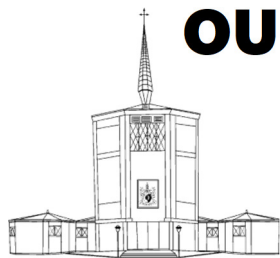


# SAINT PAUL'S PARISH, SHANKILL

## 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.

**SUNDAY 4 JANUARY 2026**  
**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER**  
**CHRISTMAS**

### OUR PARISH CLERGY

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Telephone: (028) 3832 3161  
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**Our Parish Deacon: Rev Kevin Devine (028) 3832 3161**  
**Rev Pearse Thornbury (028) 3832 3161**

### 24-HOUR NUMBER FOR ALL SICK CALLS AND EMERGENCIES

**TEL: (028) 3832 3161**

**TEL: (028) 38321289**

**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

"Volunteers needed. Please give your time"

**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND  
ADULTS WHO REQUIRE PROTECTION:**  
**Dromore Diocesan**

**Designated Liaison Person**

Mr Stephen Sherry: 07301246329

[safeguardingdirector@dromorediocese.org](mailto:safeguardingdirector@dromorediocese.org)

**Saint Paul's Parish Safeguarding  
Representative and Parish Sacristan.**  
Telephone: 07563 293429

### THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION JANUARY 2026

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope for your communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary church.

### DEFIBRILLATOR



The Defibrillator is housed inside the yellow box and is location at the bottom of the ramp adjacent to the Parish Office.

Dial 999 to access the Code to open the defibrillator box.

The defibrillator was purchased with donations from

- Lurgan Credit Union
- Knights of Columbanus
- St Vincent DePaul

to whom we are extremely grateful for their generosity to our Parish.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Our God moves in the quiet, everyday moments. He pierces our heart, inviting us to him and quietly waits for our response.

This New Year's let us rest at the manger of the Divine Infant. Bring your feelings of weariness and despair to him. Be with the Lord and let him love you only like he can love you. Your heart may still be restless, but the Lord is with you and is drawing you ever closer to his heart.

In drawing nearer to him, may we surrender our expectations for this new year and trust in his plan.

*Catholic women in business.com*

### COMMUNITY URGED TO PROTECT SITE IDENTIFIED FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION CAMPUS IN LURGAN

The Education Authority (EA) and the *Dromore Diocesan Education Trust* are appealing to the local community to help protect the former St Ronan's site on Waring Street/Edward Street, Lurgan, which has been identified for development as a new special education campus.

The site, which is planned to become a dual campus for Ceara Special School, has been identified to address the growing demand for special educational needs (SEN) provision in the area. However, concerns have been raised about potential damage or vandalism that could jeopardise the development timeline.

A planning application has been submitted and subject to sufficient capital funding being secured for the education sector, the first phase of the development is scheduled to open in September 2026. Both EA and the *Dromore Diocesan Education Trust* who own the site, have warned that any damage or anti-social behaviour at the site could delay this important project and prevent vulnerable children from accessing the specialist education they need within their local community.

Father Murphy, *on behalf of the Trust* said:

"This site represents a vital opportunity to enhance SEN provision for children and young people in the Lurgan area. We are appealing to everyone in the community to respect the site and report any concerns about unauthorised access or anti-social behaviour. By working together to protect this facility, we can ensure that our children and young people with special educational needs will benefit from this important development as soon as possible."



### FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY TUESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026

This feast celebrates the inclusion of all people, cultures and religions of the nations of the world. Jesus shares our human nature to redeem and save all humanity in a generous love. In the words of the preface in today's Mass: 'For today you have revealed the mystery of our salvation in Christ as a light to the nations.'

**St Paul's:** Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> 2026 at 10.00am

**St Peter's:** Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 8.00am and 7.00pm

### NEW YEAR PRAYER

Loving God, as this new year begins,  
I pray that you'll be with me.  
I don't know what lies ahead, but I know that your Son who brought light into the world can guide my steps.  
I pray that you'll bless my family and friends, being with them in their difficult times and the happy moments this year. Remind them that they can look to you for guidance and strength  
Amen.



