

# St. Peter's Parish, Shankill

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## BULLETIN

4<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026 – SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS



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Safeguarding Children and Adults who require protection.

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Parish App: Parish 365 Download on the App Store or Google Play

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 9.30am, 6pm (Vigil)  
Sunday 8am, 10am, (po polsku) &  
12.00 noon

Monday, Wednesday &  
Thursday 8am  
Tuesday & Friday 8am & 7pm

### ST PAUL'S CHURCH

Sunday: 9am & 10.30am,  
Monday–Friday: 10am  
Saturday: 10.30 am & 7pm (Vigil)

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

with Fr Jozef  
Friday 6.00pm - 6.45pm

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

28<sup>th</sup> December - £4182.93

Standing Orders - £350.60 weekly

Donations – £ loose

*Thank you for your continued support  
and generosity.*



All parents wishing to have a child  
baptised in St Peter's Parish, must  
notify the Parish Office in person.  
One month's notice is required.

**Baptisms take place on the first, third  
and fifth Sundays of the month @ 1.00pm**

### 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)  
077 9631 0214  
Or any Committee Member

### FEAST OF THE EPIHANY

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January

This feast celebrates the inclusion of  
all people, cultures and religions of  
the nations of the world. Jesus  
shares our human nature to redeem  
and save all humanity in a generous  
love. In the words of the preface in  
today's Mass: 'For today you have  
revealed the mystery of our  
salvation in Christ as a light to the  
nations.'

### MASS TIMES

St Peter's  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>, 8.00am & 7.00pm  
St Paul's  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>, 10.00am

### THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION

January

Let us pray that praying with the Word  
of God be nourishment for our lives and  
a source of hope for your communities,  
helping us to build a more fraternal and  
missionary Church.

**The Parish Office** will re-open on  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January @ 10.00am

### ALPHA 2026 IN A CATHOLIC CONTEXT

We are about to embark on a journey that no one could refuse. The time has  
come for "Alpha in the Catholic context" to begin here in our local Parishes:  
Seagoe (Derrymacash/Derrytrasna),  
St. Anthony's Parish (Moynalty) & St Peter's and St Paul's Parishes (Shankill).  
Alpha is a space for people to hold meaningful conversations about life, faith and  
purpose. We are here to invite you to explore your faith, in a friendly, open and  
informal environment. Each Alpha session includes a video and discussion, with  
of course tea/coffee & biscuits. It is FREE of charge, and we would look forward  
to welcoming new faces to Alpha 2026.

The Alpha Course will meet each Monday for 10 weeks as follows:

Beginning: Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026 @ 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Ending: Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026

Location:

St. Anthony's Parish Centre, Legahory, Craigavon, BT65 5BE

St. Peter's Catholic Church, North St, Lurgan, BT67 9AH

Details to register your interest:

Catriona Kavanagh 079 0030 6912 / Peter McCann 078 8195 4552

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### 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 or two for £30**

### PASTORAL ACTIVITIES 2026

1. Healing Mass for Easter  
23<sup>rd</sup> March in St Paul's
2. International Day Celebration,  
Pentecost Sunday – 24<sup>th</sup> May in St  
Peter's. 12.00 Mass with 'All Nations  
food taste' in Parish Hall.
3. May Devotion: A decade of the  
Rosary should be said before each  
weekend Masses. Rosary procession  
and Benediction in  
St Paul's 30<sup>th</sup> May
4. Healing Mass for Advent in  
St Peter's, 15<sup>th</sup> December.

### Community Urged to Protect Site Identified for Special Education Campus in Lurgan

The Education Authority (EA) and the *Dromore Diocesan Education Trust* are appealing to the local community to help protect the former St Ronan's site on Waring Street/Edward Street, Lurgan, which has been identified for development as a new special education campus.

The site, which is planned to become a dual campus for Ceara Special School, has been identified to address the growing demand for special educational needs (SEN) provision in the area. However, concerns have been raised about potential damage or vandalism that could jeopardise the development timeline.

A planning application has been submitted and subject to sufficient capital funding being secured for the education sector, the first phase of the development is scheduled to open in September 2026. Both EA and the *Dromore Diocesan Education Trust* who own the site, have warned that any damage or anti-social behaviour at the site could delay this important project and prevent vulnerable children from accessing the specialist education they need within their local community.

**Father Murphy, on behalf of the Trust said:**

"This site represents a vital opportunity to enhance SEN provision for children and young people in the Lurgan area. We are appealing to everyone in the community to respect the site and report any concerns about unauthorised access or anti-social behaviour. By working together to protect this facility, we can ensure that our children and young people with special educational needs will benefit from this important development as soon as possible."

