

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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Facebook: @lurganparish
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Download App Store or Google Play

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(028) 3832 5725

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND ADULTS WHO REQUIRE PROTECTION:
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SUNDAY 30 JANUARY 2022
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
Telephone: (028) 3832 1289
Email:

stpaulsparishlurgan@dromorediocese.org

Office Hours

Monday to Friday 9.00am to 12.30pm

Requests for Anniversaries/Month's Mind

Polite reminder: Notices should be left into the Parish Office on or before **12 noon each Wednesday if they are to be included in the Bulletin.**

THANK YOU On behalf of everyone at St Vincent DePaul, I would like to thank you most sincerely for your help during our Christmas Appeal. Without the generosity of all our Parishioners we would not have been able to help as many people as we did. The generosity of the people of Lurgan continues to amaze us every year and for that, we are truly grateful. Wishing you all a Happy, Healthy 2022.
Mary Rose Elliott, President, Lurgan Conference of St Vincent DePaul.



The Knights of St Columbanus will be distributing St Brigid's Crosses after all the Masses this weekend at St Paul's and St Peter's Churches.

All donations greatly received. Many thanks

A PRAYER FOR PEACE WITHIN

Oh Lord, sometimes my insides feel like a battle zone, where missiles are falling too close to home. Other times I'm caught in an endless storm, with thoughts flying out of control. Confusion reigns and defeat creeps in to steal my joy. I need your peace—the deep-down-in-your-heart kind that stays with me day and night and speaks confidently into the wind. Calm my anxious spirit, Lord; all the attacking "if-only's" and "what-ifs" fill me with needless worry.

I surrender and admit: I can't control people, plans, or even all my circumstances, but I can yield those things to you, and focus on your goodness. Thank you today for every good gift you've given, every blessing you've sent, all the forgiveness I did not deserve, and, yes, for every trial you've allowed into my life. You bring good out of every circumstance if I'll only let go and believe you. I know that when I pray and give thanks instead of worrying, you have promised that I can experience the kind of peace that passes all understanding. That's your kind of peace, Lord. And it's the kind I crave.



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: 7.00pm
Saturday 9.30am

Saint Peter's Parish Office

Parish Secretary
(028) 3832 3161

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



BAPTISMS

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

Jonah Gee Hei Cheung
Abigail Gee Yan Cheung
Raya Brigid McGurran
Frankie Gerard Henry
Reya Dani McGrath
Anna Jacqueline Wolfe

Parents wishing to have a child baptized here in St Paul's Parish, must contact the Parish Office by telephone (028) 3832 1289. A month's notice is required. Baptisms here in Saint Paul's take place on the second and fourth Sunday of each month.



ADORATION CHAPEL
Edward Street
Private Prayer only
9.00am – 7.00pm

THE NEW DROMORE DIOCESAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY JOURNAL

Is now available for purchase at £10.00.

Please contact Jim Conway, Lurgan:
07808 052246 (after 6.00p.m.)
or e mail jimbo.conway@hotmail.co.uk

An Irish Prayer

As I arise today,
may the strength of God pilot me,
the power of God uphold me,
the wisdom of God guide me.

May the eye of God look before me,
the ear of God hear me,
the word of God speak for me.
May the hand of God protect me,
the way of God lie before me,
the shield of God defend me,
the host of God save me.

May Christ shield me today.

DROMANTINE RETREAT AND CONFERENCE CENTRE

ELDERHOOD: SURPRISING SIGNPOSTS TO AGING WELL

The world is undergoing a dramatic demographic shift. In 2022, for the first time in history, the number of people 65 and over will outnumber children aged five and under. This workshop will provide practical tools and surprising insights on how to live a more fulfilling, healthy and rewarding life in the later years. Elderhood should be something to enjoy and celebrate. And it can be.

Friday 11th February (arrive 5pm) - Sunday 13th February (depart 2pm) £210. The workshop includes overnight accommodation on Friday and Saturday nights and all meals are included (supper on Friday until lunch on Sunday).

The Facilitator is Father Hugh Lagan SMA
Fr Lagan is a priest with the Society of African Missions and a chartered clinical psychologist.

Please contact Jacinta or Louisa to reserve your place:
Telephone: 028 3082 1964
EMAIL: admin@dromantineconference.com

ORDINATION TO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

Mr Brendan McAllister, parish of Newry and Mr Gerry McBrien, parish of Banbridge will be ordained deacons for the Diocese of Dromore on Sunday 30th January 2022 at 2.00pm in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh.

We keep Brendan, Gerry and their families in our prayers and we pray that the Lord may bless and guide them in their future ministries.

Due to current restrictions the numbers in St Patrick's Cathedral will be restricted the Ordination Ceremony can be viewed on:
<https://armaghparish.net/cathedral-webcam/>

BETTER TOGETHER GROUP

The next meeting will be on Sunday 6th February 2022 from 3.00pm to 5.30pm in The Hub Community Centre. Come along, enjoy the music, the chat, meet up with old friends and make new friends. Refreshments served.

Everyone Welcome

For transport arrangements please contact Rose (before 5.00pm) on Thursday 3rd February - 07788 965643.

REVENGE! SWEET REVENGE!

A young Marine stationed in Afghanistan received a "Dear John" letter from his girlfriend back home. It read as follows:

'Dear Ricky, I can no longer continue our relationship. The distance between us is just too great. I must be honest and admit that I have also cheated on you twice since you've been gone, and that's not fair to either of us - I'm sorry. Please don't judge me but understand that we are all human and all have very strong emotional needs. Kindly return the picture of me that I sent to you - love, Becky.'

With hurt feelings Ricky asked his fellow Marines for any snap shots they could spare of their girlfriends, sisters, ex-girlfriends, aunts and cousins etc. In addition to the photograph of Becky, Ricky included all the other pictures of the pretty gals that he had collected from his buddies. He posted home 57 photos in that envelope along with the following note:

'Dear Becky, I'm really sorry, but unfortunately I just can't seem to remember who you are. I have sincerely wracked my brain, but all sadly to no avail - Please take your picture from the pile, and kindly send the rest back to me - love, Ricky.'

Loving your neighbour, after they've hurt you, is very hard indeed. We live in an age where quite a few always want to get "the last word", "the upper hand" and "their own back." A colossal amount of human energy is wasted every day on settling old scores and exacting vengeance - energy that surely could be put to so much better use. Enemies we will always have - the little ones nag us and the big ones persecute us. Letting go, and letting God take over the situation is a much better option - it's good for the mind, it's good for the body and it's good too for the soul. It's worth noting of course that it's also good for the world - makes it a much nicer and a much friendlier place for us all to live in..... and we all need that!!!



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

Donna McMullan (née Barbour), Fox's Glen
Kevin Crilly, Forest Glade
Anne Neeson, Lakelands, Craigavon

MONTHS MINDS AND ANNIVERSARIES

SATURDAY 29 JANUARY 7.00PM VIGIL MASS
Margaret Sweeney (née Gilmore), Prospect Way
Gerard Doran, Monbrief Walk

SUNDAY 30 JANUARY 9.00AM MASS

Paul Moran, Lisburn
Sister Finbar McCartan, Convent of Mercy, Lurgan
Margaret McIlduff, Waring Street
James (Jim) Long, formerly Killough Gardens

SUNDAY 30 JANUARY 10.30AM MASS

Harry and Josie McGarry, Manor Park
Liam Magill, Mary Street
Tom and Elizabeth Coleman, Richmount Gardens
Michael Breen, Loughview Terrace, Derrytrasna

MONDAY 31 JANUARY

Michelle McNally, Albert Terrace
Seamus Leathem, Portadown Road
William McCrory, Shankill Street
Pat Smyth, Brown Street
Bobby Maye, Silverwood Drive
Susan McDonald, Manor Park

TUESDAY 1 FEBRUARY

Arthur Creaney, Silverwood Drive
Michael Magee, Ashwood
Donna Woods, Meadowbrook
Margaret Burke, Craigavon

WEDNESDAY 2 FEBRUARY

Alison Doyle, Kilwilkie
William Corey, Ashdene Park
James and Mary Ann Smyth, Wellington Street

THURSDAY 3 FEBRUARY

Rosaleen Magennis, Manor Park
Geraldine McCarron, Richmount Gardens
John Murphy, Tannaghmore West Road
Teresa Conway, Cafolla Gardens
Elizabeth Magee, Shankill Street
John and May Campbell, Bleary
John Conway, Silverwood
Margaret Philomena Doherty
Ita McStraw, Killough Gardens

FRIDAY 4 FEBRUARY

Dermot Thompson (MM), Manor Park
Clara and Eddie McCann, Edward Street
Gerard McCluskey, The Palms
Margaret (Maggie) Magee, Edward Street
Rose, Dan and Paul McGrath, Omagh
Ronan Lavery, Antrim Road/Milford, Co Donegal
Patricia McShane, Glenholme Park
Donal Kerr (Junior), Drumlin Drive
Kevin Cassidy, Beaumont Square
Jerome McCaughley, Kilvergan Road
Patrick Martin, Prospect Way
Brenda and Pamela Percy, James Street

SATURDAY 5 FEBRUARY 10.30am

Sammy Mitchell, Brown Street
Jean Devine, Ashwood
May Lynch, Edward Street

SATURDAY 5 FEBRUARY 7.00pm VIGIL MASS

Tom Barbour, Annesborough Park