### ADORATION CHAPEL EDWARD STREET Adoration 9am to 9pm

**St Paul's Parish now accepts ONLINE  
DONATIONS Just scan the QR code  
with your phone camera to donate**



Or visit  
<https://donate.mydona.com/st-pauls-parish-lurgan>

### 2026 TOURS

#### St Patrick's Day in London

Sun 15 March - Wed 18 March return flights including baggage, return coach Lurgan to Airport. 3 nights B&B in 3\* St Giles Hotel (Oxford St/Theatreland) £379 price based on 2 sharing deposit of £30pp required to secure your seat. Call: Noel 079 5547 5650 or Gerard 3832 4741

#### Easter in Mayo

Depart Mon 06 April 1nt Carrick on Shannon 3nts Westport Woods including local Tours & entertainment £489 ss £45

#### Summer in Nottingham

Depart Sun 16 Aug 5 nights Warner Leisure full entertainment & tours £679 ss £50

### OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday 21 December 2025 £1,859.46  
Sunday 28 December 2025 £2,872.27

Thank you for your continued generosity to your Parish and your Priests.



### 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

**Liam Harkin, Brett Avenue**

**James (Jim) Greene, Oakridge**

**Mark Brady, Portland Manor**

**Tessie Jordan, Campbell Walk**

### SATURDAY 3 JANUARY 2026 10.30AM

Alice McCorry, Edward Street

Joan McCann, Ulster Street

Annie Teresa McKenna, Edward Street

Edith Marsden, Francis Street

### SATURDAY 3 JANUARY 2026 7.00PM VIGIL

**Patrick Thornbury (MM), Ashdene Park**

Rose Ann and James McKerr, Grattan Street

Angela Lavery, Killough Gardens

### SUNDAY 4 JANUARY 9.00AM

Robert Heaney, Cafolla Gardens

### SUNDAY 4 JANUARY 10.30AM

Winifred (Winnie) McMullan, Drumlin Drive

Vera Toman, Elmwood Terrace

Gerry Canavan, Manor Drive

### MONDAY 5 JANUARY 10.00AM

Liam Thornbury, Brett Drive

Alice Hatchell, Silverwood Drive

James (Jimmy) Waterson, Moira

Thomas McCann, Silverwood Drive

### TUESDAY 6 JANUARY 10.00AM

Margaret and Edward McConville, Thornleigh

Elizabeth and Charles Thornbury, Brown Street

Patsy Magee, Hawthorne Avenue

### WEDNESDAY 7 JANUARY 10.00AM

Gerald (Jerry) Magill (MM), Ailsbury Park

James Doran, Taghnevan Drive

Aloysius Jordan, Taghnevan

Danny McIntyre, Silverwood Drive

John Creaney

### THURSDAY 8 JANUARY 2026 10.00AM

Daniel McDonald, Edward Street

Kathleen Hill, Templar Court

### FRIDAY 9 JANUARY 2026 10.00AM

Eileen, Jimmy and Andrew Loughran, Shankill Street

Eileen Loughran, New Street

Jim and Iris Brady, Parkview Street

Danny Heatley, Mary Street

### SATURDAY 10 JANUARY 2026 10.30AM

Annie Haddock, Sloan Street

Kathleen (Kitty) Lavery, Hawthorne Avenue

Basil Hoy, Ashwood

John F Green, Glenholme Park

### SATURDAY 3 JANUARY 2026 7.00PM VIGIL

**No Anniversaries**

**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEIR  
SOULS**

**O LORD AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT  
SHINE UPON THEM. MAY THEY REST IN  
PEACE**

**MAY THEIR SOULS AND THE SOULS OF  
ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED, THROUGH  
THE MERCY OF GOD, REST IN PEACE.**

**AMEN**



### BAPTISMS

All parents wishing to have a child baptized in St Paul's Parish, must notify the Parish Office in person.

**ONE MONTH'S NOTICE IS REQUIRED**

Baptisms take place on the second and fourth Sunday of each month.



**Wishing all our Parishioners and those  
who may be visiting our Parish a very  
Happy New Year.**