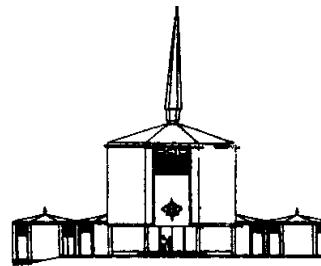


Bulletin



Second Sunday of Christmas ~ 3 January 2016

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 7 pm

Sunday:

9 am 10.30 am 12 noon

Monday - Saturday: 10 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday:

9.30 am - 9.50 am
& 6.30 pm - 6.50 pm

Eves of First Friday:
6.30 pm - 7.00 pm

St. Vincent de Paul

Ozanam Centre, William Street

Opening Hours: (Shop & Office)
Monday – Friday,

9 am – 1 pm :: 2 pm – 4 pm
Closed for lunch, 1 pm – 2 pm.

Saturday, (shop only)
10 am- 12 noon

Office: Tel: 38 325725, ext. 3
Shop: Tel: 3832 5725, ext 2.

Invitation

The young people of Lurgan welcome you to join them for an hour of Adoration, music and prayer in the Adoration Chapel, Edward Street.



The Holy Hour, will be held on the first Monday of every month.
The next Holy Hour is
**Monday, 4th January, 2016,
8 pm – 9 pm.**

*'Let us love God,
but with the strength of our arms,
in the sweat of our brow.'*

Holidays.

Office will re-open on Monday, 4 January, 2016.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Wednesday, 6 January, 2016
Vigil, 7.30 pm, 8.30am, 10 am

St. Peter's Church
8 am 10.30 am & 7pm

Pilgrimage To Fatima :: 5th August 2016

7 nights from Dublin, £684.
Tel: A. Gribben, 028 9267 0152 / E. O'Neill, 92 603401.
&
14th 21st July 2016, £599
Tel: Rita O'Neill, 90 623 186.

Pilgrimage to MEDJUGORJE

Sunday, 29th May, £519 stg
7 nights fb, departing Belfast. Hotel, Wojtyla, £80 deposit secures a place. Tel: Marguerite, 078 431 92 431 or Kathy, 077 3434 5181.

Lourdes 2016 :: 17th – 22nd May, £550

To book contact the parish office.

Walking Tour of Tuscany, Assisi & Rome (100 km)

22-29 May, '16

7 nights with breakfast & dinner. Flying Dublin, £899, seats limited. Tel: Jean, 028 4483 0979
jeanreynolds@hotmail.co.uk

Children Of The Eucharist :: Monday, 4th January. 2016

(every other Monday) in
St. Patrick's Church, Derrymacash, 6.30 pm – 7 pm.

Adoration with our children/grandchildren to speak to Jesus and spend time in His presence.

(Led by members of the Catholic Grandparents Association).

NEW YEAR 2016

The turning of the year; a time to look back and reflect, a time to plan ahead into the future as we wish each other a happy and prosperous New Year.

But what is a 'prosperous' New Year? By what measure does one calculate success?

Robert Louis Stevenson thought that a 'successful' person was one who has lived well, laughed often and loved much; who had gained the respect of intelligent people, and the love of children, who has filled a unique niche and accomplished his or her task; who leaves the world better than before, whether by a perfect poem or a rescued soul; who never lacked appreciation of the earth's beauty or failed to express it; who looked for the best in others and gave the best he or she had.

Grateful for the blessings of a year gone by, and filled with hope as a new year begins.

*Let us pray:
Father we kneel before you,
grateful in our hearts for your many gifts to us.*

*An old year has once more come to a close;
we face with confidence and hope the beginning of a new, with all the promises that it holds, with mixture of grief and blessing which it now keeps hidden from our eyes.*

The priests of the parish and Deacon Kevin would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy, peaceful New Year.

Humour Corner



A preacher visits an elderly woman from his congregation. As he sits on the couch he notices a large bowl of peanuts on the coffee table. "Mind if I have a few?" he asks. "No not at all!" the woman replied.

They chat for an hour and as the preacher stands to leave, he realizes that instead of eating just a few peanuts, he emptied most of the bowl.

