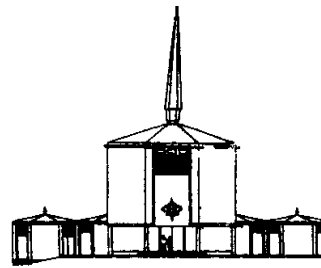


Bulletin



The Nativity of The Lord ~ 25 December 2017

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 10 am
Saturday: 10.30 am

Saturday Vigil: 7 pm

Sunday:
9 am 10.30 am 12 noon

CONFESSIONS

First Thursday of the Month:
6.15 pm – 6.50 pm

Saturday:
11 am – 11.30 am
& 6.15 pm - 6.50 pm

St. Vincent de Paul
Ozanam Centre, William Street
Opening Hours: (Shop & Office)


Monday – Friday,
10 am-1 pm :: 2 pm-4 pm

Closed, lunch, 1pm – 2 pm.
Saturday, (shop only)

10 am- 12 noon
Office: Tel: 38 325725 ext 3
Shop: Tel: 3832 5725 ext 2

St. Vincent de Paul Society
*A special thanks to all of you for your very generous donations of food and gifts for our needy families.
May God's blessing be yours this Christmas and New Year.*

Volunteers Needed
We are in need of persons to assist the Catechists (Religion teachers) with the preparation of the children at Carrick School for the Sacraments of Penance, First Communion & Confirmation.
Tel: 07726143435.

Once Upon A Time

*Inside a small stable one dark winter's night a baby was born in the glow of starlight ...
The wise men and shepherds from afar came to pray at the feet of the baby asleep in the hay ...
The sheep and the cattle stood bowing their heads, adoring this boy in the simplest of beds ...
Then doves in the rafters started softly to sing a lullaby welcoming Jesus, our King.
The priests of the parish and Rev. Kevin wish everyone a holy and happy Christmas.*

Christmas Prayer
Holy Infant Christ, born 2,000 years ago into a cold and hostile world and deprived of all simple human comforts, help us to replicate the example of Bethlehem and Nazareth in our daily lives.

If there is no room in the inn of men's hearts for you today we shall make room in our own. Whether our stations in life are simple and impoverished as the Shepherds, or resplendent as the Wise Men of Old, we will bow in adoration before your majesty. Like the Star of Bethlehem and the Heavenly Choir of Angels we will lead men to you to sing your praises.

From you who deigned to lower yourself to partake of our humanity and its miseries, enable us to partake of your Divinity that we may experience a truly spiritual Incarnation this Christmas-tide.

Masses
Holiday Season
St. Paul's Parish

Tuesday – Saturday,
26th - 31st December, **10.30 am**

Mon. 1st Jan. – Fri. 5th Jan. 10am

Parish Office Closed

*Monday, 25th December
reopen, Wednesday, 3rd January.*


New Diocesan History Journal
A special commemorative journal, marking the 40th Anniversary of the founding of the Dromore Diocesan Historical Society, has been recently produced. This very fine, 200-page, publication is on sale for the modest price of **£10** per copy.

Available from the parish offices of both St Paul's and St Peter's Parishes.

Moyraverty
Lourdes Fundraising Committee invite everyone to their *Annual St. Stephen's Day Walk* around The Lakes, **10.30 am at St. Anthony's Hall.**

Afterwards, Homemade Soup, Tea, Coffee & Pastries.

Fatima
12th July – 19th July 2018
£629, full board/en-suite, free tax, free coach transfers, Spiritual Director.
Tel: 02890 623186/07934 850000.

Christmas In Heaven

*I see countless Christmas trees around the world below, with tiny lights like heaven stars reflecting in the snow.
The sight is so spectacular please wipe away that tear for I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.
I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear, but the sounds of music can't compare with the Christmas Choir up here.
I have no words to tell you the joy their voices bring, for it is beyond description to hear the angels sing.
I know how much you miss me, I see the pain inside your heart. But I am not so far away we really aren't apart.
So be happy for me dear ones, you know I hold you dear, and be glad I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.
I send you each a special gift from my heavenly home above; I send you each a memory of my undying love.
After all, love is a gift more precious than pure Gold. It's always most important in the stories Jesus told.
Please love and keep each other, as my father said to do for I can't count the blessings or love he has for you.
So have a peaceful Christmas and wipe away that tear, remember I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.*

Dates To Remember

Confirmation 2018
St. Francis' School
Saturday, 21st April, 11.30 am

Wednesday, 9th May, 6 pm
(Bunscoil in Newry)

First Holy Communion
St. Francis' School
Saturday, 28th April, 11.30 am
(Bunscoil)

Saturday, 12th May, 11.30 am

Carrick & Kings Park
Saturday, 16th June, 11.30 am

Confirmation
& First Holy Communion
Ceara & Donard Schools
3rd March, 11.30 am

Quiz

Southern Area Hospice, Goodyear Sports & Social Club, Friday, 29th December, 8 pm
Everyone welcome.

(Marathons in 2018, contact club).


The Ozanam Men's Shed
would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who visited their exhibition and sale after Mass on Sunday, 10th December.
Total amount raised was £700 and will be used to continue the good work of supporting isolated people in the parish.

Thanks
to everyone who helped out and participated at the Aghagallon Santa Run for Southern Area Hospice.
Total amount raised: £6,706.36.

St. Francis' Primary School
Application forms for 2018-2019 available now.

Nursery: Child born between 2 July '14-1 July '15
Year 1: Child born between 2 July '13-1 July '14
Closing date: **12 noon Wednesday, 10th January '18.**

School will **reopen Mon., 8th January.**


ANNIVERSARIES
MONDAY 25 DECEMBER

Vigil
Mary Rose Heaney, North Street.

9 am
Maggie Creaney, Manor Drive, Maisie Mulholland, Mary Street.

10.30 am
Sean McParland, Richmount Gardens, Maureen O'Neill, Ailsbury Gardens.

Legion of Mary
Bookstalls & sales of religious items

The Praesidium 'Our Lady of the Snows' regrets to announce that, as from **Sunday 31st December**, the bookstalls and repositories for religious items in both St Paul's and St Peter's Parishes will close indefinitely. This is due to a shortage of members in the Praesidium to manage and sustain them at this time.

We thank both our parish communities for the support you have given to the Legion and to this important work of promoting and making available religious reading and religious items among parishioners.

We greatly regret having to make this decision, at this time, and are very glad to have been of service to you throughout the years.

Lourdes 2017

Applications are being accepted for the sick in our parish who would like to be considered for a place to travel with the Parish on our Pilgrimage with the Dromore Diocese in May 2017.

Also

Applications being accepted for nurses wishing to be considered for a place to travel with the parish on our Pilgrimage with the Dromore Diocese in May 2017.

Please apply in writing and include your address/pin/contact details to the secretary,

Rosemary McGuinness,
29 Hunters Lodge
Lough Road,
Lurgan, BT66 6NB.