

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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SUNDAY 26 DECEMBER 2021
THE FEAST OF THE HOLY
FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY
AND JOSEPH



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: office@stpaulsparishlurgan.org

Office Hours

Monday to Friday 9.00am to 12.30pm

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.



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: 7:00pm
Friday: 7.00pm
Saturday 9.30am

Saint Peter's Parish Office

Parish Secretary

(028) 3832 3161

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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**

24-HOUR NUMBER FOR ALL

SICK CALLS AND

EMERGENCIES

TEL: (028) 3832 3161

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

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND

ADULTS WHO REQUIRE PROTECTION:

Dromore Diocesan

Designated Liaison Person

Mrs Patricia Carville. Tel. 077 8991 7741

Saint Paul's Parish Safeguarding
Representative and Parish Sacristan.
Telephone: 07563 293429

MASSES DURING WEEK

BEGINNING MONDAY 27

DECEMBER 2021

St Peter's
Monday 27 Dec
to Wednesday
5th January 2022
Weekday
Masses will be at
9.30am

St Paul's
Monday 27 Dec
to Wednesday
5 January 2022
Weekday
Masses will be at
10.30am



BAPTISMS

With great joy and thanksgiving we welcome the following children into our parish community who were baptized during the past week:

Dáire Philip Fox:
Bóinn Liam Bailie
Oliver Hewitt
Rossa John Doyle

All parents wishing to have a child baptised 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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday 5 December 2021 £1,298.96

Sunday 12 December 2021 £1,404.23

Sunday 19 December 2021 £1,440.05

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

ADORATION CHAPEL

Edward Street

Private Prayer only

9.00am – 7.00pm



PARISH OFFICE

Will close on Friday 24th December @
12 Noon for the Christmas & New
Year holidays and re-open on
Tuesday 4th January at 9am

Please find below a statement from the Northern Bishops regarding the recent NI Assembly vote on the Severe Foetal Impairment Abortion (Amendment Bill) NI

It is a matter of grave concern for all those who uphold the preciousness and dignity of every human life that the current legal framework in Northern Ireland permits abortion, to the point of birth, where an unborn child is found to be suffering from a serious but non-life-threatening disability. The nature of such a disability is not defined in our legislation but will include conditions such as Down's Syndrome. The effect of similar legislation in other parts of the world, especially in Scandinavia, has been to screen out of existence an entire sector of humanity.

The Severe Foetal Impairment Abortion (Amendment) Bill, recently voted on in our Assembly, was a measured and reasonable attempt to address this injustice and remove from the current abortion regulations discrimination against unborn children with non-fatal disabilities. Its defeat in the Northern Ireland Assembly represents a profound and fundamental failure to respect the equality of all persons, born and unborn, in our society.

As a consequence, the Abortion Law in Northern Ireland will send a message to all citizens that unborn disabled babies are less valued than those who are able-bodied. This is the opposite of a commitment to equality, professed by so many who supported, directly or indirectly, the progress of this unjust legislation.

To dispose of unborn human beings on the grounds that they are disabled is morally abhorrent and indefensible in a civilised society. Laws that discriminate unjustly against persons with disabilities at any time, including the time they spend in their mother's womb, are completely unacceptable.

Discrimination in this context is not limited to the unborn child with a disability. Those parents who choose to continue with the pregnancy could also face the prospect of being discriminated against when it comes to accessing medical care, education and financial support for their child. Therefore, every effort must be made to ensure that children with disabilities and their families are treated justly with regard to the allocation of resources and funding. It is the least they can expect in a society which claims to value respect and compassion in the treatment of all its citizens.

We have consistently called for the equal right to life and compassionate care for a mother and her unborn child. The genuine difficulties experienced by some women in pregnancy are not addressed by ignoring the existence of the other life, or by supporting the fiction that abortion is exclusively a 'health care issue' or solely a matter of individual choice. The right to life and the equal dignity of every person is the concern of every person and the whole of society, not just the individual concerned.