"I'm terribly sorry for eating all your peanuts. I really just meant to eat a few."

"Oh, that's all right," the woman says.

"Ever since I lost my teeth all I can do is suck the chocolate off them."

Dates To Remember

Confirmation

Saturday, 16th April, 11.30 am
Confirmation Bunscoil in Newry Cathedral
Saturday, 28th May, 11 am

First Holy Communion

Ceara School
Saturday, 30th April, 11 am,
St. Francis' & Bunscoil
Saturday, 14th May, 11 am & 1 pm
Carrick School
Sunday, 15th May, 10.30 am

50th Anniversary of St. Paul's Church

Sunday, 17th April, 12 noon

1916 Rising

Last week's issue of the *Irish Catholic* carried a number of very interesting articles on the Church and the 1916 Rising, its leaders and volunteers.

Copies are still available from the Legion Bookstalls or at the back of the Church.

Action On Hearing Loss

Wednesday, 27 January,
10 am – 12 noon, in Lurgan Library.
Tel: 074 2343 8336.

The New Year Moon

The new moon was lucky at any time of year, but especially so at Christmas/New Year. The Christmas moon was the luckiest of them all; it was in a way like a new beginning, a promise of things to come.

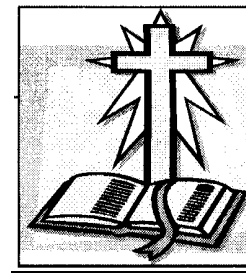
It was the custom for people to stop and make the sign of the cross and bless themselves when they saw the new moon in the sky. It was an age-old tradition that, no doubt, went back generations, acknowledging as it did, the beauty and presence of nature in everyday life: the magic of winter skies.

A reminder, too, of our own place in the universe and all that goes with it. It was the poet Thomas Hardy who wrote about *'the full starred heavens that winter sees'*, an image wonderfully evocative of the glitter of moon and stars and frost. Such things were important in country places, and especially so in places that made their livelihood from fishing.

The luckiest time to see the moon was when one was walking outdoors, as distinct from peering at it through a window. Those who were thinking of getting married knew that *'a growing moon and a flowing tide'* were the luckiest times of all for such arrangements, again underlining the old belief in celestial influence in the affairs of men.

It was well known that curlews whistled for rain, but it was lovely to hear them whistling too on some frosty moonlit night. Then their whistling seemed clearer, sharper, more resonant still, the very essence as it was of all that is wild and winterish, the haunting pewits of the lapwings carrying far in the moonlight.

'Look at the lovely Christmas moon still shining in every part, making me dream of by gone days when I kept Christmas in my heart. Look at the lovely Christmas moon that silvers at the fir and the pine, making me think when I was young that even the stars were mine.'



ANNIVERSARIES

SUNDAY 3 JANUARY

9 am

Annie Teresa McKenna, Edward Street,
Frank Kelly, Ashdene Park.

10.30

Al Jordan, Taghnevan,
Rose Ann McKerr, Grattan Street.

12 noon

Angela Lavery, Killough Gardens.

MONDAY 4 JANUARY

Angela Lavery, Killough Gardens,
Patrick Quinn,
John McKerr, Grattan Street,
Eileen McConville, Drumnarnock Avenue.

TUESDAY 5 JANUARY

Thomas McCann, Silverwood Drive,
Alice Hatchell, Silverwood Drive,
Liam Thornbury, Brett Drive.

7.30 pm

Seamus Sweeney & Maeve McConnell,
Lurgan/Derry,
Vera Toman, Elmwood Terrace.

WEDNESDAY 6 JANUARY

Patsy Magee, Hawthorne Avenue,
Kathleen Ranaghan, Killough,
Pat & Joyce Toman, Bleary.

THURSDAY 7 JANUARY

Danny McIntyre, Silverwood Drive,
Robert & Mary Black, Strabane.

SATURDAY 9 JANUARY

Iris Brady, Parkview Street,
Peter & Kathleen McCaherty, Lisburn,
Vera McKinstry, Hawthorne Avenue, M.M.