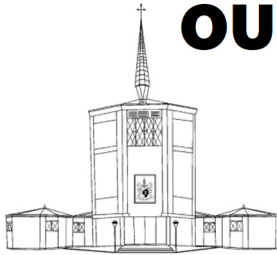


SAINT PAUL’S PARISH, SHANKILL

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.

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Download App Store or Google Play

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"Volunteers needed. Please give your time"

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND ADULTS WHO REQUIRE PROTECTION: Dromore Diocesan Designated Liaison Person
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THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

For collaboration between different religious traditions:

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

FEAST DAYS DURING THIS WEEK

Saturday 4 October - St Francis of Assisi - abandoned all things for the love of Christ, founded the Friars Minor and with St Clare, the Poor Clares. For the last two years of his life he suffered the stigmata. St Francis is the Patron Saint of ecologists.

Monday 6 October - St Bruno, Priest - born in Cologne, 1033. He became professor of theology in Rheims University and later its head. But his desire was to found a monastery where poverty, manual work, silence and worship could be the basics.

Tuesday 7 October - Our Lady of the Rosary Today's celebration urges all to meditate on the mysteries of Christ, Following the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary who was in a special manner associated the incarnation, passion and glorious resurrection of the Son of God.

Thursday 9 October - St John Henry Newman, Priest John Henry Newman was canonized on October 13 2019 by Pope Francis after a second miracle was attributed to him. The Church in Ireland is deeply aware of St John Henry's gentle scholarship, deep human wisdom and profound love for the Lord.

St John Leonardi, supported the reforms to Trent, published a Catechism and helped to found the Propagation of the Faith in Rome.

Saturday 11 October - St Pope John XXIII, was head of the Catholic Church and sovereign of the Vatican City State from 28 October 1958 until his death in June 1963. He was born on 25 November 1881 in Sotto il Monte, Italy. He died 3 June 1963 at the Apostolic Palace, Vatican.

St Canice, - born in Co Derry around 527 and died in 603. Though his people were poor, he studied at Clonard under Finnian and at Glasnevin under Mobhi. A deep friendship developed between himself and Columba with whom he worked for a time in Scotland, where he set up a number of churches. In Ireland his principal foundation was in Aghaboe in Ossory but this was replaced centuries later by his Church in Kilkenny.

THANKSGIVING FOR DIACONATE ORDINATION

We give thanks and congratulations to Rev Pearse Thornbury, who was ordained a deacon for the Diocese of Dromore.

To mark this joyful milestone, a celebration Mass will be held in St Peter's on **Sunday, 5th October at 12 noon**, followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall. All are warmly welcome to attend and join in the celebration.

Please continue to keep Deacon Pearse in your prayers as he begins his ministry of service.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

The Novena in St Paul's will commence on **Monday 6th October** and will continue for **9 weeks** concluding on **Monday 1st December**.

The Novena prayers will be said at the 10.00am Mass

The Novena in St Peter's will commence on **Tuesday 7th October** and will continue for **9 weeks** concluding on **Tuesday 2nd December**.

The Novena prayers will be said at 8.00am Mass & at the 7.00pm Mass

St Paul's Junior Choir
presents

Sing with Joy 4
at Family Mass @ 10.30am

Sunday 12 October 2025
Members of the St Paul's Junior Choir will take part in a workshop, led by Mr Claran Coll, reknowned facilitator of contemporary Church music for young voices, on Saturday 11 October.

Join us at Family Mass to hear our programme of new music and support our young singers and instrumentalists as we all Sing with Joy!



BAPTISMS

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

Oisín James Fitzpatrick
Cody Hilton
Toby Caoimhin Mallon

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.

ST FRANCIS SCHOOL OPENING MASS YEAR 2025/26

The Opening Mass for the school will take place on Tuesday 7th October 2025 at the 10.00am Mass.

MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTIONS PROGRAMME - LURGAN & DRUMGASK

ASCERT - NI's leading alcohol, drugs and mental health charity - have launched a programme of support for families and individuals in these areas who are affected by the challenges of mental health and addiction.

They are able to offer **FREE CONFIDENTIAL SUPPORT** to those who are living with these difficulties through One to One and Group Support and Training.

This programme will help build skills, resilience and knowledge for those in need so please contact us in complete confidentiality to have an informal chat and find out more.

Email paulw@ascert.biz or contact ASCERT on FREEPHONE 0800 2545 123 and ask to speak to Paul.

Join us at the Cellar Bar Friday 3rd October at 7.30pm to help raise funds for **EVORA HOSPICE, FORMERLY SOUTHERN AREA HOSPICE** at "Music of the Night" Admission £5. Pay at the door.

