

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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FEAST DAYS DURING THIS WEEK

25 December – Christmas Day

Monday 26th December - St Stephen First Martyr - Stephen was one of the first to follow the Apostles. It is believed that he was either Greek, or a Jew educated in Greek culture. What is certain is that he was greatly appreciated by the community in Jerusalem that his name appears first among the seven men chosen as deacons to assist the Apostles in their mission. A man "filled with faith and the Holy Spirit," we worked wonders and miracles. In the days following Pentecost, Stephen was hauled before the Sanhedrin, and accused by false witnesses of preaching that Jesus would "destroy this place and change the customs that Moses handed down to us."

Tuesday 27th December - St John, Apostle and evangelist John the Apostle or Saint John the Beloved was one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus according to the New Testament. Generally listed as the youngest apostle, son of Zebedee and Salome, his brother James was another of the Twelve Apostles

Wednesday 28th December - The Holy Innocents, martyrs - The Massacre of the Innocents is the incident described in the nativity narrative of the Gospel of Matthew in which Herod the Great, king of Judea, orders the execution of all male children under the age of two years in the vicinity of Bethlehem.

Thursday 29th December - St Thomas Becket, bishop and martyr - The murder of Archbishop Thomas Becket stunned the whole of Christendom. All across Europe he was acclaimed as a martyr, and in 1173 Pope Alexander III - who had never been unqualified in his support of Becket's position against the King - canonised him. Within ten years of his death 703 healing miracles had been recorded at his tomb.

Friday 30th December - the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - The Holy Family consists of the Child Jesus, the Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph. The subject became popular in art from the 1490's.

Saturday 31st December - St Sylvester 1, pope - Pope Sylvester I was the bishop of Rome from 31 January 314 until his death. He filled the see of Rome at an important era in the history of the Western Church, yet very little is known about him.

CHRISTMAS SEASON 2022/2023

Christmas Masses in Saint Paul's Church

- Christmas Eve: 6.00pm
 - Christmas Day 9.00am 10.30am and 12.00 Noon*
- *(please note this is an extra Mass on Christmas Day at 12.00 Noon in Saint Paul's to facilitate crowds)*

Christmas Masses in Saint Peter's Church

- Christmas Eve 6.00pm and 9.00pm (po polsku)
- Christmas Day: 8.00am 10.00am (po polsku) and 12.00 Noon

Christmas Masses in Moyraverty and Seagoe Parishes

Christmas Eve:

- St Anthony's, Craigavon 7.30pm
- St John's, Lylo 11.00pm
- St Patrick's, Derrymacash: 7.00pm
- St Mary's, Derrytrasna 9.00pm

Christmas Day:

- St Anthony's, Craigavon: 9.30am and 12 Noon
- St Mary's, Derrytrasna 10.00am
- St Patrick's, Derrymacash 11.00am

Holiday Mass Times

Monday 26th December 2022 to Friday 6th January 2023

- Saint Peter's at 9.30am and
- Saint Paul's at 10.30am

Feast of the Epiphany – 6th January 2023

St Paul's: Thursday 5th January at 7.00pm (Vigil Mass)
Friday 6th at 10.30am

St Peter's: Friday 6th January 2022 at 9.30am and 7.00pm

Normal Mass times will resume from Saturday 7th January 2023.

THE LORD IS MY PACE SETTER I SHALL NOT RUSH

He makes me stop for quiet intervals. He provides me with images of stillness through calmness of mind.
His guidance is peace.
Even though I have a great many things to accomplish each day, I will not fret, for His presence is here.
His timelessness, His all importance will keep me in balance.
He prepares refreshment and renewal in the midst of my activity by anointing my head with His oils of tranquility.
My cup of joyous energy overflows.
Truly harmony and effectiveness shall be the fruits of all my hours, for I shall walk in the pace of the Lord, and dwell in His House, forever! Amen!



VISIT THE CRIB

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

St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal for Families

St Vincent DePaul society sends a heartfelt thank you to all those who have contributed in any way to the requests for the Christmas Appeal for Families in need. Your response was so encouraging and supportive of our work. May God bless you all this Christmas Season.

Christian Unity Week falls each year around the middle of January. This coming year there will be a special prayer service in St. Peter's Church on Wednesday evening, 18th January at 7:30pm.

