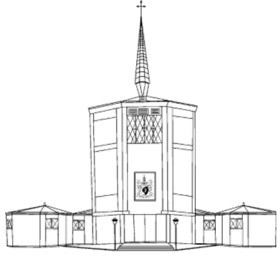


# SAINT PAUL'S PARISH, SHANKILL

## 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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**SUNDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2026**  
**FIFTH 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

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 and Month's**

**Mind notices should be left into the**

**Parish Office on or before 12 noon on**

**the Wednesday prior to the week before**

**if they are to be included in the Bulletin.**

**The minimum diocesan stipend is £10.**

**ENVELOPES ARE PROVIDED AT THE**

**BACK OF THE CHURCH WHICH WE**

**WOULD ASK YOU TO PLEASE USE.**

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

In a world where the poor are increasingly numerous, we paradoxically see the growth of a wealthy elite, living in a bubble of comfort and luxury, almost in another world compared to ordinary people. This means that a culture still persists - sometimes well disguised - that discards others without even realizing it and tolerates with indifference that millions of people die of hunger or survive in condition unfit for human beings. A few years ago, the photo of a lifeless child lying on a Mediterranean beach caused an uproar, unfortunately, apart from some momentary outcry, similar events are becoming increasingly irrelevant and seen as marginal news items.

*Pope Leo XIV  
Dilexi Te, Love for the Poor*

### OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday 1 February 2026 £1,846.53

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

### 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

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

Saint Paul's Parish Safeguarding  
Representative and Parish Sacristan.

Telephone: 07563 293429



### ADORATION CHAPEL EDWARD STREET

*Adoration 9am to 9pm*



### 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.

### FEAST DAYS DURING THIS WEEK

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February – St Scholastica, virgin: Sister of St Benedict.** She spent her life as a consecrated virgin. She is Patron of convulsive children

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February -**

**Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes -**

On this day in 1858, Our Lady first appeared to the fourteen year old Bernadette Soubirous. Later Bernadette was to learn that the mysterious lady was the Blessed Virgin and to hear from her lips 'I am the Immaculate Conception.

In 1992 Pope John Paul II instituted the World day of the Sick to be held on the commemoration of Our lady of Lourdes.

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February St**

**Gobnait** is one of the best loved saints in west Cork but only traditions concerning her life survive. The main part of her life was spent in Ballyvourmery, Co Cork where there has always been a deep devotion to her and which is a place of pilgrimage on this day and on Pentecost.

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Saint Cyril Monk and Methodius Bishop,**

**Patrons of Europe**

Were brothers from Thessalonica in Greece. They preached the Gospel in Moravia using their own translation of the Scriptures and the liturgy in the local language. They are honoured as apostles of the Slavic peoples and in 1980 pope John Paul II declared them Patrons of Europe.

*Liturgical Calendar for Ireland 2026*

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL'S SENIOR CITIZEN SUPPER DANCE

in the Stables Bar and Lounge on  
Wednesday, 25 February at 7:00pm  
sharp.

Music by Black Gold.

Seniors can pick up their tickets at the  
Ozanam Center, William Street  
**on Wednesday 18 February at  
11:00am on a first come, first  
serve basis.**

### PRAYER FOR AN END TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING

O God, when we hear of children and adults deceived and taken to unknown places for purposes of sexual exploitation, forced labour, and organ 'harvesting' our hearts are saddened and our spirits angry that their dignity and rights are ignored through threats, lies, and force.

We cry out against the evil practice of this modern slavery and pray with St Bakhita for it to end. Give us wisdom and courage to reach out and stand with those whose bodies, hearts and spirits have been so wounded, so that together we may make real your promises to fill these sisters and brothers with a love that is tender and good.

Send the exploiters away empty-handed to be converted from this wickedness and help all to claim the freedom that is your gift to your children. Amen

*Aptireland.org*

### LURGAN LOURDES

#### FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes  
Wednesday 11th February Mass in  
St Paul's at 7pm Finishing with Rosary  
All very welcome

### COFFEE MORNING & TEDDY BEARS PICNIC

St Peter's Parish Hall Saturday 14th  
and Sunday 15th February, 10am-  
2pm. Refreshments, treats and teddy  
bears for sale.  
Come along and support Lurgan  
Lourdes Fundraising Committee.

### DROMORE DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

15th to 20th 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) 077 9631 0214 or any  
Committee Member

### PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA

Flying Direct from Belfast International  
7 nights F/B Avenida Hotel

14th/21st August

*Spiritual Director:*

*Fr Andrew McMahon PP*

Convenient flight times.

£845pps. Deposit secures.

For further information contact:

Joe 077 7642 5631

or J. Walsh Tours, Dublin.

