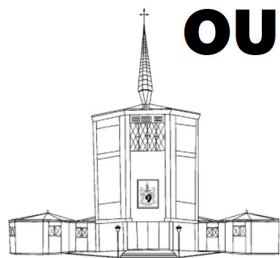


# SAINT PAUL'S PARISH, SHANKILL

## 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.

### OUR PARISH CLERGY

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**SUNDAY 7 DECEMBER 2025**  
**SECOND SUNDAY**  
**OF ADVENT**



### 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

#### Saint Paul's Parish Office

Parish Secretary  
Telephone: (028) 3832 1289  
Email:

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

#### Office Hours

Monday to Friday 9.00am to 12.30pm

Requests for Anniversaries/Month's Mind

**PLEASE HAVE ANNIVERSARIES IN  
THE PARISH OFFICE BY 12 NOON  
of EACH WEDNESDAY of the week  
BEFORE if you wish them to be  
included in the Bulletin**



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

### OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday 30 November 2025 £2,206. 52

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

### DROMORE DIOCESAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Society's new Journal Seanchas Dhroim Mór 2025 is now available in the Parish Offices.

Of special interest to Lurgan readers will be articles on the Dougher Graveyard Part2; Dean Michael McConville; Kieran Clendinning plus another 18 articles.

See our Facebook page Seanchas Dhroim Mór for the full list of contents. PRICE £20.

**Cantabile**  
Presents  
“Carols by Candlelight”  
Special Guests  
The Maginn School of Irish Dancing  
Junior Cantabile  
Musical Director Kerrie Patterson  
Accompanist Brian Greene

**VENUE:**  
St. Paul's Chapel, Lurgan

**DATE:**  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025

**TIME:** 7.00pm

Admission is free with voluntary donations in aid of St. Vincent de Paul and St. Ronan's Community Hardship Fund.

### 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

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



**FEAST OF THE  
IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION  
MONDAY  
8 DECEMBER 2025**

### MASS TIMES

**FOR HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

**St Paul's:** Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 10.00am

**St Peter's:** Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 8.00am and 7.00pm.

### CHILDREN'S MASS DURING ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS.

On Sunday 21st December we'll be having our Nativity Mass. We'd love to see all the children come along to Mass dressed as shepherds and angels that day. We will be doing a small Nativity Play at this Mass.

Many thanks to all who support our Children's Mass and Merry Christmas.

### ST PETER'S AND ST PAUL'S CAROL SERVICE

Please come along and join with the Choirs of St Peter's and St Paul's for their **ANNUAL CAROL SERVICE** on Sunday 14th December at 7pm.

We shall prepare for the coming of Jesus through prayers, readings & Carols. A time to stop and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. Refreshments served afterwards in the Parish Hall.



### 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.

### CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December St Peter's at 6.00pm. The **HEALING MASS** with anointing for will follow at 7.00pm.
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December St Anthony's at 7.00pm
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December St Paul's at 7.00pm
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 7:30 (after evening Mass), St. Peter's

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### A SERVICE WITH A BLESSING FOR PARENTS EXPECTING NEW BABIES

Will take place this Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 3.00pm in St Paul's Church The Relic of St Gerard Majella will be available.

#### DOWN'S AND PROUD SINGING SHOWCASE

This Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 3.30pm in St Peter's Church

### PIPS HOPE AND SUPPORT

Invites families and friends who have been bereaved by suicide to come together for our Interdenominational Christmas Service of Remembrance, Hope and Healing.

This year's service will take place in **St Mary's Church of Ireland, Hill Street, Newry, on Sunday 14th December at 4:00pm.** The Christmas Service provides a space for personal reflection and remembrance, in the company of others who understand. Candles will be kindled in memory of those we have lost, while personal messages will adorn the Memory Tree.

You are very welcome to bring something personal with you on the day to place on the Memory Tree, and Memory Cards and Candles will be available in the church.

Following the service, the Memory Tree will be placed in Newry Cathedral throughout the Christmas period, where anyone may visit or add memorabilia. The tree will remain in place until 6th January 2026.

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>

### THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION

**December 2025** Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE

The St. Vincent de Paul Society's Annual Appeal special collection will be on the second Sunday in December (13/14th).

A member of the Conference will speak at the Masses to give an update about the work of the local Conference.

Starting this coming week of Nov 16th, we are requesting donations of grocery and household items for the Christmas Hamper Distribution.

