



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

SUNDAY 22ND DECEMBER 2019
4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Safeguarding Children and Adults

Who Require Protection

Dromore Diocesan Designated Liaison Person

Mrs Patricia Carville. Tel. 077 8991 7741

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Ms Fionnuala Hamill. Tel. 028 3832 1289

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Deacon Kevin Devine and Fr. Colum Wright

Would like to wish all our parishioners, visitors and all who are home on holidays with family, every blessing, peace and happiness, this Christmastime and throughout 2020!

Nollaig Shona Daoibh

*Spokojnych, zdrowych, radosnych swiat
BoKego Narodzenia spedzonych w gronie
rodzinny i przyjaciól*

*oraz wszelkiej pomyslności w Nowym
Roku. Niechaj Bo_onarodzeniowe swieta
przyniosa wszystkim betlejemski blask.
Duszpasterze*



SAINT PAUL'S FOODBANK AND SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

During the month of November parishioners' from Saint Paul's donated an amazing 178kg/28st of items to our Church Foodbank. In the season of Advent all food items and gift items left in will donated will go to Saint Vincent de Paul. God bless you and thank you so much for your continued generosity.

CHRISTMAS GLOBAL GIFT CARDS FOR TROCAIRE

A gift that I can give to transform people's lives.

Choose from our range and help lift more people out of poverty for good.

Soap £5, Chicks £7, Solar Lamp £10,
Seeds and Tools £10, School Lunches £15,
School Kit £25, Goats £40,
Help for Grandparents £40,
Baby Kit and Maternity Care £50,
Beehives £55, Trees £75,
Water Pumps & Irrigation £85,
Safe Home £125, Farming Kit/Tools £170,
**Cards are available now
from the Parish Office**

WELCOME IN 2020

Tired of all the partying, the drinking the shouting each year??
Is New Year something that you dread???
Come along and join us in prayer at
The New Year's Eve Vigil Service
(with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament)
Saint Paul's Church - 11.00p.m. to 12.15a.m.
If you need to arrange a lift to the Church or home from the Church afterwards, telephone Father Colum at 028 3832 7173

ADORATION CHAPEL CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS

The Adoration Chapel will close on Christmas Eve, 24th December at 5:00p.m. Re-open normal hours 9:00a.m. to 9:00p.m. from Christmas Day.

WARNING.....WARNING: ADVENT VIRUS GOING ABOUT

Be on the alert for symptoms of inner Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. The hearts of a great many have already been exposed to this virus and it is possible that people everywhere could come down with it in epidemic proportions. This could pose a serious threat to what has, up to now, been a fairly stable condition of conflict in the world.

Some signs and symptoms of The Advent Virus:

- A tendency to think and act spontaneously rather than on fears based on past experiences.
 - An unmistakable ability to enjoy each moment.
 - A loss of interest in judging other people.
 - A loss of interest in interpreting the actions of others.
 - A loss of interest in conflict.
 - A loss of the ability to worry. (This is a very serious symptom.)
 - Frequent, overwhelming episodes of appreciation.
 - Contented feelings of connectedness with others and nature.
 - Frequent attacks of smiling.
 - An increasing tendency to let things happen rather than make them happen.
 - An increased susceptibility to the love extended by others as well as the uncontrollable urge to extend it.
- Please send this warning out to all your friends. This virus can and has affected many systems. Some systems have been completely cleaned out because of it.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 12TH TO 17TH MAY 2020 INCLUSIVE.

Lurgan Lourdes Committee are taking applications for assisted pilgrims (**those who are unwell and infirm**), and for Nurses willing to join in the pilgrimage work. Applications to our Secretary: Rosemary McGuinness, 29, Hunters Lodge. Lurgan BT66 6NB

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).

Chose your pilgrimage! They're 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.

SAINT PETER'S RUNNING CLUB and friends are hosting their Christmas Charity Quiz at the Goodyear Sports and Social Club, Lurgan on Saturday 28th December at 8.00p.m. All funds raised in aid of the Southern Area Hospice. Everyone Welcome!!

LURGAN LOURDES FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

'Christmas Voucher for Weekly Draw'
Buy one £25.00 voucher and your name will be on a ticket each Sunday during 2020.
Weekly prize £10.00
Vouchers can be purchased from
Saint Peter's Parish Office, North Street.

NEW IRISH DANCING CLASSES MONDAY 13TH JANUARY

Brownlow Community Hub, Craigavon.
All levels and abilities are welcome.
6.30p.m. - 7.30p.m. - Children (age 4 upwards)
7.30p.m. to 8.30p.m. - Jig Fit Adult Dancing (age18 to 99)
Come along and have fun!!