This is sponsored by the Community Outreach Group. All are welcome to attend and pray for Unity and Justice in our world.



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

Margaret Corbett, formerly Church Walk
Andria Morgan, Rampart Street
Daire McMahon, Gilpin's Mews
Odhran O'Neill, Forest Glade
Natalie McNally, Silverwood Green
Veronica Vance (née Cooney), Victoria Street
Brian Lenehan, Lough Road

MONTHS MINDS AND ANNIVERSARIES

SATURDAY 24 DECEMBER CHRISTMAS EVE

(VIGIL MASS 6.00pm)

Elizabeth May, Francis Street
Joseph and Mary Rose Heaney, North Street
The McConaghy Family
The McCaherty, Family
The Rogers Family, Belfast
The Feenan Family, Belfast

SUNDAY 25 DECEMBER 9.00AM MASS

CHRISTMAS MORNING

Maggie Creaney, Manor Drive

SUNDAY 25 DECEMBER 10.30AM MASS

CHRISTMAS MORNING

Maureen O'Neill, Ailsbury Gardens
Patrick McDonald
McParland Family, Ballinry
Sean McParland, Richmount Gardens
The Haddock Family, Kilwilkie
Sheila Doyle (née Lavery), formerly Silverwood

MONDAY 26 DECEMBER 10.30AM

Canon Cathal Jordan, Derrymacash
Lily Hatchell, Wheatfield Drive
Lilian Burns, Wellington Street
Olive Wilson, Wesley Place
Joe Burns, Arthur Street

TUESDAY 27 DECEMBER 10.30AM

Richard Hamilton, Meadowbrook
Sarah (Sadie) Doran, Taghnevan Close

WEDNESDAY 28 DECEMBER 10.30AM

May Seeley, Beechcourt

THURSDAY 29 DECEMBER 10.30AM

Maureen Martin (MM), Old Kilmore Road
Lily McCann, Glenholme Avenue
Johnny Hoyer
Mary McCrory, Shankill Street
Sally Dempsey, The Grange
Greta Brady, Edward Street
Henry Magee, Edward Street
Maureen Leatham, Silverwood Drive
Pat Coleman, Lough Road
Maureen Brennan, Ballynamoney Park, Derrymacash
Sean Haughian, Derrytrasna

FRIDAY 30 DECEMBER 10.30AM

Ethna McCorry, Thornleigh
Ronald Wilson, Beechcourt
Gary Lavery, Manchester/Antrim Road

SATURDAY 31 DECEMBER 10.30AM

Vincent McGibbon (Senior), Monbrief Walk
Lily McAvoy, Castle Lane
Michael Laurence Wilson, Lurgan/Strabane
Stanley Furphy, Cherrytree Walk

SATURDAY 31 DECEMBER

NEW YEAR'S EVE 7.00PM (VIGIL MASS)

Alice McCorry, Edward Street
Pearse Kearney, Glenholme Park
Cynthia O'Callaghan (née McCaughely)
Dundalk/Silverwood

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD!

SUNDAY 25 DECEMBER 2022

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



ST PAUL'S PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday

Vigil 7:00pm (Saturday)
9:00am and 10:30am.

Weekdays

Monday to Friday: 10:30am
Saturday 10.30am

Saint Paul's Parish Office

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Requests for Anniversaries/Month's Mind

Notices should be left into the Parish Office on or before 12 noon each Wednesday if they are to be included in the Bulletin.

THE PARISH OFFICE Will close on Friday 23rd December at 12 Noon for the Christmas and New Year holidays and re-open on Wednesday 4th January 2023 at 9.00am.



ST PETER'S PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday

Vigil 6:00pm (Saturday)
8:00am, 10:00am (po polsku)
and 12 Noon

Weekdays

Monday to Saturday: 9:30am

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A very sincere thank you to all our wonderful volunteers here at St Paul's

Your help and assistance throughout this year has been invaluable and we wouldn't have been able to keep going without you.

God Bless You All!

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 to the Magi 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.

Thank you from Aghagallon Fun Run

Thank you to everyone who support the Aghagallon Santa Fun Run which raised £6,052 for Southern Area Hospice.

Thank you for your generosity.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 18 December 2022 - £1,645.75

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