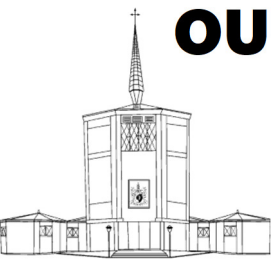


SAINT PAUL’S PARISH, SHANKILL

OUR PARISH BULLETIN



SUNDAY 21 DECEMBER 2025
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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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
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stpaulsparishlurgan@dromorediocese.org

Office Hours

Monday to Friday 9.00am to 12.30pm

Requests for Anniversaries/Month's Mind

PLEASE HAVE ANNIVERSARIES IN

THE PARISH OFFICE BY 12 NOON if

EACH WEDNESDAY of the week

BEFORE if you want them included

in the Bulletin

CONFESSIONS AND CHRISTMAS MASSES IN OUR PARISHES

- Monday 22nd December - St Paul's at 7.00pm
- Tuesday 23rd December - St Peter's 7.30pm (following Evening Mass)

CHRISTMAS MASSES

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Wednesday 24th December 2025 at 6.00pm in St Peter's and St Paul's Churches
Wednesday 24th December St Peter's Church at 8.00pm po pulsku

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES:

8.00am St Peter's
9.00am St Paul's
10.00am St Peter's (Polish)
10.30 am St Paul's
12 Noon - St Peter's

MASSSES FOLLOWING CHRISTMAS

FRIDAY 26TH DECEMBER 2025 - TO SATURDAY 3RD JANUARY 2026

St Peter's 9.30am and St Paul's 10.30am



OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday 14 December 2025 £2,264.63

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



ADORATION CHAPEL
EDWARD STREET
Adoration 9am to 9pm

24-HOUR NUMBER FOR ALL

SICK CALLS AND EMERGENCIES

TEL: (028) 3832 3161

TEL: (028) 38321289

Parish web: 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

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

CHILDREN'S MASS DURING ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Today 21 December we will be having our Nativity Mass. We'd love to see all the children come along to Mass dressed as shepherds and angels today. We will be doing a small Nativity Play at today's Mass.

Many thanks to all who support our Children's Mass and Merry Christmas.

NOTICE

THE SHRINE ROOM HAS NOW REOPENED.



BAPTISMS

With great joy and thanksgiving we welcome the following children into our Parish Community who were baptised recently in St Paul's

Shea John McGibbon

Caomhán Robert Johnston

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.



To all our parishioners and volunteers in St Paul's

Thank you for everything you do to help our parish community.

May God bless you for your time, kindness and generosity.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas

IRISH MASS

The last Irish Mass of 2025 (Christmas Mass) will take place in the Adoration Chapel Edward Street At 8.00pm on Tuesday 23rd December.

All welcome.



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM ST PAUL'S PARISH

The Priests, deacons and staff of St Paul's Parish, wish everyone a Holy and happy Christmas.

In doing so, we are mindful of the fact that due to death, sickness and loneliness some homes will not experience the joy of Christmas. Our hearts go out to them in a special way.

God bless you now and forever
Beannacht De oraibh anois agus go deo
Błogosławieństwa dla Was na teraz i wieki



VISIT THE CRIB

Picture the Holy Family on that first Christmas night
Say a prayer of thanks for gift of life and family and friendship

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>

FOR CHILDREN

Dear God, thank you for the nativity story and the gift of Jesus. Remind us that Jesus was the best gift ever and help us share special times with family.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Would like to thank all who contributed so generously to the Annual Christmas Appeal.

To date the following was received:

Churches: £10,989
Organizations: £5,000
Individuals: £5,050

Total: £21,039

May God bless you all

LURGAN LOURDES COMMITTEE

Dromore Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 15th to 20th May 2026

5 Nights Full Board £890pp

We are now taking applications for Assisted Pilgrims

Anyone who would like to be considered

Please contact Rosemary (Secretary) 07796310214

Or any Committee Member



IF YOU LOOK FOR ME AT CHRISTMAS

You won't need a special star
I'm no longer just in Bethlehem
I'm right there where you are
You may not be aware of Me amid the celebration
You'll have to look beyond the stores and all the decorations
But if you take a moment from your list of things to do
And listen to your heart you'll find I'm waiting there for you
You're the one I want to be with
You're the reason that I came
And you'll find Me in the stillness as I'm whispering your name.