RECENTLY DECEASED

As parishioners' we offer our sincere sympathies, prayer and support the family members of:
Martin Campbell, Portadown
Nuala McGibbon, Cornakinnegar Road
Tom Haddock (formerly Shankill Street)

May they rest in Peace

PARISH ANNIVERSARIES

SATURDAY 21st DECEMBER (Vigil Mass)

Billy and Vera Jordan, Portadown
Yvonne Brankin, Portadown
Sheila and Sean O'Hagan, Stonebridge
Lillian Starkey, Grattan Street

SUNDAY 22nd DECEMBER at 9.00a.m.
Bob and Bridie McEvoy, Ennis Close

SUNDAY 22nd DECEMBER at 10.30a.m.

Kevin and Doris Toman, Desmond Avenue
Brendan Maye, Elmwood Terrace
Elizabeth O'Neill, Byrnes Rampart
Ethel Ranaghan, Killough, Co Down
Gerald Mallon, Richmond Gardens
Isabella Strain

Geraldine Haughian, Shankill
Sarah McMahon, Oakfield Terrace

MONDAY 23rd DECEMBER at 1.00a.m.

Jim O'Hagan, Francis Street
Nora and Jimmy Moore, Killough Gardens
Patrick (Pat) McKerr, Shankill
Bernadette Heaney, Cafolla Gardens
Jim Martin, Oakridge

Charles McCluskey, Derryveen
Mary and John Lyness, Cypress Gardens
Mary Anne and Hugh Magee, Silverwood

TUESDAY 24th DECEMBER at 10.00a.m.

Larry French, Edward Street
Gerald Mallon, Richmond Gardens
Teddy McSherry, Beechcourt
Willie Toland, Church Walk

TUESDAY 24th DECEMBER (Vigil Mass)

Elizabeth May, Francis Street
Sean Ireland, Belfast

WEDNESDAY 25th DECEMBER at 9.00a.m.

Letitia and James Ward, Lough Road
Joseph Casey, Drumlin Drive

WEDNESDAY 25th DECEMBER at 10.30a.m.

Maureen O'Neill, Ailsbury Gardens

**WEDNESDAY 25th DECEMBER
at 12 Noon Mass**

Sean McParland (Jnr), Richmount Gardens
Hugh and Annie McEvoy, Ballydougan
May Hill, Craigavon
Lelia Finnegan, Conor Park

THURSDAY 26th DECEMBER at 10.30a.m.

Lily Hatchell, Wheatfield Drive
Lillian Burns, Wellington Street
Olive Wilson, Lurgan
Joe Burns, Arthur Street
Margaret (Peggy) Martin, Filbin Crescent

FRIDAY 27th DECEMBER at 10.30a.m.

Sarah (Sadie) Doran, Taghnevan Close

SATURDAY 28th DECEMBER at 10.30a.m.
Patrick Cunningham

SATURDAY 28th DECEMBER (Vigil Mass)

Betty Toman, Shankill
Johnny Hoyer, Manor Park
Lily McCann, Glenholme Avenue
SUNDAY 29th DECEMBER at 10.30a.m.
May Seeley, Beech Court
Sally Dempsey, The Grange
Mary McCrory, Shankill Street

SUNDAY 29th DECEMBER at 12.00noon

Bridie Kelly (MM), Springwell Walk
Pat Coleman, Lough Road
Pierce Kearney, Taghnevan
Greta Brady, Lurgan
Maureen Leathem, Silverwood Drive
Angela Lavery, Killough Gardens

MONDAY 30th DECEMBER at 10.30a.m.

Ethna McCorry, Thornleigh
Mary McCrory, Shankill Street
James Cullen, Portadown
Roland Wilson, Beech Court

TUESDAY 31st DECEMBER at 10.30a.m.

Vincent McGibbon (Snr), Monbrief Walk
Sheila Drainey, Shore Road
Aidan Barry, Richmond Gardens
Lily McAvoy, formerly Castle Lane
Cynthia O'Callaghan, Dundalk/Silverwood
Stanley Furphy, Cherrytree Walk
Michael Wilson, Strabane

WEDNESDAY 1st JANUARY 2020 at 10.30a.m.

Noreen McShane (MM), Conor Park
William Black, Portadown
Imelda McAlinden, Lurgan
Lelia Brady, Beech Court
Sean Column, Newry

THURSDAY 2nd JANUARY at 10.30a.m.

