SAINT PAUL'S PARISH, SHANKILL



SUNDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2021

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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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.

The minimum Diocesan contribution is £10.00.

HOLY WATER NOVEMBER 2021 **'LOVED ONES REMEMBERED'**

The Knights of Columbanus will be distributing Holy Water during November We encourage you to make the most of it by blessing your home with it and filling your holy water font at your entrance so you can bless yourself when leaving and returning home.

I WEAR MY MASK IN PUBLIC FOR 3 REASONS

1. HUMILITY: I don't know if I have Covid as it is clear that people can spread the disease before they have symptoms.

2. KINDNESS: I don't know if the person I am near has a child battling cancer, or cares for their elderly mum. While I might be fine, they might not be.

3. COMMUNITY: I want my community to thrive, businesses to stay open, employees to stay healthy, keeping a lid on Covid helps us all.

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: Eucharist Service 7.00pm Saturday 9.30am

Saint Peter's Parish Office Parish Secretary (028) 3832 3161

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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. Vincent de Paul

Annual Christmas

Appeal



This year the Annual Christmas Appeal is on Saturday/Sunday, 11 and 12 December A member of the Society will speak at all the

Masses that weekend. We will also begin our appeal for help with food, gifts and toys for distribution to families in need

for Christmas. This will begin on the weekend of 28 November. As always we are indebted to you for your

wonderful generosity. We thank you and ask God's blessing on you all.



Southern Area Hospice invite you to join them at their Light Up A Life Service at Craigavon Civic Centre on Wednesday 8 December 12 noon.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 21 November 2021 £1.257.69 Thank you for your continued generosity and support to your Parish and your Priests.

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



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.

> **ADORATION CHAPEL Edward Street Private Prayer only** 9.00am - 7.00pm

CHURCH Southern Area GATE Hospice Services COLLECTION

A Church Gate Collection for the Southern Area Hospice will take place after all Masses on Saturday/Sunday 27 and 28 November 2021.



St Paul's Parish Christmas Mass Bouquets

The Parish Christmas Card is now available for sale for £3 at the Parish Office

BETTER TOGETHER GROUP Christmas Dinner and Party Sunday 19 December 2 - 5.30pm St Anthony's Parish Centre Price £15 For Booking and Transport Contact:

> Colette :07470198180 07840 985576 Marv: Michael: 07876 057550

FOOD BANK The door to the parish office area will be open daily from 9am until 12 Noon Monday to Friday For all donations.



Advent is much more than preparing for Christmas

Reason for Hope

The world can be a wonderful place. It can also be a cold place, causing us to tremble in the shadows of what is wild and wintry. All around us there are contrasts: between those who cheer and those who jeer; between generosity and greed, love and lust, care and uncare, between the magnificent and the mean.

In the darkness of December we yearn for hope. Christmas is the true story of hope happening. It is the warming of a weary world, and it began with a birth that seemed like any other.

In the silence of night, the infinite became an infant, the Word became flesh. The Son of God became Human.

Advent is an invitation to 'Stay Alert, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man'. (Luke 21:36)

As we strive to build a new normal in these Covid times, this Advent is a renewed invitation to each of us to be transformed into a disciple of Jesus.

9 DAY ROSARY NOVENA FOR IRELAND

We are inviting you to join in a 9 Day Rosary Novena beginning Tuesday 30th November and ending on Wednesday 8th December. People all over Ireland will pray the Rosary together each evening at 9pm. On the final evening at 9pm on Radio Maria the Primate of All Ireland Archbishop Eamon Martin will lead the final Rosary live.

If you are gathering to pray in groups we encourage you to gather safely adhering to local Covid 19 regulations.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPUTAL HELP

Our Novena concludes on Monday 29 November. The Novena prayers will be said at the 10.00am Mass and during the Novena Mass on Monday evening at 7.00pm

The Novena concludes on in St Peter's on Tuesday 30 November. The Novena prayers will be said at the 8.00am and 7.00pm Masses.

Deceased Members of the Clan-na-Gael Football Club whose deaths occurred between 1 November 2020 and 31 October 2021 will be remembered during the Novena Mass on Monday 29 November 2021.



