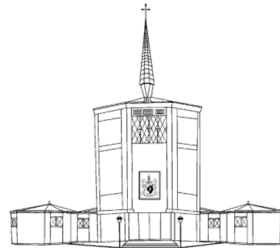


SAINT PAUL'S PARISH, SHANKILL



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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1st SUNDAY OF LENT

21 FEBRUARY 2021

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



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 – Patricia McCann
Telephone: (028) 3832 1289

Email: office@stpaulsparishlurgan.org

Office Hours

Monday to Friday 9.00am to 12.30pm

Please telephone or email the Parish Office to let us know of anniversaries or alternatively post them through the office letterbox

before 12.30pm each Wednesday.



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 – Mrs Marie Brady
(028) 3832 3161

office@stpetersparishlurgan.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



BAPTISMS

With great joy and thanksgiving, we welcome the following children into our parish community:

Tilly Alice Bridge
Toby Joseph McKeag
Elliott Patrick McConville

All parents wishing to have a child baptized in St Paul's Parish, must contact the Parish Office by telephone (028) 3832 1289. One month's notice is required.

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



ADORATION CHAPEL

Edward Street
Private Prayer only
Adoration 9am - 7pm

During Lent many people 'give up' things or 'turn away' from things that they do too much of eg: too much eating, too much TV or time playing computer games. Lent is a time for turning away from things that distract us from God. It is a time for drawing closer to God.

Resources to help people at home mark the beginning of Lent and enter into the spirit of this holy season, log onto the link: <https://www.armaghprays.com/lent-2021>

Lenten Services at St Paul's (all Virtual):

- Divine Mercy will be said on Tuesday and Friday morning at 9.45am
- Holy Hour each Wednesday from 7pm to 8pm during Lent
- Stations of the Cross will be said immediately after the 10am Mass each Friday during Lent.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR SURVIVORS AND VICTIMS OF ABUSE - CANDLE OF ATONEMENT

As you know, at the request of Pope Francis, the Bishops of Ireland have designated the First Friday of Lent as a National Day of Prayer for survivors and victims of abuse. This year the Day of Prayer took place on Friday, 19 February. Prayers were offered at Masses on that day for those who have been hurt by abuse in the Church.

A Candle of Atonement was lit and burned continuously throughout Friday in St Paul's Church.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE DEAD AND BEREAVED DURING THE PANDEMIC

As we know, the practice of not having Requiem Mass in our churches for those who died from Covid-19 with their family in attendance was motivated by a concern to limit the spread of infection among mourners attending such funerals. While this was understood and accepted by the vast majority of families who have celebrated a church door service for their loved ones, we as clergy have been acutely aware of the great heartache that family members have experienced.

Eleven months into this pandemic, it is apparent that the requirement to self-isolate for certain people is much more widely understood, accepted and practised by the great majority of citizens. Some doing so at the time of a loved one's death have even deferred the funeral in order to protect others. Other families who cannot visit their loved one for weeks while they were ill in hospital have already served a period of isolation by the time of the funeral and therefore pose no higher risk than the general population.

Consequently, the clergy of the pastoral area have agreed a change in our practice regarding Covid funerals. From Thursday 11 February, all funerals may be celebrated with a Requiem Mass in line with families' wishes across the parishes of St Peter's and St Paul's, Magheralin, Moyravery and Seagoe.

Those who attend funerals, immediate family included, are reminded to follow public health advice regarding Covid-19 regulations, even self-isolation if necessary. We will readily facilitate deferral of funerals in order to allow family members to self-isolate for some time if required. Current regulations still restrict numbers attending all funerals to 25 people only.

We realise only too well that this change of practice may have come too late and be painful among families for whom Requiem Mass at the time of their loved one's death was not possible. For that reason we are relieved to bring it to an end, based on the widespread understanding and personal responsibility for mandatory self-isolation when required.

Canon Liam Stevenson, VF



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We encourage you all to download the app as it greatly enhances our communications with the faithful and we thank you for doing so.



FOOD BANK

The door to the parish office area will be open daily from 9am until 11am Monday to Friday for all donations to be dropped off. Thank You!

Offertory Collection

Sunday 7th February £1,370.34
Sunday 14th February £ 956.00

Our sincerest thanks to all our parishioners who have forwarded their offertory promise envelopes every week during this lockdown.

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

Requests for Anniversaries/Month's Mind

Requests for anniversaries and Month's Mind notices should be left into the Parish Office on or before 12 Noon on the Wednesday of the week before if they are to be included in the bulletin.

