



# 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

SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2019  
2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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### SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH

#### OUR MASS SCHEDULE

##### Sundays

**Vigil** 7:00 pm Saturday

9:00 am, 10:30 am and 12:00 noon

**Monday to Friday:** 10:00 am

**Saturday:** 10:30 am

**Monday:** 7.00pm (Novena)

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**Evening before First Fridays:**

6:15-6:50 pm Thursday

**Saturdays:**

11.00am-11:30 am and 6:15-6:50 pm



### SAINT PETER'S CHURCH

#### OUR MASS SCHEDULE

##### Sundays

**Vigil** 6:00 pm Saturday

8:00 am, 10:00 am,

11:00 am (po polsku) and 12:15 pm.

**Monday to Friday:** 8:00 am

**Monday and Wednesday:** 10:30 am

**Tuesday and Friday:** 7:00 pm

**Saturday:** 9:30 am

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Fridays: 6:15-6:50 pm

Saturdays: 5:15-5:50 pm

#### SAINT PETER'S PARISH OFFICE

(028) 3832 3161

**Monday** 10am - 1.00pm

and 1:45pm - 4pm

**Tuesday to Thursday**

9am to 1 pm and 1:45 pm to 4 pm

**Friday** 9am to 1.00pm

and 1:30pm to 2:30pm

New Rotas for all Ministers of the Word (Sunday Readers) are now available to be collected from the Sacristy at Saint Paul's Church.

**PLEASE NOTE** Anniversaries and Month's Mind Notices that occur up to the 5th January 2020 should be left into the Parish Office on or before Wednesday 18th December at 3.00pm if they are to be included in the Bulletin over the Christmas and New Year holiday.

To book Baptisms, Weddings and Anniversary Masses, please call at the Parish Office located at the back of the Church. Opening hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9.00a.m. to 12.30p.m., and on Wednesday from 1.00p.m. until 4.30p.m. The telephone number is 028 3832 1289 and the e mail address is [office@stpaulsparishlurgan.org](mailto:office@stpaulsparishlurgan.org)

### OUR ANNUAL NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Finishes in Saint Paul's Church on Monday. The 10.00 am will include novena prayers. The Novena Mass will take place at 7.00 pm.

### FEAST DAYS

#### Monday 9th December

The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary. Our Church asserts that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was preserved free from the effects of original sin from the first instant of her conception.

#### Wednesday 11th December

Saint Damascus 111 (c. 305 - 11 December 384) was Bishop of Rome, from October 366 to his death in 384. He presided over the Council of Rome of 382 that determined the official list of Sacred Scripture commissioning production of the Vulgate Bible with his support for Saint Jerome

#### Thursday 12th December

Saint Finnian was one of the early Irish monastic saints, who founded Clonard Abbey in modern-day County Meath. Along with Saint Enda of Aran, he is considered one of the fathers of Irish monasticism.[1]

#### Friday 13th December

Saint Lucy whose name means 'light', is the patron saint of the blind. Lucy was born in 283 A.D. in Syracuse, Sicily, and was martyred there in 304 A.D.

#### Saturday 74h December

Saint John of the Cross 1542 - 1591 was a Carmelite friar and a major figure of the Spanish Counter-Reformation. A mystic and saint, he is one of thirty-six Doctors of the Church. John of the Cross is known especially for his writings.

**Saint Paul's Parish Christmas Mass Bouquets are available from the Parish Office or the Parish Sacristy!**

### THE FOX AND OTHER POEMS

A new book of poetry by Fr Michael Maginn. On sale from Parish Office. Price £5.

Parish Sacristan: Fionnuala Hamill

(028) 3832 1289

Parish Website: [www.lurganparish.com](http://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 \*\*

Since 8th December this year falls on a Sunday, the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary will be transferred to Monday the 9th December. This means there is **NO obligation attached to the holyday this year.**

Mass for the feast will be celebrated as follows:

Saint Paul's: 10:00a.m. and 7:00p.m.

Saint Peter's: 8:00a.m. and 10:30a.m.

**Please note there will be no Vigil Mass on Sunday**

### SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Parishioners who cannot attend Mass and receive the Eucharist can nonetheless receive great graces by expressing their desire to be close to Jesus in prayer.

At Communion time, the following prayer is recommended:

*My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present  
in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment  
receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there and  
unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen.*

### SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Will hold their Annual Church Gate Collection before and after all Masses this Sunday, 8th December. If you have a generous spirit, if you are a good listener, if you want to work in your community for social justice, and if you can show compassion, why not consider joining us at Saint Vincent de Paul???? To find out more about us, talk to some of the speakers after Mass on that day. Alternatively, call into the Centre on William Street and make an appointment to speak with Sister Elise.