TRÓCAIRE - CHRISTMAS GIFTS OF LOVE

With Trócaire Christmas Gifts of Love, together we can help people improve their lives, escape poverty and look forward to a brighter future. There are a range of cards to choose from:

Soap £5, Chicks £7, Solar Lamps £10, Seeds and Tools £10, Girl Power £10, Clean Water £15, School Lunches £15, School Kit £20, Water Filter £35, Mental Health Lifeline £40, Goats £40, Give Grandparents a Hand £40, New Mother's Care Kit £45, Honey Bees £55. Trees £75. Water Flow £85. Independence £85. Human Rights £85, Safe Home £125, Get a Family Farming £170. A pack of 12 Christmas Cards £4.

Cards will be available from the Parish Office from Monday 29 November.



Following The Bishops of Ireland call for a national Church collection at the beginning of November to support Trócaire in providing life-saving aid to vulnerable communities in East Africa and DRC the Parish of St Paul's collection amounted to £3 490 32

Thank you to everyone for your wonderful generosity and support towards these communities less well off than ourselves.

Viatores Christi invite you to their Free Online Conference

Sharing of Key Learnings on Inclusive Volunteering; ensuring the inclusion of Persons with Disabilities

You are invited to attend the Free Online Conference of the VIVID:T EU AVI Funded Project on Disability-inclusive Development, to be held on Wednesday 1st December 2021 starting at 10:00am GMT (Dublin time). This project was focused on ensuring Inclusion of persons with Disabilities in volunteering. The conference will include a roundtable discussion about the role of leadership in disability inclusion, a showcase of free accessible training resources that anyone can use in their day-to-day work to ensure the inclusion of persons with disabilities. You can register for the event through [link] https://www.eventbrite.com/e/vivid-t-project-sharing-of-key-learnings-ataccessible-online-conference-tickets-205641498257



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

Ann Patricia (Pat) McMullan, Westwood Marie McAvoy, Ennis Tarry Brian McNerney, Colane, Aghagallon Gerard McComb, Derrings Wood Patsy Gallery, Donnelly Gardens Martha Lynn, Cedar Drive, Bleary

May they rest in Peace!

MONTHS MINDS AND ANNIVERSARIES SATURDAY 27 NOVEMBER (VIGIL MASS) No Anniversaries

SUNDAY 28 NOVEMBER 9.00AM MASS Frances McGowan Mamie Byrne, Gilford Caroline (Ina) McGeown, Cypress Gardens

SUNDAY 28 NOVEMBER 10.30AM MASS Eileen McCann (MM), Cafolla Gardens Sarah Jane and James Scullion Drumlin Drive/Elmwood Terrace Margaret Gentle, William Street Margaret (Jean) Connolly, Manor Park Phelim Brewster, Craigavon Sheelagh Corrigan (née Scullion) Dundalk Gladys and William Harte, Cypress Gardens

MONDAY 29 NOVEMBER Bridie Kelly (née O'Malley), Springwell Walk Jim O'Neill (Senior), Ailsbury Gardens

TUESDAY 30 NOVEMBER Winifred Farrell, Ashwood Teresa Murtagh, Glenview Drive Deirdre Muldoon, Monbrief Walk Colin Monteith, Dungannon (formerly Mary Street)

WEDNESDAY 1 DECEMBER Noreen McShane, Conor Park Brian Kerr. North Street Jim French, Old Portadown Road Francis (Billy) McCaughley, Meadowbrook Ted McGrann, Manor Park

> **THURSDAY 2 DECEMBER** Eamon McCluskey, Watford Shield Doran, Lurgan May McArdle, Ennis Close Ellen Lavery

FRIDAY 3 DECEMBER Susie Coleman, Waring Street James Greene, Ashwood Virginia O'Neill, Shankill Street

SATURDAY 4 DECEMBER 10.30am Irene Haughey (née Treanor) (MM), **Craigavon formerly Ashwood** Marian Martin (MM), Rectory Park Elizabeth McCaughley, Ashwood

SATURDAY 4 DECEMBER 7.00pm (VIGIL MASS) Elizabeth and William Leathem, Shankill 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!