The minimum diocesan stipend is £10.00



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

Sarah Walsh, Beechcourt/Rectory Park
Maurita Breen, Pier Rampart, Derrytrasna
Gerald Fitzpatrick
Valley Nursing Home formerly Cypress Gardens
Elizabeth (Lily) Sharkey
formerly Manor Park/Castle Lane
Jim Harte, Hill Street
Ann Kerr, Annesborough Road, Kinnego
Kenny Haddock, Edward Street

May they rest in Peace

PARISH ANNIVERSARIES

SATURDAY 20 FEBRUARY Vigil Mass

Elizabeth Carberry, Richmount Gardens
Olive McGleenon, Lurgan

SUNDAY 21 FEBRUARY 9.00AM MASS

Henry and Kathleen Doran, Killough Gardens

SUNDAY 21 FEBRUARY 10.30AM MASS

Josephine (Josie) Breen, Edward Street
Leo Seeley, New Street
Angela Power, Killough Co Down
Mary Ellen Scullion, Mary Street
Rachel and Mick Breen, Richmount Gardens
Philip Goodfellow, Drumlin Drive

MONDAY 22 FEBRUARY

Sister Dymphna Mulholland, Convent of Mercy
Elizabeth Toman, Edward Street
Tommy Magill, Springwell Walk
Sammy and Rosaleen Mitchell, Wesley Place
Maddy-Leigh Harbinson, Collingdale
Arthur Greene, Derrymacash
Matthew Marsden, Francis Street

TUESDAY 23 FEBRUARY

Catherine McEntee (MM) Windsor Avenue
Kathleen Lavery, Oakfield Terrace
Sean Leatham, Boconnel Lane
Joseph Bailie, Antrim Road

WEDNESDAY 24 FEBRUARY

Jane Creaney, Manor Park
Joe Lyness, Cypress Gardens
Nan Bailie, Antrim Road

THURSDAY 25 FEBRUARY

Margaret Haughey, Lower North Street
Anna Harte, The Brambles, Derrymacash

FRIDAY 26 FEBRUARY

Gerard Turley (MM) Thomleigh
Nora McLearnon, North Street
Joseph Lavery, Gratten Street

SATURDAY 27 FEBRUARY (10.30AM MASS)

Margaret Leatham, Drumlin Drive
Margaret McCaffrey, Beaumont Square
Frank McKeown, Kiln Lane
Pauline Lennon, Liscorran Road

Eternal Rest Grant on to them O Lord!

Prayer for deceased relatives and friends

Almighty Father, source of forgiveness and salvation, grant that our relatives and friends who have passed from this life may, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of all the saints, come to share your Eternal happiness through Christ Our Lord, Amen!

STAY AT HOME FOR THE SAKE OF HEALTH, LIFE AND THE COMMON GOOD

Following consultation with the Northern Ireland Executive and Public Health Authorities the Catholic Bishops of Northern Ireland have suspended public Masses in view of the current pandemic and coronavirus restrictions. The churches will, however, remain open daily for private prayer (11:00am–4:00pm in St Paul's and 8:30am–5:30pm in St Peter's).

Some people are asking about Confessions. The Department of Health guidelines are currently extremely strict. Considering this strong advice to 'Stay at Home' it is totally inadvisable to schedule confessions at this critical time of battling the pandemic.

The celebration of funerals and marriages may continue with a maximum of 25 people, and baptisms with parents and godparents ONLY in attendance. During the pandemic there will be no Offertory procession or gifts (including pictures or memorabilia) brought to the Altar.

PLEASE NOTE! AS PER THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES NO GATHERINGS ARE PERMITTED BEFORE OR AFTER ANY FUNERALS OR WEDDINGS ON THE CHURCH GROUNDS. Thank you for your co-operation and consideration.

The celebration of Mass at the normal times will be streamed as ever on our webcams, and anniversaries and month's minds will be publicly prayed for as normal at these Masses. www.lurganparish.com/stpauls-webcam

The parish offices remain open for phone calls and e-mail queries, but not to visitors during the lockdown.

PARISH ENVELOPES CAN BE PUT INTO THE PARISH OFFICE LETTERBOX, LEFT WITH FIONNUALA IN THE SACRISTY, PUT INTO THE BOX AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH OR INTO THE LETTERBOX AT FATHER WRIGHT'S HOME.

Bulletins will still be published and available from the back of the churches and some of the local shops.

#StaysafePraysafe

Most of all STAY at home, PRAY with us and BE NOT AFRAID