### WEBCAM RECORDINGS IN SAINT PETER'S AND SAINT PAUL'S.

Parishioners are welcome to request that the webcam stream of a family occasion such as a wedding or funeral be recorded for later viewing. There is also an option to download the recording. Please note recordings will remain public on the parish website and churchservices.tv site for as long as the family wishes. If interested, please contact the parish office with your request.



### SAINT PAUL'S PARISH CHURCH DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2019/2020

Sunday, 8th December 7.30pm

Carols by Candlelight - Cantabile Choir

**Donations towards 'Care In Crisis':**

**Monday, 16th December 7.00p.m. - 8.00p.m.**

Penitential Service and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**Tuesday, 17th December 7.00p.m.**

Carol Service by Saint Francis' Primary School

**10.00a.m. Children's Mass each Sunday**

As we are now in the Advent season our Children's Liturgy Group are looking forward to a very busy time. Today we will be giving out our Advent Stars. These are for the children to colour in and decorate. **Please make sure to bring them back to Mass next week and we'll display them.**

On Sunday 22nd December we'll celebrate our very special Nativity Mass. We'd love to see all the children come along to this mass dressed as shepherds and angels.

Many thanks to all who have helped and supported our Children's Mass throughout the year!!

**25th December 2019 Christmas Masses**

Vigil at 7.00p.m., 9.00a.m.,

10.30a.m., 12.00noon

**New Year's Eve Vigil with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

11.00p.m. to 12.15a.m.

**Our Parish Mission** will be led by the Irish Redemptorists from Sunday 8th March 2020 until Saturday 14th March 2020. Please spread the word the word (and the dates). Watch this space for more details!!!!

### CHARLENE'S PROJECT 'SEASONAL SAUSAGE SIZZLER'

will take place on Friday 13th December from 5p.m. to 10p.m. in Dollingstown Church Hall to raise funds for our 2020 VISION of a Secondary School for the children in Uganda.

**An evening of music with John Dalzelle M.B.E. to celebrate 30 years of Hospice** will take place in Newry Town Hall on Wednesday 18th December 7.30p.m. during the week of his 28th Annual Christmas Sit Out on Hill Street.

The music includes silver, bagpipes, choir and a selection of solo singers and promises to be a great night of music. There is a great variety of representation of bands from all around the local area. If you would like to come along and get into the festive spirit, tickets are available at £10 each from John Dalzell (0775 982 3639) from Hospice Main Building reception or by Contacting James McCaffrey on 028 3025 1333."

**Thanks to everyone who took part in the annual Aghagallon Santa Run** which raised £7,014 for Southern Area Hospital. Thanks to all the helpers, Big Pat and Joe, stewards, Leanane and staff at Lurgan Park and especially Barry Shanks and Kevin McAlinden for their hard work organising the event every year.

**REFLECTION - Mary's Christmas Dream** "I had a dream, Joseph. I don't understand it, not really, but I think it was about a birthday celebration for our Son. I think that was what it was all about. The people had been preparing for it for about six weeks. They had decorated the house and bought new clothes. They'd gone shopping many times and bought elaborate gifts. It was peculiar, though, because the presents weren't for our Son!" "They wrapped them in beautiful paper and tied them with lovely bows and stacked them under a tree. Yes, a tree, Joseph, right in their house. They'd decorated the tree also. The branches were full of glowing balls and sparkling ornaments. There was a figure on the top of the tree. It looked like an angel might look." "It was so, so beautiful. Everyone was laughing and happy. They were all excited about the gifts. They gave the gifts to each other, Joseph, not to our Son. I don't think they even knew Him. They never mentioned His name. Doesn't it seem odd for people to go to all that trouble to celebrate someone's birthday if they don't know Him. I had the strangest feeling that, if our Son had actually gone to this celebration, He would have been intruding." "Everything was so beautiful, Joseph, and everyone so happy, but it made me want to cry. How sad for our Jesus - not to be wanted at His own birthday party. I'm glad it was only a dream. How terrible, Joseph, if it had been real!!!"

### CHRISTMAS GLOBAL GIFT CARDS FOR TROCAIRE

A gift that I can give to transform people's lives.

