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

SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS 5th January 2020

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



OUR MASS SCHEDULE

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

Monday 10:00a.m. and 7.00p.m. Tuesday to Friday: 10.00.am. Saturday: 10:30a.m.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Evening before First Fridays: 6:15-6:50p.m.

Saturdays: 11.00a.m. to 11:30a.m.

6:15p.m. to 6:50p.m.

Saint Paul's Parish Office Parish Secretary – Patricia McCann (028) 3832 1289

Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday Thursday and Friday 9.30a.m. to 1.30a.m. Wednesday 1:30p.m. to 2:30p.m.

Please join us in the Adoration Chapel, Edward Street.

PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS 2019

Sunday 21st December £2404.16

Wednesday 25th December £5779.65

Sunday 29th December £2082.84

Many thanks for your huge generosity!

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 Friday: 8:00a.m. Monday and Wednesday: 8:00a.m. and 10:30a.m. **Tuesday and Friday:** 8:00a.m. and 7:00p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 9:30a.m.

Friday: 6:15p.m. to 6:50p.m. Saturday: 5:15p.m. to 5:50p.m. 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.

OUR PARISH OFFICE opens again on Monday 6th January 2020.

Please note that anyone wishing to arrange Anniversary Masses should now contact Fionnuala in the Sacristy before or after any Parish Mass.

2020 Parish Calendars are now available at the back of both Churches.

Please take one for your home, for those who are sick and housebound, and those who for their own personal reasons don't practice their faith in our parish Church on a weekly basis.

Parish Sacristan: Fionnuala Hamill

(028) 3832 1289

Parish Website: www.lurganparish.com 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

Ms Fionnuala Hamill. Tel. 028 3832 1289

** Emergency number for all sick calls

(weekends included) Tel: (028) 3832 3161 **

FEAST DAYS 2020 **Monday 6th January**

The Epiphany of the Lord celebrates the revelation of God incarnate as Jesus Christ. The feast commemorates principally (but not solely) the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child. It is sometimes called 'Three Kings' Day', and in some traditions celebrated as: 'Little Christmas'. Mass in Saint Paul's Church will be celebrated at 10.00a.m. and 7.00p.m to honour this feast.

Tuesday 7th January

Saint Raymond O.P. was a Spanish Dominican friar in the 13th century, born in Vilafranca del Penedès, a small town near Barcelona, Catalonia, Descended from a noble family with ties to the royal house of Aragon, he was educated in Barcelona and at the University of Bologna, where he received doctorates in both civil and canon law.

OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHURCH UNITY **18TH TO 25TH IANUARY 2020**

A special Prayer Service will be held in Shankill Parish Church of Ireland Church, Lurgan on Wednesday 22nd January. The time will be announced later. The guest speaker will be Bishop Kenneth Good, (recently retired Bishop of Derry and Raphoe). The theme for this year is: 'They showed

Us Unusual Kindness'. The service and prayers were prepared by the Christian Churches of Malta. Please come along pray for ourselves and our fellow Christians around the world!

A huge "Thank You!" to everyone for the overwhelming generosity in giftgiving and food donations to our needy families. We are extending all the hugs and expressions of gratitude we received from those families who received the food and toy hampers. May God bless you all - Lurgan St Vincent de Paul Society.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 12TH TO 17TH MAY 2020 INCLUSIVE.

Lurgan Lourdes Committee are taking applications for assisted pilgrims (those who are unwell and infirm), and for Nurses willing to join in the pilgrimage work.

Applications to our Secretary: Rosemary McGuinness, 29, Hunters Lodge. Lurgan BT66 6NB

Youth Pilgrimages 2020 Are you 18 to 30 years old? Might you be interested in joining a Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes (12th to 17th May) or the Camino de Santiago, Spain (19th - 25th July).

Choose your pilgrimage! They're a great way to get to know likeminded people, to travel and to grow in faith in a new way. To secure your place forward a deposit of £200 to the Diocesan Youth Office, 39 - 41 Hill Street, Newry, BT341AT. Cheque payable to the Diocese of Dromore Trust - Youth. For more information e mail: dromoreyd@btconnect.com or phone

Frances 028 3083 3898.

LURGAN LOURDES FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE 'Voucher for Weekly Draw'

Buy one £25.00 voucher and your name will be on a ticket each Sunday during 2020. Weekly prize £10.00 Vouchers can be purchased from Saint Peter's Parish Office, North Street.

NEW IRISH DANCING CLASSES MONDAY 13TH IANUARY

Brownlow Community Hub, Craigavon. All levels and abilities are welcome. 6.30p.m. - 7.30p.m. Children (age 4 upwards) 7.30p.m. to 8.30p.m. – Jig Fit Adult Dancing (age18 to 99)

Come along and have fun!!

RIGHT TO LIFE U.K Happy New Year!