### DRUMNAMOE NURSERY SCHOOL OPEN DAY

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January  
9.30-10.30am  
For children born on or between  
2 July 2022 & 1 July 2023  
Who are due to start school  
September 2026  
[www.drumnamoenurseryschool.com](http://www.drumnamoenurseryschool.com)

May God make our new year a  
happy one. Not by shielding us  
from all sorrows and pain, but by  
strengthening us to bear it, as it  
comes; not by making our path  
easy, but by making us sturdy to  
travel any path; not by taking  
hardships from us, but by taking  
fear from our heart; not by  
granting us unbroken sunshine,  
but by keeping our face bright,  
even in the shadows; not by  
making our life always pleasant,  
but by showing us when people  
and their causes need us most,  
and by making us anxious to be  
there to help. God's love, peace,  
hope and joy to us for the year  
ahead.

### 2026 TOURS

**Easter in Mayo**

dept Mon 06 April  
1nt Carrick on Shannon  
3nts Westport Woods  
inc local Tours & entertainment  
£489 ss £45

**Summer in Nottingham**

dept Sun 16 Aug  
5 nts Warner Leisure  
full entertainment & tours  
£679 ss £50  
Call: Noel 079 5547 5650 or  
Gerard 3832 4741

### ADORATION CHAPEL

Edward Street 9am – 7pm



*'Come to adoration,  
don't leave the gift  
unwrapped, open it  
and feel His presence,  
I promise you will  
never look back'*

Our God moves in the quiet,  
everyday moments. He pierces  
our heart, inviting us to him, and  
quietly waits for our response.

This New Year's let us rest at the  
manger of the Divine Infant.  
Bring your feelings of weariness  
and despair to him. Be with the  
Lord and let him love you only  
like he can love you. Your heart  
may still be restless, but the Lord  
is with you and is drawing you  
ever closer to his heart.

In drawing nearer to him, may  
we surrender our expectations  
for this new year and trust in his  
plan.

### St Peter's Parish now accepts ONLINE DONATIONS

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



Or visit

<https://donate.myдона.com/st-peters-parish-lurgan>.

Scan the QR code. Enter your  
amount. Input your card details.  
Please do not forget to Gift Aid



### RECENTLY DECEASED

Gerald Gilmore, Drumbeg/Shankill  
Peter Power, Drumlin Drive  
Inga Benaityte, Woodville Street.  
Liam Harkin, Brett Avenue/Derry  
Mark Brady, Portland Manor

### MONTH'S MIND

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January**

Gerard (Gerry) Magill, Ailsbury Park

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January**

Agnes Clarke, Lake Street

### ANNIVERSARIES

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January**

Eileen McConville, Drumnamoe Avenue  
Maggie McConville, Drumnamoe Gardens  
Maeve Magill, Cornakinnegar Road  
Annie Haughey, Allenhill Park  
John McKerr, Grattan Street  
Joseph Doran, Grattan Street  
Bob & Bridie McEvoy, Ennis Close

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January**

Liam Thornbury, Brett Drive  
Ellen McStay, Cornakinnegar Road  
Alice Hatchell, Silverwood Drive  
Margaret Ann Lennon, Shankill Street  
Leo & Brid Creery, Rosemount  
Bobby Magill, Antrim Road  
James Cullen, Ball  
yoran Park, Portadown  
Mary Betty Devlin, Oakleigh Fold/Stewartstown  
Laurence Bennett, Avenue Road

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January**

Edel Scarlett nee Greene, Scotland/Kilmore Road  
Patrick (Paddy) Brady, Ashwood  
Kathleen Ranaghan, Killough, Co Down  
Pat & Joyce Toman, Luton  
John Haughian, Wellington Street  
Sheila Barbour, Shankill Street  
Patsy Magee, Hawthorne Avenue  
Nora Rooney, Portadown

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January**

Patrick Magill, Grattan Street  
George McKee, Allenhill Park  
James Doran, Taghnevan Drive  
William Doherty, Villiers Avenue  
Maureen O'Reilly, Kilwilke Road

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January**

Kathleen Hill, Templar Court  
Edward Lavery, Mary Street  
Patrick McKavanagh, Castor Bay Road

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January**

Eileen Loughran, New Street  
Barney McCusker, Oakleigh Fold  
Patrick McStay, Cornakinnegar Road  
Patsy (Bart) McConville, Lurgan/Manchester  
Violet McGlynn, Annesborough Park  
Patrick McCann, Church Place  
Alan Chambers, Derby  
Danny Heatley, Mary Street  
Kevin Conway, Deeny Drive

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January**

Gerard Campbell (Soup), Garland Mews  
Peggy & Sean Wellington Street  
Annie McConville, Brownlow Terrace  
Rita Donnelly, North Street  
Liam McKernan, Belfast