Choose from our range and help lift more people out of poverty for good.  
Soap £5, Chicks £7, Solar Lamp £10, Seeds and Tools £10, School Lunches £15, School Kit £25, Goats £40, Help for Grandparents £40, Baby Kit and Maternity Care £50, Beehives £55, Trees £75, Water Pumps & Irrigation £85, Safe Home £125, Farming Kit/Tools £170,

**Cards are available now from the Parish Office**

### SAINT PAUL'S FOODBANK AND SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

During the month of November parishioners' from Saint Paul's donated an amazing 178kg/28st of items to our Church Foodbank. In the season of Advent all food items and gift items left in will be donated will go to Saint Vincent de Paul. God bless you and thank you so much for your continued generosity.

You are cordially invited to attend **'Open Night' in St Ronan's College, Junior Site, Waring Street, Lurgan** on Wednesday 11th December 2019. Principal's address will be at 5.00p.m. and 7.30p.m. Please note all primary schools have been allocated sessions. Light refreshments will be served afterwards in the school canteen.

**Lurgan Lourdes Committee** are now taking applications for assisted pilgrims (the sick and unwell) for their 2020 pilgrimage. Please send details to our secretary: Rosemary McGuinness, 29 Hunters Lodge, Lurgan BT66 6Nb, including your name, address, contact telephone number and GP details. **Date of travel 12th-17th May inclusive.**

**Saint Peter's Club** is keen to ensure that members who have given outstanding service on and off the field are considered for the Club's prestigious **HALL OF FAME**. Members are strongly encouraged to nominate members, past or present, alive or deceased, whom they believe are worthy of the award. To nominate, or for more information, please contact 0790 545 6632.

**Last Sunday Pope Francis issued a wonderful letter on the meaning and importance of the crib nativity scene.** It is well worth reading in preparation for Christmas. Call at the parish office for a printed copy or search online for **'ADMIRABLE SIGNUM'; www.vatican.va**

**Anam Cara Armagh** the organisation that supports bereaved parents is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 18th December at 7:20pm in the Armagh City Hotel, Armagh, BT6 01E. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. Contact us on <mailto:info@anamcara.ie>, [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or 085 2888 888 for any queries.



### RECENTLY DECEASED

Bridie Kelly (nee O'Malley)  
Springwell Wall

Noreen McShane (nee McGeown) - Conor Park

Laura Harte - Lurganbarr

Orla Maginn - Banbridge

John Gilmore - Craigavon

### PARISH ANNIVERSARIES

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.*  
**SATURDAY 7th DECEMBER AT 7.00p.m.**

(VIGIL MASS)

Brendan Gilmore, Dingwell Park  
Madeline Doyle, Riverglade Manor  
Patricia McGarrell, Silverwood Drive

Joe Cafolla, Mansfield

Charlotte McConville, Arthur Street

Sharon McMahan, Conor Park

Tommy Lynch, Edward Street

Gordon DeCarteret, Cafolla Gardens

Julia Mitchell, Annoloiste Road

**SUNDAY 8th DECEMBER**

**12.00 noon Mass**

Patsy Leonard, Filbin Crescent

Ellen Markey, Whitecross

Deidre Boyd, Cafolla Gardens

Tommy Lynch, Edward Street

**MONDAY 9th DECEMBER AT 10.00a.m.**

Vera McKinstry, Hawthorne Avenue

Austin and Doreen Toman, Antrim Road

Malachy Hogan, Gosselin Drive

Sharon McMahan, Conor Park

**TUESDAY 10th DECEMBER AT 10.00a.m.**

Donald McCorry, Victoria Street Place

Sheelagh Gorman, Lisburn/Silverwood Drive

Thomas Hill, Magheralin

**WEDNESDAY 11th DECEMBER AT 10.00a.m.**

Elizabeth Doran, Grattan Street

Brendan Doran, Silverwood Drive

Mary McConville, Silverwood Drive

Jane (Jeanie) Quin, Prospect Way

Noel McAlinden, Taghnevan

Conal Smyth, Taghnevan Drive

Julia Mitchell, Annoloiste Road

Sam Coleman, Edward Street

Catherine Brady, Ashwood

**THURSDAY 12th DECEMBER AT 10.00a.m.**

Edward McCluskey, Shankill Street

Edward Bell, Cherrytree Walk

Lena May, Silverwood Drive

Mary Black, Strabane

Patrick Colaluca, Meadowbrook

**FRIDAY 13th DECEMBER AT 10.00a.m.**

Liz Maxwell, Manor Drive

Annie Corey, O'Neill's Terrace

**SATURDAY 14th DECEMBER AT 10.30a.m.**

Jerome Dolan, Silverwood Drive

Denis O'Hagan, Prospect Way

**SATURDAY 14th DECEMBER AT 7.00p.m.**

(VIGIL MASS)

Mary Smyth, Ulster Street