### CONRADH NA GAEILGE

The Lurgan Branch of Conradh Na  
Gaeilge will be holding the Annual  
General Meeting in our premises  
North Street on Sunday 15th February  
at 3.00pm.

All interested welcome to attend

### LÆTARE VIGIL FOR WOMEN

Saturday 14 March at Holy Family  
Mission, Glencomeragh, Co Waterford.

Join lay women of all ages, married and  
single, to unite in a day of prayer with  
women religious from over a dozen  
different orders—a unique experience  
not to be missed! Spaces limited:

Register now on Eventbrite.

Laetare Vigil Tickets

Saturday 14 March 2026 at 09:30.

### BIBLE STUDY

Sharing the Word:

Every first Thursday of the month  
Bring your Bible & Rosary.

"For where two or three gather in my  
name, there am I with them" (Matthew  
18:20).

### CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

Meets on the last Thursday of every  
month above the Sacristy  
In St. Peter's.

### FOOD BANK

The door to the parish office area will be  
open daily from

**9am until 12 Noon** Monday to Friday  
for non-perishable items.

Thank You for your continued support.

### ONLINE BEREAVEMENT INFORMATION EVENING

For bereaved parents -- regardless of the  
age of their child, circumstances of their  
death, or time since bereavement.  
This event will take place online  
on [Tuesday 17th February at 7pm](#)

This Bereavement Information Evening is  
a special collaboration with our  
colleagues in the bereavement space,  
featuring voices from A Little Lifetime,  
Féileacán, and HUGG. Our guest  
speaker for the evening will be Brid  
Carroll.

Bereaved parents are warmly invited to  
register here:

[Register here for Anam Cara Online  
Bereavement Information Evening](#)

### THE BIG COUNTRY NIGHT

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February in **The Ashburn  
Hotel.**

Acts include, Hugo Duncan, Boxcar  
Brian, Kevin Kearney, Trevor Dickson,  
Liz Cairns Liggett, Katie McParland,  
Jonny Brooks, Gene Fitzpatrick, James  
Rodgers, Geri Kane, Chrissy Mac,  
Amber Campbell, Jordan McPolin,  
William George, and Compere Sean  
Wallace.

Tickets £13 from The Ashburn  
Hotel/Colleens Kitchen

In memory of Josie McKenna.

All proceeds in Aid of the Mandeville  
Unit, Craigavon Area Hospital

*Doors open at 7.30, show starts 8.00pm*



### 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

**Seamus (Shay) Toman, Downshire Avenue**  
**Eileen McPoland (née Byrne), Thornleigh**

**SATURDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2026 10.30AM**

Dermot Shanks, Oakfield Terrace

Elizabeth (Betty) Cassells, Killough Gardens

**SATURDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2026 7.00PM VIGIL**

Patricia McShane, Glenholme Park

Mary Leatham, North Street

Jacqueline Scannell, Charles Street

Lily McMahon, Richmount Gardens

Geraldine Haughian, Cypress Gardens

Mona Lavery, Richmount Gardens

**SUNDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2026 9.00AM**

Ronan Lavery, Donegal/Antrim Road

**SUNDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2026 10.30AM**

**Hugh Campbell (MM), Silverwood Drive**

Harry and Margaret Leatham, Drumlin Drive

**MONDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2026 10.00AM**

Eddie Toman, Edward Street

Annie O'Hanlon, Church Walk

**TUESDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2026 10.00AM**

Hugh Heaney, Manor Park

Baby John Fegan, Solitude Meadows

**WEDNESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2026 10.00AM**

Elizabeth (Lizzie) McCrory, Rampart Street

Adeline McMullan, Drumellen Park

Margaret McCann, Shankill Street

**THURSDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2026 10.00AM**

Felix Reynolds, Monbrief Walk

**FRIDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2026 10.00AM**

Ann Green, Beaumont Square

Ronald McCorry, Glenavy

Patsy McCann, Cafolla Gardens

Margaret Lennon, Cafolla Gardens

Helena Devlin (née Mallon), Omagh

**SATURDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2026 10.30AM**

John Haughey, Lower North Street/Dublin

**SATURDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2026 7.00PM VIGIL**

Sandra McCartan, Lawrencetown

*ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD!*

*ALMIGHTY FATHER, SOURCE OF FORGIVENESS*

*AND SALVATION, GRANT THAT OUR RELATIVES*

*AND FRIENDS WHO HAVE PASSED FROM THIS*

*LIFE MAY, THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF THE*

*BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND OF ALL THE*

*SAINTS, COME TO SHARE YOUR ETERNAL*

*HAPPINESS THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD, AMEN*

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DONATIONS Just scan the QR code with your  
phone camera to donate



Or visit

<https://donate.mydona.com/st-pauls-parish-lurgan>