mailto:stpaulsparishlurgan@dromorediocese.org)

#### 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

'Lent is like a long "retreat" during which we can turn back into ourselves and listen to the voice of God in order to defeat the temptations of the Evil One.

It is a period of spiritual "combat" which we must experience alongside Jesus, not with pride and presumption, but using the arms of faith; prayer, listening to the word of God and penance. In this way we will be able to celebrate Easter in Truth, ready to renew the promises of our Baptism.'

*Pope Benedict XVI*

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



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



### 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

#### Saint Peter's Parish Office

Parish Secretary  
(028) 3832 3161

[stpetersparishlurgan@dromorediocese.org](mailto:stpetersparishlurgan@dromorediocese.org)

#### 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

### DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD

*"They left everything at once and followed him" (Lk 5:11)*

Thinking about a calling to serve? Join us for an in-person Discernment Retreat designed to help you explore the path to the diocesan priesthood.

It's a relaxed space to reflect, ask questions, and connect with others on the same journey. Come as you are and take time to listen to where your heart might be leading!

Residential weekend: 6-8 March 2026, Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne.

For more details contact Fr Brian Fitzpatrick on [pp.moyraverty.seago@gmail.com](mailto:pp.moyraverty.seago@gmail.com), or search 'discernment retreat' in Larne on [eventbrite.co.uk](http://eventbrite.co.uk) to book a free place online.

*Organised by Northern Dioceses' Vocations Directors.*

### OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday 22 February 2026 £2,339.40

Thank you for your continued generosity to your Parish and your Priests.

### 24-HOUR NUMBER FOR ALL SICK CALLS AND EMERGENCIES

TEL: (028) 3832 3161

TEL: (028) 38321289

Parish web: [www.lurganparish.com](http://www.lurganparish.com)

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  
[safeguardingdirector@dromorediocese.org](mailto:safeguardingdirector@dromorediocese.org)

Saint Paul's Parish Safeguarding Representative and Parish Sacristan.  
Telephone: 07563 293429

### POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION FOR MARCH

*For disarmament and peace.* Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leader choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



### BAPTISMS

With great joy and thanksgiving we welcome the following child into our parish community who was baptized recently in St Paul's:

*Starla Ruby Hamilton*  
*Skylar Angelica Matos Somes*  
*Finn Nathan Chuong*  
*Brigh Blevins*

All parents wishing to have a child baptized in St Paul's Parish, must notify the Parish Office in person.

**ONE MONTH'S NOTICE IS REQUIRED**

Baptisms take place on the second and fourth Sunday of each month.

### CONFIRMATION DATES FOR 2026 BUNSCOIL

Cóineartú - Déardaoin 26ú Marta at 12:00

**ST FRANCIS'**

Confirmation - Friday 27th March at 12:00

**CEARA**

Communion and Confirmation Friday 19th June at 1.00pm

### FEAST DAYS DURING THIS WEEK

**Wednesday 4 March** – St Casimir, strove to promote peace and the unity of Western Europe. Though a young prince, he chose a life of prayer and penance. Patron Saint of Poland.

**Thursday 5 March** - St Kieran was born in Cape Clear, Co Cork. He is numbered among the pre-Patrician saints of Ireland. He went to the Continent, where he was baptized and later ordained priest and bishop. He returned to his father's territory, Ossory, where he lived as a hermit. Disciples soon joined him and Saigir became a well-known monastery.

**Saturday 7 March** - St Perpetua, a young upper-class married woman and St Felicity, a slave girl were martyred in Carthage, 203.

*Liturgical Calendar for Ireland 2026*

### HELP IGNITE FAITH IN THE NEXT GENERATION!



### VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Exciting youth projects are coming to Lurgan! Help lead and inspire the next generation by getting involved with

YOUTH ALPHA

GIFT STRYC AND MORE!

INVEST IN THE FUTURE OF OUR YOUTH!

Join us in creating a vibrant, faith-filled environment for our young people.

INTERESTED IN HELPING?

Chat to us after Mass at the back of the Church on Saturday 14 March 7pm

&

Sunday 15 March 9am and 10:30am

for information on the various upcoming projects and how to get involved

### BIBLE STUDY

Sharing the Word:

Every first Thursday of the month.

Bring your Bible & Rosary.

"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them" (Matthew 18:20).

### CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

Meets on the last Thursday of every month above the Sacristy

### DROMORE DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

15th to 20th May 2026

5 Nights Full Board -£890pp

To include all transfers and full itinerary Pilgrim Fares.

There is still availability but please book soon to avoid disappointment.

