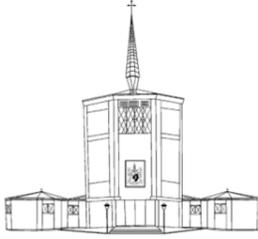


SAINT PAUL'S PARISH, SHANKILL

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.

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SUNDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2026
FIRST 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

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

Charity is not optional but a requirement of true worship. St John Chrysostom vehemently denounced excessive wealth connected with indifference for the poor.

'It is very cold and the poor man lies in rags, dying, freezing shivering, with an appearance and clothing that should move you.

You often adorn an unfeeling corpse, which no longer understands honour, with many varied and gilded garments. Yet you despise the one who feels pain, who is torn apart, tortured, tormented by hunger and cold.'

This profound sense of social justice leads him to affirm that 'not giving to the poor is stealing from them, defrauding them of their lives, because what we have belong to them.'

justice and faith
Pope Leo XIV
Dilexi Te, Love for the Poort



Trocaire boxes are available at the back of the Church.



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

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

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR 2026

God the Father Loves you personally

WEEK 1 Thursday 26th February. - 1st week of Lent

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

6.30 - 7.30pm St. Peters Parish Hall

(Beside the church)

70 North Street, Lurgan, BT67 9AH

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 generously give of your time"

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND ADULTS WHO REQUIRE PROTECTION:

Dromore Diocesan

Designated Liaison Person

Mr Stephen Sherry: 07301246329

safeguardingdirector@dromorediocese.org

Saint Paul's Parish Safeguarding Representative and Parish Sacristan.

Telephone: 07563 293429



BAPTISMS

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.

TROCAIRE CHRISTMAS GIFTS OF LOVE

Trocaire has written to thank the parishioners of St Paul's Parish for the very generous donation of £2,265. raised from the sales of Trocaire's Gifts of Change.

Trocaire continued, 'the funds raised from Our Gifts of Change Appeal will help to support all of our global programmes: Saving Lives and Protecting Dignity; Supporting Women and Girls; Climate and Environment and Promoting Access to Justice'.

Thank you and everyone in St Paul's (Lurgan) Parish once again for your local and generous support.

FEAST DAYS DURING THIS WEEK

Monday 23rd February – St Polycarp,

Bishop and Martyr – was bishop of Smyrna or Izmir in modern Turkey. Born around the year 69, he was a disciple of St John the Apostle. He was martyred in 155.

Friday 27th February – St Gregory of

Narek, abbot and doctor of the Church - Was a monk of the Armenian Church, a mystic and poet. His best known writing is Lamentations, also called simply Narek, a collection of 95 prayers, each with the title 'Conversation with God from the depth of the heart'. Pope Francis declared Gregory a doctor of the Church in 2015

Liturgical Calendar for Ireland 2026

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday 15 February 2026 £2,468.00

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

NEW PRICE FOR GRAVES

Single Plot - £350, Double Plot - £900.

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

FORMS OF FRIDAY PENANCE FOR LENT

The following are suggested as ways of fulfilling Friday Penance:

- Abstaining from meat or some other foods;
 - Abstaining from alcoholic drink or smoking;
 - Making a special effort at involvement in family prayer;
 - Making a special effort to participate in Mass on Fridays;
 - Visiting the Blessed Sacrament;
 - Making the Stations of the Cross;
 - Fasting from all food for a longer period than usual and perhaps giving what is saved to the needy;
 - Helping the poor, sick, old or lonely.
- Statement on Friday Penance issued by the Bishops' Conference 2011*



ADORATION CHAPEL EDWARD STREET

Adoration 9am to

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.moyravery.seagoe@gmail.com, or search 'discernment retreat' in Larne on eventbrite.co.uk to book a free place online.

Organised by Northern Dioceses' Vocations Directors.

THE BIG COUNTRY NIGHT

Friday 27th February in The Ashburn Hotel.

Acts include, Hugo Duncan, Boxcar Brian, Kevin Kearney, Trevor Dickson, Liz Cairns Liggett, Katie McParland, Jonny Brooks, Gene Fitzpatrick, James Rodgers, Geri Kane, Chrissy Mac, Amber Campbell, Jordan McPolin, William George, & Compere Sean Wallace.

Tickets £13 from The Ashburn Hotel/Colleens Kitchen In memory of Josie McKenna. All proceeds in Aid of the Mandeville Unit, Craigavon Area Hospital Doors open at 7.30, show starts 8.00pm

DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE

Dublin – Saturday 28th February

Bus going from the Divine Mercy Shop
William Street.

Contact Sarah to book or for further information:
077 0642 3736

LAETARE VIGIL FOR WOMEN

Saturday 14 March at Holy Family Mission, Glencomeragh, Co Waterford.

Join lay women of all ages, married and single, to unite in a day of prayer with women religious from over a dozen different orders—a unique experience not to be missed! Spaces limited:

Register now on Eventbrite.

Laetare Vigil Tickets

Saturday 14 March 2026 at 09:30.

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) 077 9631 0214 or any Committee Member

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

The Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sunday 31st May 2026.

Further information will follow regarding transport etc.

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
need names and £50 deposit before end of February.

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.



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

Carol Quinn, Donnelly Gardens

Phyllis Maguire, Edward Street

Molly Burke, Brett Park

Martin Sparkes, Wolverhampton

Roisin McGibbon, Francis Street

John Patrick (Jack) Thornbury

Ashgrove Close

Colette McConville, Glenholme Park

Michael Kelly, Garland Avenue

John O'Neill, Lurgan Road, Aghagallon

SATURDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2026 10.30AM

Audrey Moore, Annaloiste Road

Rachel and Mick Breen, Richmount Gardens

Angela Power, Killough, Co Down

SATURDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2026 7.00PM VIGIL

Colum Doyle (MM)

James Lodge Gawleys Gate

Seamus (Shay) Toman (MM)

Downshire Avenue

Kathleen Devlin, Ardmore Road

Ivan Mason, Downshire Avenue

Josephine Breen, Edward Street

SUNDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2026 9.00AM

James Doran, Clara Street

SUNDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2026 10.30AM

Kevin John Henry O'Neill, Byrnes Rampart

Liz Toman, Edward Street

Sean Leathem, Boconnell Lane

Frank & Marie McCann, Sperrin Drive/Francis Street

Rory Seeley, Collingwood Drive

Matthew Marsden, Francis Street

Philip Goodfellow, Drumlin Drive

Leo Seeley, New Street

MONDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2026 10.00AM

Peter Toal, Old Portadown Road

Joseph Bailie, Antrim Road

TUESDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2026 10.00AM

Jennie Creaney, Manor Park

Nan Bailie, Antrim Road

Paul Doyle, Downshire Avenue

Henry Doran, Killough Gardens

WEDNESDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2026 10.00AM

Margaret Haughey, Lower North Street

Marian McGeown, Hawthorne Avenue

Maura McStay (Hosty), Killough Gardens

THURSDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2026 10.00AM

Patrick Lennon, Drumlin Drive

Nora McLearnon, North Street

Joseph Lavery, Grattan Street

FRIDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2026 10.00AM

Margaret McCaffrey, Beaumont Square

SATURDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2026 10.30AM

Richard (Dick) Lavery, Filbin Crescent

Joe McCann, Beechcourt

Paula Reynolds, Monbrief Walk

Peter Gervan, Craigavon/Coalisland

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



Or visit