William John McConville, Mary Street
FRIDAY 3rd JANUARY at 10.30a.m.
Thomas and Margaret McCaughley,
Turmoyna

Alice McCorry, Edward Street
Edith Marsden, Francis Street

Rose Ann and John McKerr, Grattan Street
Annie Theresa McKenna, Edward Street

SATURDAY 4th JANUARY at 10.30a.m.

William Patrick Blaney, Mansfield
Mary Ellen Blaney, Mansfield
Jim Blaney, Mansfield
Robert Heaney

SATURDAY 4th JANUARY (Vigil Mass)

Thomas McCann, Silverwood Drive
Alice Hatchell, Silverwood Drive
Liam Thornbury, Brett Drive
Margaret & Patrick Quinn, Stonebridge

SUNDAY 5th JANUARY at 9.00a.m.

Eileen Loughran, Shankill Street

MONDAY 6th JANUARY at 10.00a.m.

Kathleen Ranaghan, Killough, Co Down
Patsy Magee, Hawthorne Avenue
Charles & Elizabeth Thornbury, Brown Street

TUESDAY 7th JANUARY at 10.00a.m.

Robert Black, Strabane
John Creaney, Thornleigh
Aloysius Jordan, Taghnevan

WEDNESDAY 8th JANUARY at 10.00a.m.

Daniel McDonald, Arthur Street

THURSDAY 9th JANUARY at 10.00a.m.

Eileen Loughran, James Street
Eileen Moore, Thornleigh

FRIDAY 10th JANUARY at 10.00a.m.

Kitty Lavery, Hawthorne Avenue
Annie Haddock, (formerly Sloan Street)
Basil Hoy, Ashwood

SATURDAY 11th JANUARY at 10.30a.m.
William Magee

REFLECTION

A PRAYER TO OUR LADY ON CHRISTMAS NIGHT
*Sweet Mother of my God, lift up your little Jesus from the straw.
Lift him high, dear Mother, and raise His little hand over me.
Let it rest upon my head that I may feel the hand of God,
so strong, so soft and so very comforting.
Let me feel its tenderness
- the hand of God almighty.
Oh Mother dear,
let Jesus hold my fingers tight, as children do, and never let them go.
Mother of Jesus and my mother, keep us all close together,
Jesus your Son and me;
teach me to love Him as you did in the crib;
help me to adore him always.
Show me how to make much of Him in the sacraments of His love,
so that I may have joy in His nearness,
and atone for my past neglect.*

MASS TIMES, CONFESSION TIMES AND SERVICES

Sunday 22nd December
Saint Peter's Church
Down's and Proud Christmas Singing
Showcase at 3.00p.m.

Monday 23rd December
Saint Peter's Church
Confessions - 11.00a.m. to 12.00noon

Saint Paul's Church
Confessions 10.30a.m. to 11.30a.m.

Tuesday 24th December
Saint Paul's Church
Confessions 10.30 to 11.30a.m.

Saint Peter's Church
Confessions 11.00a.m. to 12.00noon

25th December 2019 - Christmas Masses
Saint Paul's Church
Vigil at 7.00p.m.
9.00a.m.
10.30a.m. (Children's Liturgy)
12.00noon

Saint Peter's Church
Vigil at 7.00p.m.
Vigil at 9.00p.m. (po polsku)
8.00a.m.
10.00a.m.
11.00a.m. (po polsku)
12.15p.m.

Masses from Monday 26th December to Saturday 28th December 2019
Saint Peter's Church at 9.30a.m.
Saint Paul's Church at 10.30a.m.

Normal Weekend Masses

New Rotas for all Ministers of the Word (Sunday Readers) are now available to be collected from the Sacristy at Saint Paul's Church.

Saint Paul's Parish Christmas Mass Bouquets are available from the Parish Office or the Parish Sacristy!

WEBCAM RECORDINGS IN SAINT PETER'S AND SAINT PAUL'S

Parishioners are welcome to request that the webcam stream of a family occasion such as a wedding or funeral be recorded for later viewing. There is also an option to download the recording. Please note recordings will remain public on the parish website and churchservices.tv site for as long as the family wishes. If interested, please contact the parish office with your request.

MORNING ROSARY AT SAINT PAUL'S

As and from January 2020, morning Rosary will be recited at 10.00am, before weekday Mass.

A DAY FOR LIFE AND FAITH IN IRELAND

Things to do for Our Lady on January 1st 2020
'The Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God'
1. Go to Mass.
2. Spend a Holy Hour after Mass with exposition.
3. Come along to the Holy Hour in the Adoration Chapel in Edward Street at 3:00p.m.