As we approach the celebration of the birth of the child Jesus, a birth which brings the hope of peace rooted in dignity to the whole world, we call on all Christians and citizens who believe in the equal rights of all, to redouble their efforts to defend the most vulnerable in our society from this unjust legislation. As we look to a new year in which we will all have the opportunity to elect those responsible for our legislative values and framework, we shall all need to reflect carefully on the central importance of these fundamental human values in the decisions we make.

21st December 2021

I hope you are managing to prepare for the Christmas weekend despite all the uncertainty and pressures over Covid-19.

At a recent meeting with the Chief Medical Advisor (NI) and Chief Scientific Advisor (NI), representatives from the Churches in Northern Ireland were able to discuss the current coronavirus challenges. I want to share with you a number of important points that emerged from the meeting.

The CMO and CSA made it clear that the risk of transmission from the Omicron variant of Covid-19 is substantially higher than that of the Delta variant and therefore so also is the risk of contagion in any small, medium or large gathering. The Health authorities are anxious to avoid a build-up of patients in our hospital system over the next two months. They mentioned that the rate of infection is expected to peak at Christmas time and last for around two months, after which time, it is hoped that with the booster programme, it should decline.

Specifically in relation to Churches over this period they appeal to all Churches and faith communities:

- To responsibly assess the risk of every activity you plan to undertake.
- To maximise the use of all established mitigations, notably **VENTILATION, SOCIAL DISTANCING and WEARING OF MASKS**
- To minimise all activities which bring people together and which are not essential to the integrity of our worship and faith celebration of the Christmas season.

With every blessing for the coming days.

Eamon Martin, Archbishop of Armagh



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

Eileen McCarron, Francis Street

Aidan Courtney, Cottage Walk

Very Rev Canon Gerard (Gerry) McCrory,

Castor Bay Road former PP, Ballynahinch

Gerard McKeown, Armagh/formerly Silverwood

MONTHS MINDS AND ANNIVERSARIES

SUNDAY 26 DECEMBER 9.00AM MASS

Canon Cathal Jordan, Derrymacash

Patrick Cunningham, Crossmaglen

SUNDAY 26 DECEMBER 10.30AM MASS

Josie Cooney, (MM) (née Haddock),

Richmount Gardens

Lily Hatchell, Wheatfield Drive

Margaret Martin, Filbin Crescent

Lillian Burns, Wellington Street

Olive Wilson, Lurgan

Joe Burns, Arthur Street

Richard Hamilton, Meadowbrook

May Seeley, Beechcourt

MONDAY 27 DECEMBER (10.30am)

Ray Haughey (MM), Francis Street

Sarah (Sadie) Doran, Taghnevan Close

TUESDAY 28 DECEMBER

No Anniversaries

WEDNESDAY 29 DECEMBER

Johnny Hoyer, Manor Park

Lily McCann, Glenholme Avenue

Greta Brady, Edward Street

Maureen Leatham, Silverwood Drive

Mary McCrory, Shankill Street

Sean Haughian, Derrytrasna

Pat Coleman, Lough Road

THURSDAY 30 DECEMBER

Ethna McCorry, Thornleigh

Roland Wilson, Beechcourt

James Cullen, Kernan Grove

Pearse Kearney, Glenholme Park

FRIDAY 31 DECEMBER

Vincent McGibbon (Senior)

Cynthia O'Callaghan (née McCaughley),

Dundalk/Silverwood

Stanley Furphy, Cherrytree Walk

Lily McAvoy formerly Castle Lane

Aidan Barry, Richmount Garden

SATURDAY 1 JANUARY 2022 10.30am

William Black, Portadown

Imelda McAlinden, Derryadd

Lelia Brady, Beechcourt

Hugh and Annie McEvoy, Ballydougan

Mary Hill, Altmore, Craigavon

Lelia Finnegan, Conon Park

Austin McAreavey, Victoria Street

SATURDAY 1 JANUARY 2022 7.00PM VIGIL MASS

Roy McCafferty (MM) Dingwell Park

Alice McCorry, Edward Street

Tommy Dummigan, Sloan Street

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO 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!

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 and Deacon of the Parish wish everyone a Holy and happy Christmas.