

# SAINT PAUL'S PARISH, SHANKILL

## OUR PARISH BULLETIN

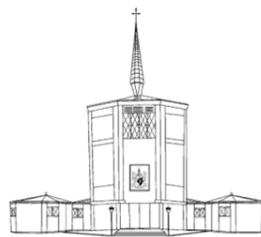
We extend a warm welcome to all who attend our church. We hope you will find our parish community a place where your life of faith will be nourished. Your prayers, your presence and your talents are most welcome! May God bless all of us.

### OUR PARISH CLERGY

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**SUNDAY 2 JANUARY 2022**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF**  
**CHRISTMAS**



### 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](mailto: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.

### MASSES DURING WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 3 JANUARY 2022

**St Peter's**  
**Monday 3**  
**January to**  
**Wednesday 5th**  
**January 2022**

Weekday  
Masses will be at  
9.30am

**St Paul's**  
**Monday 3 Jan to**  
**Wednesday**  
**5 January 2022**

Weekday  
Masses will be at  
10.30am

### THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2022 - FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD MASS SCHEDULE

#### ST PAUL'S:

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 10.00am Mass  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 7.00pm Mass

#### ST PETER'S:

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 6.00pm (Vigil Mass)  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 8.00am



### "A Knight in the Kitchen" Cookery Book

The Knights of St. Columbanus have prepared a cookery book with a collection of easy to follow recipes from all over the Lurgan community and costs only £5. The proceeds will be used to support local parish initiatives including the building of the Shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes.

The cookery book will be on sale at the back of the church at the Christmas masses or you can order a copy by calling 0750 1783 628 or 07900 608 657

**24-HOUR NUMBER FOR ALL SICK CALLS AND EMERGENCIES**  
**TEL: (028) 3832 3161**

**Parish web:** [www.lurganparish.com](http://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



### BAPTISMS

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

Olive Avery O'Connor  
Nell Hoey  
Saoirse Siúsaídh Lynn

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.



A very sincere Thank you to all our wonderful Volunteers here at St Paul's Parish.

Your help and assistance throughout this year has been invaluable and we wouldn't have been able to keep going without you.

**God Bless You All!**

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



### OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday 26 December 2021 £

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



### PARISH OFFICE

Will 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.

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

**Kate McConaghy, Filbin Crescent**  
**Dolores Mackey, Drumnamoe Gardens**  
**Peter McCann, Cafolla Gardens**

#### MONTHS MINDS AND ANNIVERSARIES

#### SATURDAY 1 JANUARY 2022 VIGIL 7.00PM

**Roy McCafferty (MM), Dingwell Park**  
Alice McCorry, Edward Street

#### SUNDAY 2 JANUARY 9.00AM MASS

Kieran Crossey, Derrymacash

#### SUNDAY 2 JANUARY 10.30AM MASS

**Patricia McAlinden (MM), Killough Gardens**  
Kevin McAlinden, Oakfield Terrace

#### MONDAY 3 JANUARY (10.30am)

Annie Theresa McKenna, Edward Street  
Ann O'Hanlon, Taghnevan formerly Wesley Place  
Francis Kelly, Ashdene Park

#### TUESDAY 4 JANUARY

Patrick and Eugene Quinn, Stonebridge  
Angela Lavery, Killough Gardens  
Robert Heaney, Cafolla Gardens  
Rose Ann and John McKerr, Grattan Street

#### WEDNESDAY 5 JANUARY

Liam Thornbury, Brett Drive  
Alice Hatchell, Silverwood Drive  
Eileen Loughran, Shankill Street  
Thomas McCann Silverwood Drive

#### THURSDAY 6 JANUARY

Vera Toman, Elmwood Terrace  
Pat and Joyce Toman, Luton/Bleary  
Patsy Magee, Hawthorne Avenue  
Kathleen Ranaghan, Point Road, Killough Co Down  
Charles and Elizabeth Thornbury, Brown Street

#### FRIDAY 7 JANUARY

Danny McIntyre, Silverwood Drive  
Al Jordan, Taghnevan  
John Creaney, Thornleigh  
Mary and Robert Black, Strabane  
Edward and Margaret McConville, Brown Street

#### SATURDAY 8 JANUARY 2022 10.30am

Daniel McDonald, Arthur Street

#### SATURDAY 8 JANUARY 2022 7.00PM VIGIL MASS

**Madge Scullion (MM), Antrim Road**  
**Margaret McKeown (MM), Aughnacloy House**  
Iris Brady, Parkview 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!*