Love Jesus

PLEASE NOTE:

The Parish Office will close for the Christmas holidays on Tuesday 23rd December at 12.30pm and re-open on Monday 5th January 2026 at 9.30am.

Wishing all our Parishioners and those who may be visiting over the Christmas season a very Happy and Holy Christmas.

ST PAUL'S PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD

Thank you to everyone who purchased St Paul's Parish Christmas cards this year.

Masses will be offered for those on the Christmas list during this Christmas/ New Year Season.

The Parish Christmas card can be purchased from the Parish Office for £3 up until Tuesday next.

Grateful thanks to a St Paul's parishioner who designed this year's card.



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

Brian White, Allenhill Park

Gerald Lennon, Hawthorne Avenue

Seamus McCann, Villiers Avenue

Margaret Doran, Oakridge

SATURDAY 20 DECEMBER 10.30AM

Kathleen Hanratty, Ashwood

Shauna O'Neill (née McEvoy), Ailsbury Park

Ernest and Kathleen McCarron, Magheralin

William Martin, formerly Francis Steet

Colette McMahon, Old Portadown Road

Jimmy McCusker, Brownlow Terrace

SATURDAY 20 DECEMBER 7.00PM VIGIL

Fiona Phillips (née Cassidy), Forest Glade/Finaghy

Bernadette Conway, Hawthorne Avenue

Eileen McCarron, Francis Street

Angela Jordan, Cypress Gardens

SUNDAY 21 DECEMBER 9.00AM

Geraldine Taaffe, Downshire Avenue

Gerald McAlister, Lisburn

SUNDAY 21 DECEMBER 10.30AM

Briege Doyle (MM), Derrymacash

Brian Lenehan, Caroline Avenue

Catherine (Kitty) Brady, Ashwood

Elizabeth O'Neill, Byrnes Rampart

Eleanor Adams, Downshire Avenue

Bernadette Conway, Hawthorne Avenue

Johnny Douglas, Aghagallon

MONDAY 22 DECEMBER 10.00AM

Ethel Ranaghan, Killough, Co Down

Kevin and Doris Toman, Desmond Avenue

Sara McMahon, Oakfield Terrace

Leonard Magill, Carrickvale

TUESDAY 23 DECEMBER 10.00AM

Brian Lenehan, Caroline Avenue

Jim O'Hagan, Francis Street

Bernadette Heaney, Cafolla Gardens

Jim Martin, Oakridge

Nora and Jimmy Moore, Taghnevan Close

Mary Lyness, Cypress Gardens

Mary Ann Magee, Silverwood

WEDNESDAY 24 DECEMBER 10.00AM

Paul Conway, Park, Co Derry

Willie Toland, Church Walk

WEDNESDAY 24 DECEMBER 6.00PM VIGIL

Elizabeth May, Francis Street

McParland Family, Ballynery

Donnelly Family, Taylors Yard

McVeigh Family, Lylo

Michael and Rose McCann, Edward Street

Cassie Long, Edward Street

THURSDAY 25 DECEMBER 9.00am

Maggie Creaney, Manor Drive

THURSDAY 25 DECEMBER 10.30am

Pauline O'Hagan (née Hamill), Lurgan/Australia

Maureen O'Neill, Ailsbury Gardens

Sean McParland, Richmount Gardens

Haddock Family, Kilwilkie

Marian McCrory, Killough Gardens

FRIDAY 26 DECEMBER 10.30AM

Canon Cathal Jordan, Derrymacash

Elizabeth (Lily) Hatchell, Wheatfield Drive

Lilian Burns, Wellington Street

Olive Wilson, Lurgan

Joe Burns, Arthur Street

Doreen Birch, Banbridge

SATURDAY 27 DECEMBER 10.30AM

Richard Hamilton, Meadowbrook

Peter McCann, Cafolla Gardens