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 talent are most welcome. May God bless all of us.

ST. PAUL'S PARISH SHANKILL

5th APRIL 2020 **PALM SUNDAY**

Canon Liam Stevenson, PP Fr. Jozef Wozniak, S.Chr Fr. Brian Fitzpatrick, CC 66-70 North Street, Lurgan BT67 9AH (028) 3832 3161



SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH

OUR MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday

Vigil 7:00p.m. (Saturday) 9:00a.m., 10:30a.m. and 12:00noon.

Monday to Wednesday: 10:00a.m. Please see across for Holy Week

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Please phone parish office to make appointment with a priest.

Saint Paul's Parish Office

Parish Secretary - Patricia McCann (028) 3832 1289

> **Office Hours** Monday, Tuesday Thursday and Friday

9.00a.m. to 12.30a.m. Wednesday 1.00p.m. to 4:30p.m. Fr. Colum Wright, CC

54 Francis Street Lurgan BT66 6DL (028) 3832 7173

Rev. Kevin Devine Our Parish Deacon

(028) 3832 3161



SAINT PETER'S CHURCH

OUR MASS SCHEDULE

Sundays:

Vigil 6:00p.m. (Saturday) 8:00a.m., 10:00a.m., 11:00a.m. (po polsku) and 12:15p.m.

Monday to Wednesday: 8:00a.m. Monday and Wednesday: 10:30a.m.

Tuesday: 7:00p.m. Please see across for Holy Week

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Please phone parish office to make appointment with a priest.

Saint Peter's Parish Office

Parish Secretary – Marie Brady (028) 3832 3161

Office Hours

Monday 10.00a.m. – 1.00p.m. 1:45p.m. - 4.00p.m. **Tuesday to Thursday**

9.00a.m. to 1.00 p.m. 1:45 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Friday 9.00a.m. to 1.00p.m. 1:30p.m. to 2:30p.m.

Ms Fionnuala Hamill. Tel. 028 3832 1289 **DIVINE MERCY NOVENA**

Emergency number for all sick calls

(weekends included) Tel: (028) 3832 3161

Parish Website: www.lurganparish.com

Facebook: @lurganparish

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

The Divine Mercy novena begins on Good Friday and runs until Divine Mercy Sunday, 19 April. The Lord said to St Faustina, "By this novena [of chaplets] I will grant every possible grace to souls." The chaplet of mercy is the essential prayer to be recited every day using normal rosary beads. For this and additional prayers, visit

www.thedivinemercy.org.

NB: This year the Divine Mercy Mass (with veneration of the image) followed by Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be celebrated in St Peter's at 12:15pm.

FOOD BANK

The food bank is available again in St Paul's. Donated items may be left at the parish office, Monday-Friday 11:00am-12:15pm. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Sister Mairead O'Reardon, of the Missionary Franciscan Sisters (the Order of Srs. Josephine and Elise) died Tuesday in Tenafly, New Jersey, USA. Sister Mairead introduced the Order to Lurgan over 15 years ago, to work with cross-community, reconciliation efforts and with those who worked with assisting persons in need. Please pray for her and for her family at this time.

COVID-19 UPDATE—TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF GRAVEYARDS

By order of the NI Executive at Stormont on 28 March, all cemeteries must be closed at this time as part of the social restrictions to limit the spread of Covid-19. This includes the Dougher Cemetery and St Colman's Cemetery which are open only for burials, but not for visits to graves.

We are well aware how devoted parishioners are to the graves of their family members, and so we understand why this measure is causing great hurt to many, especially those who remember the anniversaries of loved ones at this time, and because the closure occurs around Easter. However, the same situation applies across the North, and we observe it in order to limit the spread of the virus.

Please stay at home, pray for the Holy Souls every day, and be not afraid. Thank you for your understanding. We will reopen the cemeteries as soon as regulations allow.

WEBCAM

We are aware parishioners have had problems recently with the webcam feed from both churches, with the picture freezing, dropping out or unavailable altogether. Our supplier, ChurchServices.tv is experiencing unprecedented demand from all their churches due to more people watching from home in the pandemic. They are working to increase their capacity. We have reported our problems in Lurgan and hope the engineers will have things running smoothly for Holy Week. Thank you for your patience in bearing with us.

As the Parish Office is closed to visitors until further notice, please telephone or email the Parish Office to let us know of Anniversaries:

> Telephone: (028) 3832 1289 Email: office@stpaulsparishlurgan.org Thank you for your patience

Remember: KEEP YOUR DISTANCE AND STAY AT HOME

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

This year's celebration of the Paschal Mystery—the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord—is curtailed around the world on account of Covid-19. In St Peter's and St Paul's we will celebrate simplified ceremonies in accordance with advice from the Holy See. We encourage all our parishioners to join us through the webcam and parish radio. Whatever your suffering due to the pandemic, unite it with the cross of Christ this most holy of weeks, for he alone promises new life and resurrection to come.