The Giving Tree with tags, requesting toys and gifts will be at the back of the church this weekend. There is no need to wrap the gifts, just return them along with the tag

### TRÓCAIRE - CHRISTMAS GIFTS OF LOVE

*Cards available from the Parish Office from Monday 24 November.*

Soap £3, Chicks £10, Menstrual dignity £10, Seeds and Tools £10, Solar Lamp £15, Emergency Water £20, School Lunches £20, School Kit £20, Emergency Food £35, Food & Nourishment £40, Goat £40, Help for Grandparents £40, Mental Health Lifeline £50, New Mother's Care Kit £50, Urgent Financial Aid £60, Honey Bees £60, Protection from Climate Change £90, Water Systems £90, Women's Empowerment £90, A Just World £90, A safe Home £125, Ox Plough & Farming tools £200, Fix a Well £1,000, Solar Panel Water Pump £1,400

### ST PAUL'S PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD

The Parish Christmas card is now available and can be purchased from the Parish Office for £3.

Grateful thanks to a parishioner who designed this year's card.

### LURGAN LOURDES COMMITTEE

Dromore Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage  
15<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026  
5 Nights Full Board £890pp

We are now taking applications for Assisted Pilgrims  
Anyone who would like to be considered

Please contact Rosemary (Secretary) 07796310214

Or any Committee Member



### 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

**Martin Hogan, Hill Court, Hill Street**  
**Eileen Kerr (née Murphy), Francis Street**  
**Bernadette (Bernie) Mackey, Ennis Close**  
**John Joseph (Jack) McAlinden, Victoria St**

### SATURDAY 6 DECEMBER 10.30AM

Peggy Kingman, Edward Street  
Kathleen Green, Ashdene Park  
Pat and Joyce Toman, Bleary/Luton  
Ellen Markey, Whitecross  
Patrick, Mary Ellen and Jim Blaney, Mansefield

### SATURDAY 6 DECEMBER 7.00PM VIGIL

**Angela Cafolla (MM), Mansefield**

Joe Cafolla, Mansefield  
Madeline Doyle, Riverglade Manor  
Colm O'Hagan, Taghnevan  
Gordon deCartaret, Cafolla Gardens  
Brendan Gilmore, Dingwell Park

### SUNDAY 7 DECEMBER 9.00AM

Bill and Lydia Doyle, Brownlow Terrace  
Kenny McConaghy, Lough Road

### SUNDAY 7 DECEMBER 10.30AM

Charlotte McConville, Arthur Street/Manor Drive  
Mona Doonan (nee Anderson), Waringstown

### MONDAY 8 DECEMBER 10.00AM

May McCorry, Glenavy  
Seamus Gallery, Killough Gardens  
Tommy Lynch, Edward Street

### TUESDAY 9 DECEMBER 10.00AM

Elizabeth (Lily) McShane, Shore Road  
Austin and Doreen Toman, Antrim Road  
Vera McKinsty, Hawthorne Avenue  
Malachy Hogan, Gosselin Drive  
Henry O'Neill, Derrytrasna  
Bridget McStravick, Valley Lane, Waringstown  
Margaret & John McCann Valley Lane Waringstown

### WEDNESDAY 10 DECEMBER 10.00AM

Jane (Jeanie) Quinn, Prospect Way  
Donald McCorry, Victoria Street Place  
Kathleen Magee, Hawthorne Avenue  
Thomas Hill, Magheralin

### THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER 10.00AM

Mary McConville, Silverwood Drive  
Brendan Doran, Silverwood Drive  
Conal Smyth, Taghnevan Drive  
Maureen Walsh, Kinnego  
Catherine Kitty Brady, Ashwood

### FRIDAY 12 DECEMBER 10.00AM

Rose Skeffington, Garland Avenue  
Edward McCluskey, Shankill Street  
Lena May, Silverwood Drive  
Deirdre Boyd, Cafolla Gardens  
Edward Bell

### SATURDAY 13 DECEMBER 10.30AM

Elizabeth (Liz) Maxwell, Manor Drive  
Cathy and David McDonald, Killough Gardens  
Annie Corey, O'Neill's Terrace

### SATURDAY 13 DECEMBER 7PM VIGIL

**Joe Haughian (MM), Silverwood Drive**

Jerome Doran, Silverwood Drive  
Linda Stevenson, Drumlin Drive  
Jimmy Brankin, England  
Julia Mitchell, Annaloiste Road  
Sam Coleman, Edward Street  
Philomena Haddock, Cafolla Gardens