We are really excited to let you know that, thanks to an amazing response from all our supporters (like yourselves), we reached our target of raising £100,000 for our end of year appeal!

The next 12 months are going to be absolutely vital if we are to defeat the massive push by the abortion lobby to introduce an extreme abortion law. Your generosity means that we have

the funding in place to ensure that we can run our campaign to protect unborn lives right across the U.K. from the proposed extreme law change. Thank you again for your support. Catherine Robinson

PRAYER FOR A 2020

May the Lord make 2020 a happy one... Not by shielding me from sorrow and pain, but by strengthening me to bear it if it comes.

Not by making my path always easy, but by making me strong enough to treat it. Not by taking hardship from me, but by taking all cowardice and fear from my heart as I meet hardships. Not by granting me unbroken sunshine, but by keeping my face bright even in the shadows.

Not by making my life always pleasant, but by showing me where Your people need me most and by making me enthusiastic to be there and to help!

WEE THOUGHT FOR 2020 Enjoy what some guys have to say in the following reflection. As you might imagine, it's called:

'Rules from the Men.' 1. Learn to work the toilet seat. You're a big girl. If it's up, put it down. We need it up, you need it down. You don't hear us complaining about you leaving it down. 2. Birthdays, Valentines, and Anniversaries are not a contest to see who can find the perfect present, yet again! 3. Sometimes we are not thinking about you live with it please! 4. Shopping is 'NOT' a sport. And no, we are never going to think of it that way. 5. Crying can often be blackmail - don't think that we're not aware of that!. 6. Ask for what you want. Let us be clear on this one: Subtle hints do not work! Just say what you want! 7. We don't remember dates. Mark birthdays and anniversaries on a calendar - remind us frequently beforehand. 8. Most guys own three pairs of shoes - black, brown and gutties. What makes you think we'd be any good at choosing which pair, out of thirty, would look good with your dress? 9. 'YES' and 'NO' are perfectly acceptable answers to almost every question. 10. Come to us with a problem only if you want help solving it. That's what we do. 11. When we have to go somewhere, absolutely anything you wear is fine - really! 12. Anything we said 6 months ago is inadmissible in an argument. 13. If you think you're fat, then you probably are. 14. Remember that beer is as exciting for us, as handbags are for you!15. You can either ask us to do something, or tell us how you want it done - not both. If you already know best how to do it, just do it yourself. 16. Our relationship is never going to be like it was the first two months when we were going out - get over it and guit whining to your girlfriends. 17. All men see in only 16 colours. Peach, for example, is a fruit, not a colour. Pumpkin is also a fruit. We have no idea what mauve is. 18. Our lack of mind-reading ability is not proof of how little we care about you. 19. If we ask what is wrong and you say: "nothing," then we will act like nothing's wrong. 20. If you ask a question you don't want an answer to, expect an answer you don't want to hear.

Complaints from women to the Editor of this week's bulletin are strictly prohibited!!!



RECENTLY DECEASED

As parishioners' we offer our sincere sympathies, prayer and support the family members of: Tom Haddock, formerly Kilmaine Street Nuala McGibbon, Cornakinnegar Road Leonard Magill, Carrickvale Kathleen Brankin, Belvedere Manor William McMullan, formerly of Inglewood Maggie Breen, Derrymacash Road

May they rest in Peace

PARISH ANNIVERSARIES

SATURDAY 4TH JANUARY (Vigil Mass)

Thomas McCann, Silverwood Drive Alice Hatchell, Silverwood Drive Liam Thornbury, Brett Drive Margaret & Patrick Quinn, Stonebridge Vera Toman, Elmwood Terrace

SUNDAY 5TH JANUARY at 9.00a.m. Eileen Loughran, Shankill Street

SUNDAY 5TH JANUARY at 12.00noon Angela Lavery, Killough Gardens

MONDAY 6TH JANUARY at 10.00a.m

Kathleen Ranaghan, Killough, Co Down Patsy Magee, Hawthorne Avenue Charles & Elizabeth Thornbury, **Brown Street** Sean Harvey, Belfast

TUESDAY 7TH JANUARY at 10.00a.m. Robert Black, Strabane John Creaney, Thornleigh

Aloysius Jordan, Taghnevan WEDNESDAY 8TH JANUARY at 10.00a.m.

Daniel McDonald, Arthur Street

THURSDAY 9TH JANUARY at 10.00a.m. Eileen Loughran, James Street Eileen Moore, Thornleigh

FRIDAY 10TH JANUARY at 10.00a.m.

Kitty Lavery, Hawthorne Avenue Annie Haddock, (formerly Sloan Street) Basil Hoy, Ashwood

SATURDAY 11TH JANUARY at 10.30a.m. William Magee, Oakfield Terrace

SATURDAY 11TH JANUARY (Vigil Mass)

Annie McKenna, Edward Street Eileen Jane Geary, Clara Street William Haughey, Francis Street

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord