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BULLETIN

10th January 2021 – THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD




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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)

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Sunday 3rd January - £1476.95
Donations – £75 loose
Thank you for your continued support and generosity


We welcome the following children into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism
Matthew James Mackey,
Kiln Avenue

Alfie Thomas McManus,
Brownlow Terrace


Our prayers and good wishes are extended to their families

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 @ 1.30pm

ADORATION CHAPEL
Edward Street
Adoration 9am-7pm

'Come to adoration, for all your choices to discern, in the quiet of your heart, the truth you will learn'

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
10 January

Whenever there is a sudden downpour of rain, you often hear people saying, 'the heavens opened.'
The phrase is used about the baptism of Jesus in today's gospel. Baptism does not remove us from the world. It saturates and soaks us in the muddied waters of every human need. As baptized people, we are embraced as God's 'beloved' through his living spirit

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
We would like to thank all the members of St Peter's Flower Club who beautifully decorated our altar for Christmas this year. Also, to Noel and his team for the new version of the Crib in front of the altar and our Christmas tree.
The Crib was visited many times by families and viewed over the webcam. We had countless emails and phone calls from parishioners and people from far and wide with messages stating how beautiful it all looked.
Well done to all involved.


PAPAL BLESSING PARCHMENTS
Members of the public can now obtain a blessing from Pope Francis for family and friends, especially on the occasion of marriage, the other sacraments, and major anniversaries. A charge is made for the commemorative parchment and delivery, and all proceeds go entirely to works of charity in service of the poor.
More information and orders can only be made online at www.elemosineria.va > Papal Blessing Parchments.

PARISH OFFICE
Due to the current 6 week 'Lockdown' and new restrictions for Covid-19, the Parish Office will be closed until further notice.
The Secretary will be working from home and still able to take your emails and phone calls.
All notices and anniversaries can be posted through the office letterbox

PARISH APP
We are excited to announce the launch of our new Parish App. We would encourage you and your family here in Lurgan and across the world to download.
This will enable you to obtain real-time updates and notifications about our parish, access the webcam and obtain full details about the parish.
Full details in next week's bulletin.

COVID 19 – COUPLES AND RELATIONSHIPS SUPPORT LINE
During this time of lockdown when we are thrown together all day, every day can be a time of unprecedented stress and pressure on family life.
ACCORD is available if you need to speak to an EXPERIENCED COUPLES AND RELATIONSHIP COUNSELLOR during this time.
Speak in confidence to an Accord counsellor on (028) 9568 0151 between 9.00 am – 8.00pm Monday to Friday.
All calls charged at local rate.

St Teresa's Primary School Lurgan
'Virtual Open Day' is on our school website www.stteresaslurgan.com for all to view.
Enrolment opens on 7th Jan-29th Jan 2021 for new Primary 1's in Sept 2021.
Applications for Primary 1 should be made via the EA website www.eani.org.uk

DESIGNATED AREAS

- Antrim Road, Cornakinnegar Road, Belvedere, Kilmore Road, Castor Bay Road, Freecrow, including North Street, Wellington Street, Church Walk & Windsor Avenue and surrounding roads
- Lake St/Shore Road, Allenhill, Tannaghmore to Deering's Wood & Kilwilke
- Victoria Street, Lough Road (right hand side), Annesborough, Kinnego and surroundings roads
- North Circular Road from roundabout to Soye Crescent, to include all in the Lavery's development.
- North Circular Road, from Cornakinnegar Road to Soye Crescent, to include Portland Manor, Rosemount, Kilvoragh Park, Lurgantarry and Tarry Drive
- Woodville Development

DESIGNATED MASSES

- 6.00pm Saturday 16th Jan
- 8.00am Sunday 17th Jan
- 2.00pm Sunday 17th Jan
- 6.00pm Saturday 23rd Jan
- 8.00am Sunday 24th Jan
- 12.00pm Sunday 24th Jan

BULLETINS
Due to Covid-19 can we ask that everyone please take their Bulletins home with them and not to return them or leave them on the seats.
Thank you for your co-operation

