

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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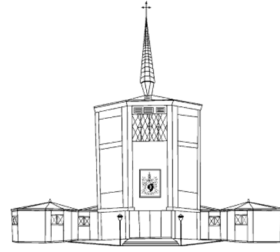
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SUNDAY 8 AUGUST 2021
19TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME



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

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Office Hours

Monday to Friday 9.00am to 12.30pm

Requests for Anniversaries/Month's Mind

Notices should be left into the Parish Office on or before 12 noon each **Wednesday** if they are to be included in the Bulletin.

The minimum diocesan stipend is £10.00.



ADORATION CHAPEL

Edward Street
Adoration Chapel
Private Prayer only
9.00am - 7.00pm

FOOD BANK

For the month of July a fantastic 166kg/26st of items were donated to the food bank. Your generosity and support is very much appreciated. The door to the parish office area will be open daily from **9am until 12 Noon Monday to Friday** for all donations.

I WEAR MY MASK IN PUBLIC FOR 3 REASONS

- HUMILITY: I don't know if I have Covid as it is clear that people can spread the disease before they have symptoms;**
- KINDNESS: I don't know if the person I am near has a child battling cancer, or cares for their elderly mum. While I might be fine, they might not be;**
- COMMUNITY: I want my community to thrive, businesses to stay open, employees to stay healthy, keeping a lid on Covid helps us all.**



ST PETER'S PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday

Vigil 6:00pm (Saturday)
8:00am, 10:00am (po polsku)
and 12 Noon

Weekdays

Monday to Friday: 8:00am
Tuesday: 7:00pm
Friday: Eucharist Service 7.00pm
Saturday 9.30am

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Office Hours

Monday 10:00am – 1:00pm and 1:45pm – 4.00pm
Tuesday–Thursday 9.00am – 1.00pm and 1:45pm – 4.00 pm
Friday 9.00am–1.00pm and 1:30pm –2:30pm

Community Outreach Group (COG)

We are hoping to ease into activities this coming year starting in August. For the time being these will take place outdoors and with restricted numbers.

The first of these will take place on Saturday 7 August with a walking tour of Lurgan Park led by Paul May. This is no ordinary walking tour. Paul will bring our attention to the beauty of the trees and other aspects of nature. This will begin at 10am where we will meet in the park. We are restricted to about 30 people. Please respond if you are interested in participating. Thank you, Elise Gorman



There will be blood donation sessions at the Jethro Centre, Flush Place, Lurgan on Thursday 12th & Friday 13th August 2021 from 1:00pm - 4:00pm & 5:00pm - 8.00pm. In order to maintain the vital supply of blood to our hospitals, the NI Blood Transfusion Service needs the support not only of existing donors but also new donors. Please encourage family and friends to come along - they could save a life.

ST V de P. OZANAM MANSHEED

We are pleased to have been able to re-open the 'Manshed' from 27th July.

Old members are welcome back. New members also welcome.

Hours of opening are as follows: Tues, Wed, Thurs - 10am-2pm Call 079 0271 9392 for more information.

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators.

Accord is seeking registration of interest from those who have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church and the enthusiasm to be part of a team supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage.

Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally in accordance with best practice.

Contact Aisling on 00353 1 505 3112 or by email to info@accord.ie.

The closing date for receipt of registration of interest forms to be included in Selections for this year is Friday 27 August.

Additional information is available on www.accord.ie.

This year the **Youth 2000 Summer Festival** will take place both **ONLINE** and **IN PERSON!** The festival is primarily taking place ONLINE! All talks, testimonies, Liturgies, prayer and worship will take place online for the course of the weekend and it is here that you can watch, engage with and participate in the Summer Festival in its entirety.

However, in line with government and church regulations, this year we are able to add in person elements once again to our Summer Festival. These in person elements will be held at multiple satellite locations around Ireland with slightly different formats in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland to ensure that all activities are in line with relevant government regulations there.

For all information and to register please visit www.youth2000.ie

UPDATE ON THE WEARING OF FACE MASKS IN CHURCH

Dear Father, Deacon, Sister and Brother,

The decision to introduce face coverings in our churches dates back to August 2020 and was taken by Church Leaders before face coverings were made mandatory by the Governments, North and South.

On 26th July, the NI Executive decided to remove the legal requirement to wear a face covering within a place of worship, (It, however, remained a legal requirement to wear a face covering on the way into a place of worship and on the way out.)

Despite this change to the legal position, I ask that, for the time being, we continue to strongly recommend and encourage the use of face coverings at all services of worship. I shall let you know if, and when, we decide to recommend a change in this practice.

