

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

Monday 29th January 2024 - David, fleeing from his son Absalom, is merciful to Shimei, who curses him. Jesus shows God's mercy to the prosed man who accosts him.

Tuesday 30th January - St Aidan, Bishop was born around 550 probably in Co Cavan. Aidan studied under David in Wales and on his return he founded a monastery at Ferns. He became bishop there and was renowned for his generosity and kindness He died in 626 and his life testifies to his popularity both in Cavan and Ferns.

Wednesday 31st January - St John Bosco, Priest - Born in Piedmont 1815-88, founded the Salesians to educate boys for life. He also became involved in publishing catechetical material for youth. He is a patron saint of youth and of Catholic publishers.

Thursday 1st February - St Brigid, Abbess, Secondary Patron of Ireland - Born in 454 she was renowned for her hospitality, almsgiving and care of the sick. When she was young her father wished to make a very suitable marriage for her but she insisted on consecrating her virginity to God. The St Brigid's Cross, in legend used by Brigid to explain the Christian faith, remains a popular sign of God's protection.

Friday 2nd February - The Presentation of the Lord - this feast is a remembrance of the Lord and Mary, mother of the Lord. With candles in their hands, the people go out to meet the Lord and to acclaim him like Simeon, who recognized Christ as 'a light to reveal God to the nations'.

Saturday 3rd February - St Blaise, Bishop and Martyr and St Ansgar, Bishop: St Blaise died 315, bishop of Sebaste, martyred in Armenia. Tradition states that he was a physician before becoming a bishop. Since the eight century he has been venerated as patron of those who suffer from disease of the throat.

Saturday 4th February - St Ansgar, a Frenchman who became Archbishop of Hamburg in the ninth century and preached the gospel in Denmark and Sweden. Apostle of Scandinavia, Patron of Denmark.

Saturday 4th February - Blessed Virgin Mary. Jesus took pity on the crowd for they were like sheep without a shepherd. May the good shepherd make us always read to do God's will in every kind of good action.

THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2024

Applications for Assisted Pilgrims wishing to travel on the Dromore Diocese Lourdes Pilgrimage 17th - 22nd May 2024 are now being considered.
 Pilgrim Fare £795 - Single Room supplement £200.

Please apply in writing or phone to:
 The Secretary Lurgan Lourdes Committee
 Rosemary McGuinness
 29 Hunters Lodge
 LURGAN BT66 6NB
 or Phone: 07796 310214

DOUBLE THE LOVE FOR MARY'S MEALS THIS WINTER!

From 22 November 2023 to 31 January 2024, donations made to Mary's Meals will be doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £1.1 million. This means your kindness will go even further at this critical time. In a world devastated by conflict, food insecurity and the cost of living crisis, bringing new hope to desperately hungry children with our life-changing school meals has never been more important.

It costs just £19.15 to feed a child with Mary's Meals every day for a school year. And this winter, a donation of £19.15 will feed two children.

Thank you for helping us to reach more than 2.4 million children around the world with Mary's Meals every school day, so that they can achieve their ambitions and look towards a brighter future.

Together, through Double The Love, we can transform the lives of many more desperately hungry children waiting for Mary's Meals.

DONATE NOW <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/campaigns/double-the-love>

WEDNESDAY 31 JANUARY - FEAST OF ST JOHN BOSCO

PATRON SAINT OF YOUTH - friend of the young, teacher in the ways of God, your dedication to empowering the needy inspires us still. Help me to work for a better world, where the young are given the chance to flourish, where the poor's dream for justice can come true, and where God's compassion is shown to be real. Intercede for me as I bring my needs to you and to our heavenly Mother, the Help of Christians. St John Bosco pray for us!

THURSDAY 1ST FEBRUARY - FEAST OF SAINT BRIGID PATRON OF IRELAND

The name Brigid means 'The exalted one.' She is known as Mary of the Gael.. One significant virtue about Brigid which outshone others was her generosity. When it came to the poor, she said, 'if I had the power to give away the whole of Leinster, I would willingly give it to God's poor.'

The Knights of St Columbanus will be distributing St Brigid's crosses at the morning Mass on that day and the following weekend Masses.

FRIDAY 2ND FEBRUARY - THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - (CANDLEMAS DAY)

Anyone wishing to have candles blessed for use in the home please leave in the Sacristy.

SATURDAY 3RD FEBRUARY - FEAST OF ST BLAISE

Since the eight century St Blaise has been venerated as patron of those who suffer from disease of the throat. Throats will be blessed at the 10.30am Mass.

Nelson Mandela used the following reflection in his inaugural speech in 1994. As we all know Mandela was a self-educated prisoner of conscience who was to become South Africa's port in the storm. Let these words of beauty arouse great confidence within us.

'Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate.
 Our deepest fear
 Is that we are powerful beyond measure.
 It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us.
 We ask ourselves, Who am I to be brilliant,
 Gorgeous, talented and fabulous?
 Actually, who are you not to be?
 You are a child of God
 Your playing small doesn't serve the world.
 There is nothing enlightened about shrinking
 So that other people won't feel insecure around you.
 We were born to manifest The glory of God within us.
 It is not just in some of us, it's in everyone.
 And, as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people
 Permission to do the same.
 As we are liberated from our own fear,
 Our presence automatically liberates others.'



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

Bernard (Bertie) McDonald
Brown Street/Thornleigh
Rosaline Smyth (née Menary), Rowan Park
Andy Hyndman, Conor Park
Joseph (Joe) France, Oakleigh Heights
Marie McCluskey, Springwell Gardens

SATURDAY 27 JANUARY 7.00pm (VIGIL MASS)

Connor Cassidy (MM), Francis Street
Peter Loughran (MM), Rampart Street
 Sharon Loughran, Shankill Street
 John Gaskin, Church Walk
 Pauline Mullaly, Taghnevan
 Margaret Sweeney (née Gilmore), Prospect Way
 Brian McMahon, Richmount Gardens
 Margaret McKerr, Monbrief Walk
 Jim Long, formerly Killough Gardens

SUNDAY 28 JANUARY 2023 9.00AM MASS

Alice McCorry, Francis Street

SUNDAY 28 JANUARY 10.30AM MASS

Harry and Josie McGarry, Manor Park
 Maureen McConville, Lough Road
 Donald Kearney, Downshire Avenue

MONDAY 29 JANUARY 10.00AM

Oliver Burns, Grattan Street
 Mary Elizabeth Coleman, Waring Street

TUESDAY 30 JANUARY 10.00AM

Paul Moran, Lisburn
 Eamon McAvoy (Junior), England
 Liam Magill, Mary Street
 Michael Breen, Loughview Terrace, Derrytrasna

WEDNESDAY 31 JANUARY 10.00AM

Pauline O'Brien, Rectory Road
 Myrna McLduff, Bailiffs Lane, Derrytrasna

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William McCrory, Shankill Street
 Bobby May, Silverwood Drive
 Michelle McNally, Albert Street Terrace

THURSDAY 1 FEBRUARY 10.00AM

Pat Smyth, Brown Street
 Seamus Leatham, Portadown Road
 Susan McDonald, Manor Park

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Arthur Creaney, Silverwood Drive
 Michael Magee, Ashwood

FRIDAY 2 FEBRUARY 10.00AM

Alison Doyle, Kilwilke
 William Corey, Ashdene Park

SATURDAY 3 FEBRUARY 10.30AM

Rosaleen Magennis, Manor Park
 Alice News, Woodville Avenue
 Vera and Arthur McAlinden, Shankill Street

SATURDAY 3 FEBRUARY 10.30AM

John Murphy, Tannaghmore West
 John Conway, Silverwood
 John and May Campbell, Bleary

SATURDAY 3 FEBRUARY 10.30AM

Geraldine McCarron, Richmount Gardens

SATURDAY 3 FEBRUARY 7.00PM (VIGIL MASS)

Donald Kerr (Junior), Drumlin Drive
 Clara and Eddie McCann, Edward Street

SATURDAY 3 FEBRUARY 7.00PM (VIGIL MASS)

Teresa Conway, Cafolla Gardens
 Elizabeth Magee, Cafolla Gardens
 Patricia McShane, Glenholme Park
 Rowan Lavery, Donegal/Antrim Road

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

There is a winter in all of our lives, a chill and darkness that makes us yearn for days that have gone or put our hope in the days yet to be.
 We need a winter in our lives, like nature around us, a time of rest, a time to stand still, a time to reacquaint ourselves with the faith in which we live.
 It is only then that we can draw strength from the one in whom we are rooted take time to grown and rise through the darkness into the warm glow of your springtime. Amen.

SUNDAY 28 JANUARY 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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
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stpaulsparishlurgan@dromorediocese.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.

FOOD BANK

Thank you for your continued support and generosity for the local foodbank.

The door to the parish office area will be open daily from 9am until 12 Noon Monday to Friday for all donations to be dropped off.

Thank You!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 21 January 2024 £2,111.43

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



ADORATION CHAPEL

Edward Street
 Adoration:
 9am - 7pm

IRISH MASS

The next Irish Mass will be held in the Adoration Chapel, Edward Street at 8.00pm on Tuesday 30th January.



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

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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

ST PAUL'S PASTORAL COUNCIL

will meet on Monday evening 29th January.

Parishioners who would like to have an issue raised and discussed are asked to submit their topic/question (along with name and address) to the sacristy by Monday at 12 Noon.

SVdP ANNUAL PENSIONERS' DINNER DANCE

will be on Wednesday 7th February at 7pm in The Stables Restaurant.
 Music by Black Gold.
 The tickets will be distributed from the Ozanam Centre on Wednesday, 31st January at 11am.

ANAM CARA ARMAGH, the organisation

that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 31st January at 7:15pm in The Armagh City Hotel, Friary Road, Armagh. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. We also offer an online support service.

Contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 028 952 13120 for any queries.