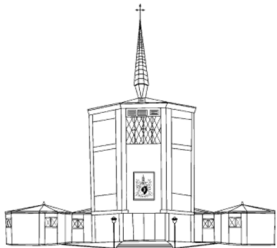


SAINT PAUL'S PARISH, SHANKILL

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.



SUNDAY 27th AUGUST 2023
21st SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

OUR PARISH CLERGY
Canon Liam Stevenson, PP VF
 Telephone: (028) 38323161
Fr Jozef Wozniak, S.Chr
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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

THE ST PAUL'S FAMILY MASS

will resume on Sunday 17 September 2023 at 10.30am Mass.

The Children's Liturgy Group will be calling on the children to participate in this Mass by doing the readings or the prayers of the faithful and taking part in the offertory procession.

If your child who would like to take part, please contact: Ita on 07823 473027.

ST. PAUL'S JUNIOR CHOIR AT 10.30AM FAMILY MASS

The Junior Choir will return on Sunday 17th September and we are now recruiting new members! Do you love to sing, learn new skills and make new friends? Then joining the choir may be for you.

There is no audition to join and we are open to everyone aged 8 - 18 years old (Primary 4 - Year 14). No experience is required, just a love of singing and willingness to learn new hymns and music as part of the team. If you are interested and would like more information, please get in touch! Rehearsals will begin in early September. Contact Pat McAlinden - Choir Director



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

Patrick (Patsy) McConville, Lake Street
Desmond McNally, Collingwood Drive
Bernadette O'Hagan (Nee Heaney), Elmwood Terrace
John Wright, Ashtree Cottages, Newry
Patsy Headley, Manor Park
Mary Breen, formerly Taghnevan Drive
MONTHS MINDS AND ANNIVERSARIES

SATURDAY 26 AUGUST 7.00PM VIGIL MASS

Kathleen Haughey, Francis Street
 Elizabeth Leathem, Boconnell Lane
 Sammy McKey, New Street

SUNDAY 27 AUGUST 9.00AM

Danny Harte, Woodville Elms
 Sheila Butler, Ashwood

SUNDAY 27 AUGUST 10.30AM MASS

Anita Kennedy (née Headley), Templepatrick/Elmwood Terrace

MONDAY 28 AUGUST 10.00AM

Annette Williamson, Church Walk
 Thomas Joseph Stevenson
 Elizabeth (Peggy) Gillespie, New Street
 Mary Devlin, Ann Street
 Raymond McCrory, Beechcourt
 Peter and Catherine McCrory, Victoria Street
 Margaret Johnston, Victoria Street
 Attracta Burns, Ashwood
 Finbarr Dummigan, Albert Avenue

TUESDAY 29 AUGUST 10.00AM

Phelim Magee (MM), Beechcourt
 Rose McCann, Silverwood Drive
 Sean McCann, Craigavon
 Father Jim Kerr, North Street
 Nuala Farren, Beechcourt
 Mickey (Michael) Duffy, Ballynamoney

WEDNESDAY 30 AUGUST 10.00AM

No Anniversaries

THURSDAY 31 AUGUST 10.00AM

No Anniversaries

FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 10.00AM

Ben Haughian, Mansefield
 Robert (Robbie) Williams, Lough Road
 Marie Green, Hawthorne Avenue
 John McConville, Venna Lane Ballinry Road North
 Rosaleen Cassidy, Monbrief Walk
 Terence (Terry) McMahon, Gilpin's Manor

SATURDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 10.30AM

Pat McStravick, Cherrytree Walk

SATURDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 7.00pm VIGIL MASS

Maureen Derby, Taghnevan
 Geraldine McKenna, Knockramer Meadows

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM. AND MAY THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED, THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD, REST IN PEACE.

Pray for all the children returning to school this coming week and congratulations to all the young adults who received their GCSE and A level results. We wish them all well for the coming year.

Prayer is the key that opens the door in the morning and again at night. No weapon formed against you shall prosper in the Name of Jesus! He is our protector our strong standing tower and He is on watch while we rest.

THE SEASON OF CREATION

has a special significance for the Catholic Church, particularly since Pope Francis established 1 September as an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. The Season of Creation is marked throughout the Christian world from 1 September to 4 October (Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi) and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment.

This year's theme is *"Let Justice and Peace Flow"* taking inspiration from the Prophet Amos who declares: *"Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!"* (Amos 5: 24).