Kindest regards,

Most Rev Eamon Martin
Apostolic Administrator

"Westminster has imposed an unjust law. Christians, and all people of good will, can never ignore the fact that unborn children are human beings worthy of protection" – Northern Catholic Bishops

Statement by the Northern Catholic Bishops on the direction of the Secretary of State to introduce abortion services to Northern Ireland

The decision last week by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Brandon Lewis MP, to direct the NI Executive and Department of Health to make abortion services available in Northern Ireland by 21 March 2022, is gravely disquieting. It is the latest in a line of decisions by the current Westminster Government which we believe threaten the fragile balance of relationships at the heart of the Belfast (Good Friday) Agreement.

Sadly, some of our local political parties seem content to welcome this unilateral move by Westminster on an issue which is of fundamental importance to local voters, while rightly challenging such unilateral impositions on other issues.

With many others, from a wide range of moral, philosophical, and religious backgrounds, we have consistently held that the right to life of every person, irrespective of stage of development or ability, is the prior and essential right of all other human rights. Our shared search for peace is driven in no small part by our collective rejection of the brutality and demeaning of human dignity that occurs when the right to life is diminished in any way. Thankfully, we live in an age when sensitivity to the preciousness and fragility of all life on our planet, even in its most microscopic forms, is better understood and appreciated. The failure to extend this sensitivity and care to our own fellow human beings in the womb, as well as to mothers in pregnancy will, we believe, one day be seen as a grave moral blindness on the part of this generation and a profound dereliction of our responsibility to uphold the most basic human right of all - the right to life.

In unilaterally imposing this direction on the local Northern Ireland Assembly to provide abortion services, it is as if the Westminster Government, and those local parties who have supported them, believe the answer to the issue of providing compassionate care for a woman and her unborn child in pregnancy can be framed simply and exclusively as a "healthcare issue". Absent from the discussion however are the thousands of unborn children, who have no legal protection and whose humanity is excluded from the political equation. It is for this reason that the argument for the protection of all human life can never be abandoned or referred to human rights experts alone. Westminster has imposed an unjust law. Christians, and all people of good will, can never stand silently by and fail to raise their voices at any attempt to ignore completely the fact that unborn children are human beings worthy of protection.

As our society prepares in coming months to engage in the ultimate expression of democratic participation - the election to our local Assembly - we encourage all Catholics, and those share our view on the inviolability of all human life, to reflect carefully on the issues raised by this succession of unilateral impositions by the Westminster Government. We encourage everyone who believes in the equal right to life and compassionate care for a mother and her unborn child to ask local candidates and political parties to explain their position on these interventions and on this most fundamental of all issues.



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

Frances Sparkes (née Baines) Waringstown
Carly Sheridan, Ardowen, Craigavon
Dolores Hughes, Dill Avenue
Henry Crossey

Derrycor Lane formerly Wolfisland Terrace

May they rest in Peace!

MONTHS MINDS AND ANNIVERSARIES

SATURDAY 7 AUGUST (VIGIL MASS)

Gerard McCaughley, Silverwood Drive
Patsy and Bridget Loughran, Ardfinnan, Clonmel

SUNDAY 8 AUGUST 9.00AM MASS

Sheila Mulholland, Taghnevan Close
Barry McDonald, Hill Street
Patrick McCann

Michael and Clare Haughey, Villiers Avenue
Con McCambridge, Gilford

SUNDAY 8 AUGUST 10.30AM MASS

Rita Campbell (MM), Brett Park

Vivienne Patterson, Kiln Lane
Nora Patterson, North Circular Road
Britta Quisumbing, Philippines

MONDAY 9 AUGUST

Bob McEvoy (Clonmeen) formerly Ballydougan

TUESDAY 10 AUGUST

Rosaleen Harvey, Ballyhegan
Michael McKernan, Derrylodge Manor

WEDNESDAY 11 AUGUST

Noel Gorman, Monbrief Walk
Bernard (Barney) Lavery, Cypress Gardens
Paul Withers, Sloan Street

THURSDAY 12 AUGUST

Patricia Cassidy, Derrymacash
Vincent Barry, Hawthorne Avenue
Patsy Duffy, Edward Street
James McConaghy, Brownlow Terrace

FRIDAY 13 AUGUST

May Brown, Ashdene Park
Hugh McCluskey, Woodville Street

SATURDAY 14 AUGUST 10.30am

Brenda McKavanagh
Victoria Street formerly Hawthorne Avenue
Maureen McCrory, Downshire Avenue

Eternal Rest Grant on to them O Lord!



SLEEPING ST JOSEPH

I would like to tell you something very personal. I have a great love for St Joseph because he is a man of silence and strength. On my table I have a statue of St Joseph sleeping. Even when he is asleep, he is taking care of the church.

Yes, we know that he can do that.

So when I have a problem, a difficulty, I write a little note and I put it underneath St Joseph so that he can dream about it.

In other words, I tell him pray for this problem.

POPE FRANCIS

Taghnevan Preschool Playgroup AGM

Monday 9th August at 7.00pm
In Taghnevan Youth and Community Centre
All Welcome.