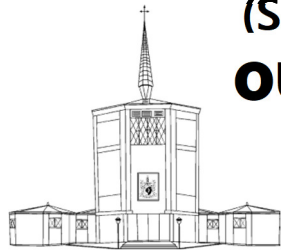


SAINT PAUL'S PARISH, SHANKILL

(Saint Ronan's Pastoral Area)

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
3rd DECEMBER 2023
1ST SUNDAY OF
ADVENT



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

Notices should be left into the Parish

Office on or before 12 noon each

Wednesday of the week before if they

are to be included in the Bulletin.

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION DECEMBER

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programmes which value their active participation.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A MARRIAGE AND RELATIONSHIP COUNSELLOR WITH ACCORD NI?

Accord NI Catholic Marriage Care Service is seeking applications for a 2- year part-time Certificate in Counselling (Couple and Relationship). You will need weekend availability for our funded residential training courses in Crossgar, Co. Down and a commitment to complete the course over 2 years, beginning in April 2024. You do not need previous counselling experience or qualifications, academic qualifications or to pay academic rates.

Whilst there is no charge to trainees for the training itself, there is a one-off non-refundable deposit of £200 to secure your place. Course fees will be funded and placement will be provided by Accord NI.

The closing date for receipt of applications is 20th December 2023. If you would like further information, please contact Brenda at 02890233002 or info@accordni.co

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



FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FRIDAY

8 DECEMBER 2023

MASS TIMES FOR HOLY
DAY OF OBLIGATION

St Paul's: Vigil Mass Thursday 7th
December 2023 at 7.00pm and
Friday 8th December at 10.00am

St Peter's: Friday 8th December 2023
8.00am and 7.00pm.

ADORATION CHAPEL EDWARD ST 9.00am to 9.00pm daily



BAPTISMS

With great joy and thanksgiving we welcome the following children into our parish community who were baptized recently in St Paul's.

*Luke Robert Evans
Finn Charlie Evans
Alana Michelle Grace Ximens/McConville
Emmet James Catney
Charlie Dominic McCrink
Sadie Sharon Campbell*

All parents wishing to have a child baptized 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.

TRÓCAIRE - CHRISTMAS GIFTS OF LOVE

*Cards available from the Parish Office from
Monday 27 November.*

Soap £5, Chicks £7, Solar Lamps £10, Seeds and Tools £10, Menstrual Dignity £10, Emergency Water £15, School Lunches £15, School Kit £20, Family Essentials £30, Mental Health Lifeline £40, Goats £40, Give Grandparents a Hand £40, New Mother's Care Kit £45, Honey Bees £55, Protection from Climate Change £85, Water Systems £85, Women's Empowerment £85, A Just World £85, Safe Home £125, Ox Plough and Farming Tools £170. A pack of 12 Christmas Cards £4.

BETTER TOGETHER GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY Sunday 3rd

December 3.00 – 5.30pm. The Hub, Brownlow Road Craigavon. Everyone welcome.

SOUTHERN AREA HOSPICE invite you to join at a short Light Up a Life Service at Craigavon Civic Centre Wednesday 6th December at 12 noon, short 20 minute service followed by free refreshments. Everyone welcome

KNOCK SHRINE ALL NIGHT VIGIL - Thursday 7th December 2023

Coach £25 booking and information Gabrielle 07933 521105 or Catherina 07899810181

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

St Vincent de Paul Conference have Christmas Giving Tree in the Churches, with gift tags with requests for needy families and persons. It is not necessary to wrap the gift - just return it to the Church in a bag with the tag attached to it. We prepare the family gift bags at the centre.

The Annual Christmas Appeal is on **Saturday/Sunday, 9 and 10 December.** A member of the Society will speak at all the Masses that weekend. A collection will be taken up after all Masses that weekend. Our appeal for help with food, gifts and toys for distribution to families in need for Christmas continues and will run until 17th December.

As always we are indebted to you for your wonderful generosity. We thank you and ask God's blessing on you all.

DOWN'S AND PROUD CAROL SERVICE - Sunday 10 December 2023 In St Peter's at 3.00pm

DAWG SUICIDE PREVENTION are holding a fund-raising **coffee morning on Sunday 10th December at 81 Springfield Road Belfast.**

TANNAGHMORE Primary School CHRISTMAS FAIR AND OPEN

DAY Saturday 16th December 10am – 12 noon Come along and join us for some festive fun. Visit Santa in his grotto. Craft Stalls, Music and Refreshments. Everyone welcome.