Monday-Spy Wednesday: Masses as normal in both churches **HOLY THURSDAY:**

Rosary: 9:30am in St Peter's and 10:00am in St Paul's

Chrism Mass from Newry Cathedral: 10:30am Go to www.churchservices.tv/newrycathedral

Mass of the Lord's Supper:

6:00pm in St Peter's and 7:00pm in St Paul's

Holy Hour at the Altar of Repose: 10:00pm in St Paul's

GOOD FRIDAY

Rosary: 9:30am in St Peter's and 10:00am in St Paul's.

Stations of the Cross: 3:00pm in St Peter's

Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 7:00pm in St Paul's

Please note all anniversaries for Good Friday will be prayed for both at Stations in St Peter's and the evening service in St Paul's.

HOLY SATURDAY

Rosary: 9:30am in St Peter's and 10:00am in St Paul's

Easter Vigil in the Holy Night: 9:00pm in St Peter's Please note all anniversaries for Holy Saturday will be prayed for at the evening Mass in St Peter's.

EASTER SUNDAY

Mass times as normal

EASTER WEEK - Easter Monday-Saturday St Peter's: Mass and Rosary 9:30am daily

St Paul's: Mass and Rosary 10:30am daily

Easter Monday Mass po polsku: 11:00am

CONFESSIONS FOR EASTER

Obviously the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation as normally practiced is not available at present. We will try to accommodate anyone who wishes to make an appointment with a priest for confession whilst observing social distancing measures. However, there need be no rush. The Church teaches that when it is impossible to receive sacramental absolution (at times such as this), then perfect contrition (born out of a love for God above all else), the desire for forgiveness and the firm intention to go to confession as soon as possible obtain the forgiveness of sins, even mortal ones.* Therefore, with these in your heart, trust in God's mercy and enjoy his grace of a happy Easter season even while the churches remain closed.

*See the Catechism of the Church, no. 1452.

TV & RADIO FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Please share this guide with anyone you know, especially those who do not have use of internet or webcam.

Palm Sunday (from Maynooth)

11:00am - RTÉ One TV /LW 252 & RTÉ Radio 1 Extra-Mass for Palm

5:35pm—RTÉ One TV—*A Passover Like No Other* (discussion on celebrating the Jewish Passover in time of social distancing)

Holy Thursday (from Maynooth)

4:40pm—RTÉ One TV—Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:00pm-LW 252 & RTÉ Radio 1 Extra-Mass of the Lord's Supper Good Friday (from Mullingar)

3:00pm— RTÉ One TV / LW 252 & RTÉ Radio 1 Extra—Solemn Liturgy for Good Friday

8:00pm—BBC Radio 2—At the Foot of the Cross (Passion Narrative, music and poetry)

Holy Saturday (from Mullingar)

10:00pm-

RTÉ One TV & LW 252 & RTÉ Radio 1 Extra—Easter Vigil Mass

RECENTLY DECEASED

As parishioners we offer our sincere sympathies, prayers and support to the family members of:

RECENTLY DECEASED

Philomena Mallon, Taghnevan Margaret Simmons, Taghnevan Laurence McAreavey, Derrymacash Brendan McStravick, North Circular Road

May they rest in oeace

PARISH ANNIVERSARIES Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

SATURDAY 4 APRIL (VIGIL Mass)

Tommy Haddock, Shankill Street William and Elizabeth Leathem, Shankill Street

SUNDAY 5 APRIL - 9am Mass

No Anniversaries

SUNDAY 5 APRIL - 10.30 Mass

Tommy Magee, Victoria Street Mary McConville, Aughacommon Embankment

SUNDAY 5 APRIL - 12 Noon Mass

Maura Green, Ashwood Ann McMahon, Mansfield

MONDAY 6 APRIL

Edward Jordan, Cypress Gardens Philomena Wallace, Ardglass Angela McKeever, Forest Glade (formerly Portadown)

TUESDAY 7 APRIL

Mary Malcolm (nee Lavery), Oakfield Terrace Mary Jane Green, Sloan Street

WEDNESDAY 8 APRIL

Dennis McCaughley, Churchill Park, Portadown

THURSDAY 9 APRIL

No Anniversaries

FRIDAY 10 APRIL

Margaret Byrne (nee Thornbury) (MM) Patrick McCann, Shankill Street Bridie McDonald, Grattan Street Edward McConville, Silverwood Drive Jerry Magennis, Drumellan Susan McConaghy, Aghagallon Thomas Leathem, Kilwilke Road Karyn O'Neill, Brett Avenue Bridie Robinson, Brown Street Margaret, Daniel & Rita Sands, **Brownlow Terrace**

SAT 11 APRIL - Easter Vigil Mass 9.00pm

Theresa Brankin, Portadown Kathleen Dickson, Oakfield Terrace Barney McQuillan, Ellington Avenue

TV/RADIO FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER cont'd Easter Sunday (from Paris & Rome)

10:00am-RTÉ One TV & RTÉ Radio 1 Extra-Easter Sunday Mass

11:00am—RTÉ One & BBC One TV—Urbi et Orbi: Pope Francis' Easter Message and Blessing

5:30pm—BBC Radio 3—Words and Music: (music, prose and poetry for Easter)