Also Assisted Pigrims (Sick)

If you would like to be considered Please contact Rosemary (Secretary) 077 9631 0214

or any Committee Member ASAP

### LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR 2026

*God the Father Loves you personally*

6.30-7.30pm St Peter's Parish Hall

*Jesus saved you and set you free*

**WEEK 2** Thursday 12th March - 3rd week of Lent

*Jesus is the Lord of your Life*

**WEEK 3** Thursday 19th March - 4th week of Lent

*Called to be a Disciple of Jesus*

**WEEK 4** Thursday 16th April - 2nd week of Eastertide

*Jesus sends me his Holy Spirit*

**WEEK 5** Wednesday 13th May - 6th week of Eastertide

*You will receive the Holy Spirit*

**WEEK 6** Thursday 21st May - 7th week of Eastertide

*Baptism of the Holy Spirit - Holy Mass*

**WEEK 7** Wednesday 27th May - Wednesday after Pentecost

### FOODBANK COLLECTION POINT

St Peter's Parish have started collecting non-perishable food and essential non-food items such as toiletries and hygiene products for Craigavon Area foodbank.

Craigavon Area foodbank provides emergency food and support to local people in crisis. At the moment, urgently needed food items are as follows: tinned meat, tinned fruit, instant mash potato powder, UHT milk, jam and spreads. You can leave any donations at the back of the church, under the stairs that lead up to the choir St. Paul's has been a collection point for the last 6 years and it has been a huge success. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

*Proverbs 19:17 - 'Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord and will be repaid in full.'*

### ST PAUL'S FOOD BANK

The door to the parish office area will be open daily from

9am until 12 Noon Monday to Friday

for non-perishable items.

Thank You for your continued support.

### TRAD FOR TRÓCAIRE

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2pm - 4:30pm

Lurgan Town Hall. All Welcome.

Raffle, music, teas and treats.

It will be opened with a few guest artists performing, followed by an open session, all musicians and singers welcome.

We will have a wee cuppa tea and biscuits and a raffle with a host of great prizes.

Tickets available on the day.

### MEDJUGORJE GROUP PILGRIMAGE

8th - 15th July £695

Single room supplement £150.

7-night BB & Dinner near St James's Church

Pilgrimage with Mary Austin & Mona Mitchell.

Full religious programme operated by Marian Pilgrimages

Return flights from Dublin

Call Mary 077 1853 1096 or

Mona 078 8071 4113

### LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

27th to 31st July

We welcome young adults 18 to 30 years to join us on Pilgrimage - includes flight, full board and organized pilgrimage - plus opportunities to meet other pilgrims - will be a memorable experience for all - Cost £680

We have 25 places

To secure your place email

[youthdirector@dromorediocese.org](mailto:youthdirector@dromorediocese.org)

need names and £50 deposit before end of February.



Trocaire boxes are available at the back of the Church.



ADORATION CHAPEL EDWARD STREET Adoration 9am to 9pm



### 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

**Gerard McCann, Glenholme Park**

**Rosaleen Lennon, Ashgrove Drive**

**George McHenry, Cornakinnegar Road**

**Eileen Beatty, Desmond Avenue**

**Margaret Leonard, Portadown**

**SATURDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2026 10.30AM**

Richard (Dick) Lavery, Filbin Crescent

Joe McCann, Beechcourt

Paula Reynolds, Monbrief Walk

Peter Gervan, Craigavon/Coalisland

**SATURDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2026 7.00PM VIGIL**

Johnny and Brigid Coleman, Ballinamoney Cottages

Seamus Walsh Kinnego/Lurgan

Mary Ellen Scullion, Mary Street

**SUNDAY 1 MARCH 2026 9.00AM**

Teresa Fearon, Ashwood

**SUNDAY 1 MARCH 2026 10.30AM**

Paddy Hamill, Drumlin Drive

Frank McKeown, Kiln Lane

Nuala McConville, Foxgrove, Derrymacash

Marie Maginn, Drumnamoe Avenue

Joseph (Joe) McAvoy, Meadowbrook

Gerald and Michael O'Hanlon, Church Walk

**MONDAY 2 MARCH 2026 10.00AM**

Brendan O'Connor, Levin Road

**TUESDAY 3 MARCH 2026 10.00AM**

Anne McShane (née Gribbon), Glendale Park

James Haddock, Sloan Street

Paul O'Hagan (Junior), Lurgan/Australia

**WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH 2026 10.00AM**

No Anniversaries

**THURSDAY 5 MARCH 2026 10.00AM**

Margaret Austin (née McCorry), Dublin/Lurgan

Gerry Fearon, Ashwood

Leo May, Francis Street

Arthur and Kitty Toman, Bleary

**FRIDAY 6 MARCH 2026 10.00AM**

Billy Anderson, Waringstown

Rita Haughian, Mary Street/Portsmouth

Edward Bailey, Conon Park

Rev Jim Sheppard, Drumlin Drive

Mary McCann, Gilpins Manor

**SATURDAY 7 MARCH 2026 10.30AM**

Deirdre O'Connor, Levin Road

Mena McQuillan, Cafolla Gardens

Eileen Coleman, Lough Road

**SATURDAY 7 MARCH 2026 7.00PM VIGIL MASS**

Catherine Bell, Prospect Way

Benidict (Benny) McAvoy, Thornleigh

Peggy Prentice, Innisfail Walk

**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD!**

### ST KIERAN'S PRAYER

**FEAST DAY THURSDAY 5 MARCH**

That I may, reach as high as is possible;