DROMORE DIOCESAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
The Society will hold its Annual General Meeting on

MONDAY 6th OCTOBER @ 7:00pm.
2025 in the Parish Centre, Newry. After the formal business of Reports and election of officers, there will be a lecture at 7:30 by Dr Eoin Magennis, entitled Dr Padraig Quinn of Newry and the revolutionary period in Ireland, 1916-1924"

Everyone very welcome.

COMMUNITY NOTICE TAGHNEVAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
On Wednesday 8th October at 7.00pm
In the
Community Centre

VOLUNTEER TRAINING PROGRAMME OCN LEVEL 2

offered over 6 weeks (from 15th October to 19th Nov) or those working with young people, 18 yrs plus, in your parish or community - venue Newry Parish Centre - 6.30 pm to 9.30 pm - will include a light tea from 6 pm.

We welcome new volunteers who are willing to help in their Parish/Diocese and would value training. Email youthdirector@dromorediocese.org or phone 028 3083 3898

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday 28 September '25 £2,022.22
Thank you for your continued generosity.



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

Tony McFadden Blair Drive
Brian Heaney, Sloan Street
Mary Bernadette (Bernie) McNeill
Knockramer Close/formerly Newry
Claire Scullion, Parkview Street

SATURDAY 4 OCTOBER 10.30AM

Deirdre and Edward Goodfellow, Drumlin Drive
Josephine Tipping, Silverwood Drive

SATURDAY 4 OCTOBER 7.00PM VIGIL

Marie Jordan (MM), Shankill Street
Martin Molloy (MM), Glenholme Park
Hugh Flannery, Belfast/Lurgan

SUNDAY 5 OCTOBER 9.00AM

Josie McGeown, Cafolla Gardens

SUNDAY 5 OCTOBER 10.30AM

Paul Mallon (MM), Cypress Gardens
Sarah McAlinden, The Palms, Ballinery
Patrick (Paddy) McGibbon, Lurgan Tarry
Gerry O'Neill, Monbrief Walk

MONDAY 6 OCTOBER 10.00AM

John Jordan, Cypress Gardens
Denis Carville, Parkview Street
Mary Skeffington, Garland Avenue
Sarah Jane Haddock, Shankill Street
Jim Halfpenny, Monbrief Walk
Sheila and Gerry McConaghy, Shankill Estate

TUESDAY 7 OCTOBER 10.00AM

Sadie McConville, St Winifreds Terrace
Joseph O'Neill, Ashwood
Noel Cassidy, Silverwood Drive

WEDNESDAY 8 OCTOBER 10.00AM

Baby Daniel Molloy, Belvedere Manor
Richard (Dick) and Gerard Ranaghan
Point Road Killough, Co Down
Elizabeth McCrory, Silverwood Drive
Samuel McMullan, Drumellan Park
Angela Marsden, Francis Street
Annie McKenna, Albert Street
Jim McAtasney, Conor Park
Joseph and Ellen Bailey, Brown Street

THURSDAY 9 OCTOBER 10.00AM

Sheila Magee, Ashwood
Mark Hatchell, Springwell Drive/London
Joe Green, Manchester
Patrick Creaney, Warrington, England

FRIDAY 10 OCTOBER 10.00AM

Dan Conway, Glenholme Avenue
Anne Haughey, Boconnell Lane, Silverwood

SATURDAY 11 OCTOBER 10.30AM

Annie McCorry, Glenavy
Kay Williamson, Craigavon

SATURDAY 11 OCTOBER 7.00PM VIGIL

William McCavigan, Kiln Lodge
Joseph Thompson, Meadowbrook
Patrick and Maraaret McConville. Derrvadd

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Faith is not measured by its size but by its surrender. When the disciples pleaded, *'increase our faith!* Jesus replied that even faith as small as a mustard seed could uproot mountains (v. 6).

Yet true faith is not about spectacular displays - it's about humble obedience. *"When you have done all you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants'"* (v. 10).

God doesn't demand grand achievements but faithful steps. Today, trust Him with what little faith you have, and let obedience - not applause - be your motive. The smallest seed of faith, planted in surrender, moves heaven's hand.

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

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Requests for Anniversaries/Month's Mind

PLEASE HAVE ANNIVERSARIES IN THE PARISH OFFICE BY 12 NOON if

EACH WEDNESDAY of the week BEFORE if you want them included in the Bulletin

FEAR, HOPE, MERCY

A Recollection Weekend on the Four Last Things
Date: 31st Oct ober- 2nd November 2025

Location: *Ti Chulainn Centre, Mullaghbawn Co. Armagh.*

An opportunity for adult Catholics who would like to go deeper in their faith and life more truly in the light of that for which they were created to come together in prayer and reflection.

Sacraments, Conferences, Silence, Community and more.

Retreat leader: Fr Patrick Desmond OP.

Fully residential with full board - non-residential rates available also - all details online.

Early bird closes Monday 29th September. For more info visit www.thecollect.ie or email info@thecollect.ie

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