THE STUDENTS OF ST RONAN'S COLLEGE PRESENT DISNEY'S

FROZEN JR - Tuesday 12th to Thursday 14th December on the senior site. TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-ronans-college (Alternatively you can contact the school on 028 3832 3192)

ST PAUL'S NAVITY MASS - SUNDAY 17th December - We'd love to see all the children dressed to take part in our Nativity Scene, the more shepherds and angels the better. We will be doing a small Nativity Play where we will be looking for volunteers to take part so please let us know if you'd like to be involved. Many thanks to all who support our Children's Mass and Merry Christmas.

MOYRAVERTY LOURDES FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE are holding their annual **ST STEPHEN'S DAY WALK (26th DECEMBER 2023)**, all welcome to meet at St. Anthony's Hall 10.30 AM. Light refreshments will be served in the hall after the walk.

CAROL SERVICES IN ST PETER'S AND ST PAUL'S

CAROL SERVICE - The Community Outreach Group are sponsoring a Carol Service in the Jethro Centre on Friday, 8th December at 7:30pm with the Shankill Choir and Salvation Army Band.

CANTIBLE PRESENTS "CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT"

St Paul's Church Lurgan on Sunday 10th December at 7.00pm.

Special Guests - The Maginn School of Irish Dancing and Junior Cantabile - Musical Director Kerrie Patterson Accompanist Brian Greene. Admission is free with a voluntary collection in aid of St Vincent DePaul and Bluebell Trust, Lurgan.

BUNSCOIL CAROL SERVICE St Paul's Tuesday 12th December 2023 at 1.30pm

ST PAUL'S CAROL SERVICE - Sunday 17th December 2023 at 7.00pm

ST PETER'S CAROL SERVICE - Sunday 17th December 2023 at 7.00pm

ST FRANCIS PRIMARY SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE Tuesday 19th December 2023 at 1.30pm

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Because Christians have always recognized the importance of waiting and preparation, they intentionally built periods of waiting into the Christian calendar. This is a way of making room for this important piece of life that the world is so eager to get rid of. It slows us down, reorients us around God and gives us time to reflect, to prepare, to rest. Advent is one of those seasons of waiting. When we come to Advent we remember the promise that Christ has come and will come again, but we also remember that we are not ready to jump headlong into celebration. First, we must prepare. Waiting is a gift. Let us be ready for the sweetness that has come and that is coming again.



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

Johnny Brown, Shore Road

Margaret Dorrry (née Lavery)

Craigavon/Lurgan

Eilish Harbinson, Gilpin's Manor

MONTHS MINDS AND ANNIVERSARIES

SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER 10.30AM

Eamon McCluskey, Walford, England
May McArdle, Ennis Close

SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER 7.00PM VIGIL MASS

Joe Cafolla, Mansefield

Ellie Lavery, formerly Church Walk

Sarah McGeown, Maple Court

SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER 9.00AM

Virginia O'Neill, Shankill Street

SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER 10.30AM MASS

James Greene, Ashwood

Susie Coleman, Waring Street

Patricia McAlinden, Killough Gardens

Lucrecia Martins DesSantos, East Timor

MONDAY 4 DECEMBER 10.00AM

Donna Williamson, Crow Hill, Gilford

Eileen McPherson, Francis Street

TUESDAY 5 DECEMBER 10.00AM

Elizabeth and William Leathem, Shankill Street

WEDNESDAY 6 DECEMBER 10.00AM

Peggy Kingman, Edward Street

Madeline Doyle, Riverglade Manor

Ellen Markey, Whitecross

Kathleen Green, Ashdene Park

Elizabeth McCaughley, Ashwood

THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER 10.00AM

Bill and Lydia Doyle, Brownlow Terrace

Kenny McConaghy, Lough Road

Charlotte McConville, Manor Drive/Arthur Street

FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER 10.00AM

Mary McCorry, Glenavy

Patsy Leonard, Filbin Crescent

Mary McGlynn, (née Forker), Maghery

Tommy Lynch, Edward Street

SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER 10.30AM

Austin and Doreen Toman, Antrim Road

Margaret and John McCann, Valley Lane

SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER 7.00PM VIGIL MASS

Julia Mitchell, Annaloiste Road

Arthur Reginald Sparkes, Wolverhampton

Henry O'Neill, Derrytrasna

Thomas Hill, Magheralin

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD



ST RONAN'S COLLEGE LURGAN

Open Evening

Thursday 7th December 2023

in Junior Site, Waring Street.

Principal's address at 5.00pm and 6.30pm.

All parents and prospective pupils are invited to attend.



St Paul's Parish
Christmas Mass Bouquets
are now available
at the Parish Office