And so we are called to join the river of justice and peace, to take up climate and ecological justice, and to speak out with and for communities most impacted by climate injustice and the loss of biodiversity. As the people of God, we must work together on behalf of all Creation, as part of that mighty river of peace and justice.

OUR SUMMER GARDEN HERE AT ST PAUL'S



Grateful thanks to Eugene for supplying the beautiful flowers and keeping our garden so tidy. Just looking at the garden has kept all our spirits up during this summer.

GAELIC LEAGUE COLLECTION

The Gaelic League will be holding their annual church gate collection after all masses on the weekend of 9/10th September. We will donate a percentage of this collection to the Kevin Bell repatriation fund.

A representative from this group will give a lecture on the good work that the Kevin Bell repatriation fund does in the Gaelic League premises on Thursday 28th September at 7.30pm.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Studies show that even natural colours like greens, blues and browns allow us to be more restful and less stressed. The older parts of our brain are more at home in a natural environment. The green of fields, meadows and forest canopies also remind the brain of an abundant food supply. Where there is green there is food, security and order. Albert Einstein put it thus, *'The most important decision we make is whether we believe in a friendly or hostile universe.* When we walk through the forest the lush green shadows on the forest floor are supermarket shelves to more archaic systems that sate, reassure and sooth.

Tom Gunning

Nature's Way - A Guide to Green Therapy (Beehive Books)

BAPTISMS

All parents wishing to have a child baptized 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.

CHOOSING GODPARENTS

Congratulations to all the parents of newborn children in our parish. With your baby's best interests at heart, the Church asks you when considering sponsors for your child's baptism to choose a godfather and godmother (one male, one female) who are at least 16 years old and who lead a life of faith. One of the sponsors (called a 'witness') may be a baptised Christian from another church. We look forward to welcoming you.

ADORATION CHAPEL EDWARD STREET

Adoration
 9.00am to 9.00pm
 each day



GUIDED TOURS OF NEWRY CATHEDRAL

We are pleased to announce that we will once again offer guided tours of the Cathedral on the following dates:

Wednesday 30th August 7pm

Each tour will take approximately 90 minutes.

Please meet at the main door of the Cathedral. You will hear the story of the building of the Cathedral, 1825-1829, and of the later extensions. The history of its stained glass, marble altars, sculptures and magnificent mosaics will also be explained.

There is no charge for these tours.

MOBILE PHONES

Please ensure all mobile phones are switched off during Mass. Thank you for your co-operation.

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

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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

FEAST DAYS DURING THIS WEEK

Monday 28 August - St Augustine, bishop and doctor of the Church 354-430 Bishop of Hippo where he loved with a community until his death. His theological influence has been most significant in the Church, especially on the understanding of God's grace. Patron of theologians.

Tuesday 29 August - The Passion of St John the Baptist - found worthy of a martyr's death, his last and greatest act of witness to Christ. Saint of astronomers and natural scientists.

Wednesday 30 August - St Fiacre, monk - was an Irishman who went abroad to seek a hermitage. He passed through Normandy and eventually met Faro, who was a great patron of Irish pilgrims at Meaux. Fiacre was given a hermitage near Breuil and stayed there until his death in 634.

Thursday 31 August - St Aidan of Lindisfarne, Bishop - was of Irish descent and was a monk of Iona. When Oswald, the exiled King of Northumbria who had fled for refuge to Iona, returned to his throne in 634, he invited Aidan to come to reconvert his people. Aidan made his headquarters at Lindisfarne.

Friday 1 September - World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.

Saturday 2 September - Blessed Virgin Mary

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

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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 of the week before if they are to be included in the Bulletin.

MESSAGE OF THANKS FROM HOLY ROSARY SISTERS

Many thanks for welcoming me to the parishes of St Peter and St Paul.

I am writing one heartfelt thank you to both parishes for their welcome and generous response to the appeal.

The total amounts received were:

St Paul's Parish: £1,646.90 and €100.
 St Peter's Parish £1,657.66 and €115.

We are most grateful for the support received from the parishioners of both parishes.

With every good wish to you and the people of St Paul's Parish and St Peter's Parish.
 Mary Gallagher, Holy Rosary Sisters

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 20th August 2023 - £1,968.18

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

FOOD BANK

The door to the parish office area will be open daily from 9am until 12 Noon Monday to Friday for non-perishable food and essential non-food items such as toiletries and hygiene products to be dropped off.