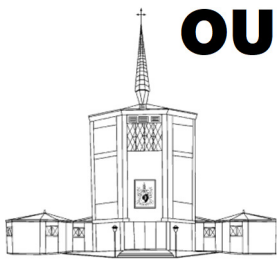


SAINT PAUL'S PARISH, SHANKILL

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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24-HOUR NUMBER FOR ALL SICK CALLS AND EMERGENCIES

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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 give your time"

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND ADULTS WHO REQUIRE PROTECTION: Dromore Diocesan Designated Liaison Person
Mr Stephen Sherry: 07301246329
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Saint Paul's Parish Safeguarding Representative and Parish Sacristan.
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THE YEAR AHEAD

May God make our new year a happy one!
Not by shielding us from all sorrows and pain,
But strengthening us to bear it, as it comes;
Not by making our path easy,
But by making us sturdy to travel any path;
Not by taking hardships from us,
But by taking fear from our heart
Not by granting us unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping our face bright, even in the shadows;
Not by making our life always pleasant,
But by showing us when people and their causes need us most
And by making us anxious to be there to help.
God's love, peace, hope and joy to us for the year ahead.
Author unknown, Adapted by Debra Mooney

HOLIDAY MASS TIMES

FRIDAY 26TH DECEMBER 2025 – TO SATURDAY 3RD JANUARY 2026
St Peter's 9.30am & St Paul's 10.30am

MASS OF THANKSGIVING
Archbishop Eamon Martin welcomes parishioners to join him in a Mass of Thanksgiving to close the Jubilee Year on Sunday 4th January 2026 at 5.30 pm in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, or at 12 noon in the Cathedral of St Patrick and St Colman, Newry.

LURGAN LOURDES COMMITTEE
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) 07796310214
Or any Committee Member



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

Gerald Gilmore, Drumbeg, Craigavon
Peter Power, Drumlin Drive
Inga Benaityte, Woodville Street

SATURDAY 27 DECEMBER 10.30AM

Richard Hamilton, Meadowbrook
Peter McCann, Cafolla Gardens
Peter, John and John (Senior) McCaherty Lisburn

SATURDAY 27 DECEMBER 7.00PM VIGIL

No Anniversaries

SUNDAY 28 DECEMBER 9.00AM

No Anniversaries

SUNDAY 28 DECEMBER 10.30AM

Eileen Kerr (MM), Francis Street
Sinead Heaney, Cypress Gardens
May Seeley, Beechcourt
Stanley Furphy, Cherrytree Walk

MONDAY 29 DECEMBER 10.30AM

Lily McCann, Glenholme Avenue
Henry Magee, Edward Street
Mary McCrory, Shankill Street
Greta Brady, Edward Street
Maureen Leatham, Silverwood Drive
John Hoyer, Manor Drive
James (Jim) McCluskey, Taghnevan Close
Michael Locke, Garland Heights
Pat Coleman, Lough Road

TUESDAY 30 DECEMBER 10.30AM

Roland Wilson, Beechcourt
John McKendry, Innisfail Walk
Ethna McCorry, Thornleigh
Pearse Kearney, Glenholme Park

WEDNESDAY 31 DECEMBER 10.30AM

Lily McAvoy, Castle Lane

THURSDAY 1 JANUARY 2026 10.30AM

Conor McGeough, Collingwood
Eddie Hand, Wellington Street
William Black, Portadown
Lelia Brady, Beechcourt

FRIDAY 2 JANUARY 2026 10.30AM

Kieran Crosssey, Derrymacash
Kevin McAlinden, Oakfield Terrace

SATURDAY 3 JANUARY 2026 10.30AM

Alice McCorry, Edward Street
Joan McCann, Ulster Street
Annie Teresa McKenna, Edward Street
Edith Marsden, Francis Street

SATURDAY 3 JANUARY 2026 7.00PM VIGIL

Patrick Thornbury (MM), Ashdene Park
Rose Ann and James McKerr, Grattan Street
Angela Lavery, Killough Gardens

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD!

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!

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

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Office Hours

Monday to Friday 9.00am to 12.30pm

Requests for Anniversaries/Month's Mind

PLEASE HAVE ANNIVERSARIES IN THE PARISH OFFICE BY 12 NOON if EACH WEDNESDAY of the week BEFORE if you want them 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: and Friday 7:00pm
Saturday 9.30am

Saint Peter's Parish Office

BAPTISMS

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

DEFIBRILLATOR



The Defibrillator is housed inside the yellow box and is located at the bottom of the ramp adjacent to the Parish Office.

Dial 999 to access the Code to open the defibrillator box.

The defibrillator was purchased with donations from

- Lurgan Credit Union
- Knights of Columbanus
- St Vincent DePaul

to whom we are extremely grateful for their generosity to our Parish.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Your children are the greatest gift God will give to you, and their souls the heaviest responsibility He will place in your hands. Take time with them, teach them to have faith in God. Be a person in whom they can have faith.

When you are old, nothing else you've done will have mattered as much.

Lisa Wingate

Let us make one point, that we meet each other with a smile, when it is difficult to smile. Smile at each other, make time for each other in your family.

Mother Teresa

Happiness is having a large, loving, caring, close-knit family in another city

George Burns

HAPPY NEW YEAR



TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS

Heartfelt thanks from Fr Colum Murphy, PP, Fr Jozef Wozniak, Fr Colum Wright, Fr Kingsley and Deacons Rev Kevin Devine and Rev Pearse Thornbury to you, our benevolent parishioners who have, supported us throughout 2025, not least during this Yuletide with your generous Christmas envelopes, cards, gifts and prayers.

Your kindness and generosity is very much appreciated. The holy sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions. Deacons Kevin and Pearse and the priests take this opportunity to wish all our parishioners God's blessing for a peaceful, prosperous and Happy New Year. Athbhliain faoi mhaise oraibh go léir.

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



Or visit <https://donate.mydona.com/st-pauls-parish-lurgan>

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Would like to thank all who contributed so generously to the Annual Christmas Appeal.

To date the following was received:

Churches: £10,989
Organizations: £5,000
Individuals: £5,050

Total: £21,039

May God bless you all

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.

NEW YEAR PRAYER

Loving God, as this new year begins, I pray that you'll be with me. I don't know what lies ahead, but I know that your Son who brought light into the world can guide my steps. I pray that you'll bless my family and friends, being with them in their difficult times and the happy moments this year. Remind them that they can look to you for guidance and strength Amen.



ADORATION CHAPEL
EDWARD STREET
Adoration 9am to 9pm

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday 21 December 2025 £

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