See your Life through the Lens of the Gospel – Mark 1:7-11

- John gives an example of humility as a person confident in his own role but not seeking to claim to be more than he is. He acknowledges that Jesus is greater. There is a freedom in being able to acknowledge the gifts of others without losing a sense of one's own giftedness. Recall times when you were able to do this.
- The baptism of Jesus was an extraordinary religious experience for him. Something happened that was a major step forward for Jesus in coming to know that he was the beloved Son of God. We all have events in our lives that are milestones along the road of discovering who we are. What have been these milestones for you?
- 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' Bring to mind experiences in which you knew you were the beloved (of God or another person) and that the one who loved you was well pleased. Remember these experiences with gratitude knowing that the only proper response to love received is thankfulness. Perhaps you have also given that experience to another.
- It is easy to lament the growing secularization in the world today, but the Spirit of God who spoke loudly to the world in the Christ-event is active today. How can we open to the new things the Spirit is saying to the Church today?

GOVERNMENT RULES DURING THE PANDEMIC
During the current NI Executive lockdown restrictions, churches will remain open with the following rules:
Attendance limited to strict social distancing – 2 metre rule
Face coverings are mandatory in law & **must** be worn.
No singing by the congregation at Masses.
Supervised entry and exit.
People are discouraged from gathering outside the Church before & after Masses
Wedding & Funerals are again restricted to 25 people for the 6 week period
Only parents, godparents and baby can attend Baptisms

PLEASE NOTE
Requests for Anniversaries and Month's Mind notices should be left into the Parish Office on or before 12 noon on the Wednesday of the week before if they are to be included in the Bulletin.
The minimum diocesan stipend is £10.
As we have a booking system, anniversaries can be booked in advance up until the end of the year
Please use the anniversary envelopes at the back of the Church



RECENTLY DECEASED
Gerard McCrory, Ashgrove Avenue
Jarlath McGregor, Albert Avenue
Annie Haughey, Allenhill Park
Colum McCann, Gosselin Drive
Robert (Rab) Scullion, Lurgan/Armagh

MONTH'S MIND
Sunday 10th January
Kevin Magee, Mark Street
Friday 15th January
Dermot McGeown, Island View, Kinnego

ANNIVERSARIES
Sunday 10th January
Kitty Lavery, Hawthorne Avenue
Terry Eagers, Soye Gardens
Kevin McNeice, Kilwilke Road
John Jackson Jnr, Albert Street
Robert McEvoy, Shore Road
Rita Donnelly, North Street
Annie McConville, Brownlow Terrace
Josephine Magennis, Lurgantarry
Cissie Withers, Ennis Close
Paddy McCavigan, Derryclone
Monday 11th January
Madge Goff, North Street
James Mahaffy, Shankill Street
Patrick McGeown, Wheatfield Drive
William J Cinnamond, Shore Rd/Aghagallon

Tuesday 12th January
Eileen Geary, Clara Street
Paul Mallon, Inglewood
Rita Lavery, Wellington Street
Maurice McGeown, Kilmaine Street
Hugh McCarron Jnr, Donnelly Gdns/London
Annie McKenna, Edward Street

Wednesday 13th January
Francis (Francie) Doran, Filbin Crescent
Theresa Headley (Findon), Gosselin Drive
Hugh McAvoy, Shore Road
John Cafferkey, Wellington Street
Irene Thompson, Grattan Street
Seamus & May Hagan, Stonebridge
Alan Chambers, Derby
Thursday 14th January
Jean Magee, Levin Road
Mary & Seamus Lennon, Francis Street

Friday 15th January
Marie Filbin, Shore Road
Brinsley Lavery, Antrim Road/London
Eleanor McCloskey, Caroline Avenue
Sarah Ann Mallon, Manor Park
William O'Hara, Annadroughal
Colm Kelly, Downpatrick
Desmond Leathem, Rampart Street
Bridget Rice, Victoria Street
Saturday 16th January
Martin Burns, Cypress Gardens
Margaret McSherry, Clara Street
Eamon McConaghy, Derryclone
Jack Robinson, Brown Street/Wales
Marie Henderson, Lake Street
Madeleine Gallery, Edward Street
Joe McGinn, Lake Street
Bertie Hughes, Kilwilke Road
Noel Mulholland, Grattan Street
Eternal rest grant on to them O Lord.