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BULLETIN

14th February 2021- 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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) |

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| OFFERTORY COLLECTION |
| 7 th February - £4854.15 |
| Donations – £45 |
| <i>Thank you for your continued support and generosity</i> |

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| <p><i>We welcome the following child into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism</i></p> <p>Dylan John Kelly, Garland Avenue</p> <p><i>Our prayers and good wishes are extended to his families</i></p> <p>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. <i>Baptisms take place on the first, third and fifth Sundays of the month @ 1.30pm</i></p> |

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| <p>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. <i>Please use the anniversary envelopes at the back of the Church</i></p> |
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| LENT |
| <p>This week we begin the season of Lent. This is a special time when we are getting ready for Easter. During Lent many people 'give up' things or 'turn away' from things that they do too much of eg: too much eating, too much TV or time playing computer games. Lent is a time for turning away from things that distract us from God. It is a time for drawing closer to God.</p> <p>Next Wednesday, 17th February is Ash Wednesday and begins the holy season of Lent. It is a day of fast and abstinence for all Catholics. Mass will be streamed online at 8.00am in St Peter's & 10.00am in St Paul's.</p> <p><i>Traditionally we have the sign of the cross marked on our foreheads with ashes. This year that is not possible. However, it may be helpful to have some tangible sign of a black cross for Ash Wednesday - A black ribbon or card to make into a small cross or ask the family to wear something black and use this as a way of explaining that this is a serious time when we remember important events in Jesus life</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lenten Devotions – St Paul's Webcam</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Holy Hour, Wednesday evening 7-8pm Stations of the Cross, Friday after 10am Mass</p> |

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| <p>PASTORAL CARE OF THE DEAD AND BEREAVED DURING THE PANDEMIC</p> <p>As we know, the practice of not having Requiem Mass in our churches for those who died from Covid-19 with their family in attendance was motivated by a concern to limit the spread of infection among mourners attending such funerals. While this was understood and accepted by the vast majority of families who have celebrated a church door service for their loved ones, we as clergy have been acutely aware of the great heartache that family members have experienced.</p> <p>Eleven months into this pandemic, it is apparent that the requirement to self-isolate for certain people is much more widely understood, accepted and practised by the great majority of citizens. Some doing so at the time of a loved one's death have even deferred the funeral in order to protect others. Other families who cannot visit their loved one for weeks while they were ill in hospital have already served a period of isolation by the time of the funeral and therefore pose no higher risk than the general population.</p> <p>Consequently, the clergy of the pastoral area have agreed a change in our practice regarding Covid funerals. From Thursday 11 February, all funerals may be celebrated with a Requiem Mass in line with families' wishes across the parishes of St Peter's and St Paul's, Magheralin, Moyraverty and Seagoe. Those who attend funerals, immediate family included, are reminded to follow public health advice regarding Covid-19 regulations, even self-isolation if necessary. We will readily facilitate deferral of funerals in order to allow family members to self-isolate for some time if required. Current regulations still restrict numbers attending all funerals to 25 people only.</p> <p>We realise only too well that this change of practice may have come too late and be painful among families for whom Requiem Mass at the time of their loved one's death was not possible. For that reason, we are relieved to bring it to an end, based on the widespread understanding and personal responsibility for mandatory self-isolation when required.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Canon Liam Stevenson, VF</i></p> |
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UPDATE Regarding Covid-19
Following on from the UK government's instruction, the following measures now apply in our parishes:

- Weddings can still take place, but with a maximum of 25 people and social distancing observed
- Funerals may continue with only family and close friends attending to a maximum of 25 people, and social distancing observed in the church
- The Parish Office is closed, and the secretary is working from home but still taking phone calls and e-mails for anniversaries and any other business.
- St Peter's Church remains open for private prayer from 8.30am–6:00pm Monday to Saturday for *solitary prayer only*.
- Masses times continue as normal and all are streamed on our webcams at www.lurganparish.com.

Baptisms can continue with parents, godparents and baby only.

Some people are asking about Confession. The Department of Health guidelines are currently extremely strict. Considering this strong advice to 'Stay at Home', it is totally inadvisable to schedule confessions at this critical time of battling the pandemic.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH GUIDELINES
The Department of Health does not permit any gatherings before or after any funeral's or weddings on Church grounds.

Follow us on Facebook @lurganparish for the latest updates; restrictions will be relaxed as soon as public health measures allow. Most of all, STAY at home, PRAY with us and BE NOT AFRAID. Our Lady of Lourdes, Ss Peter and Paul, and St Patrick pray for us

When we cannot attend Mass, we can still make an Act of Spiritual Communion, in which we express our faith in Christ and in His Presence in the Eucharist and ask Him to unite Himself with us. The basic elements of an Act of Spiritual Communion are an Act of Faith; an Act of Love; a desire to receive Christ; and an invitation to Him to come into your heart. There are various popular prayers to accompany an Act of Spiritual Communion, eg:

*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.*

Extract from Saint Patrick's Breastplate
Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me.

Memorare
Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer. Amen.

BLESSING
May your servants be shielded, O Lord
By the protection of your loving-kindness,
That, doing what is good in this world,
They may reach you, their highest good.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.
May Almighty God bless you, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.



RECENTLY DECEASED
Bridie McCorry, The Grange
Thomas (Tom) Barbour, Annesborough Pk
Mary Alice Dougan, Thornleigh

MONTH'S MIND
Thursday 18th February
Anne Gertrude McCann, Church Place
Friday 19th February
John (Sean) Scullion, Lurgantarry
Saturday 20th February
Sean McGeown, Ardmore Rd/Kilmaine St

ANNIVERSARIES
Sunday 14th February
John Haughey, Lower North Street
Sarah Kelly, Church Walk
Stephen Derby, Lake Street
Maureen Dey, Inverkeithing, Scotland
John & Dominic McCorry, Shore Road
Jerome (Dick) McConville, Oakdene Park
James Lavery, Shore Road
Peter White, Allenhill Park
Ellen Lavery, Lake Street

Monday 15th February
Sheila McLaughlin, Park Lodge, Woodville St
Matt Loughran, Deeny Drive
Edward Thompson, Levin Road
Eamon Murray, Antrim Road
Baby Aedh McKeown, Oakfields, Craigavon
Baby Damien Anthony McCaughley, Castle Lane Mews
Dorothy Casey, Brownlow Terrace
Pat McCann, The Wood

Tuesday 16th February
Bobby Haddock, Kilwilke Road
Joseph Mulholland, Liscorran Road
Madeleine Dench, Ashgrove Crescent
Jim Ferris Oakleigh Fold
Bernard Haughey Snr, Kilmaine Street
Patrick Kane, Edward Street

Wednesday 17th February
Baby Anna O'Hare, Ashgrove Crescent
Kevin Conway, Deeny Drive
Annabella Conway, Ulster Street
Elizabeth & Frank Ferris, Belfast/Lurgan
Alice News, Woodville Avenue

Thursday 18th February
Winifred O'Hara, Annadroughal
Hugh Lennon, Shore Road
Fr Albert J Deluca, New York
Dylan McKay, Annesborough Park
Phyllis Haughey, North Street
John McVeigh, Kilwilke Gardens
Michael O'Neill

Friday 19th February
Margaret (Maggie) Derby, Brownlow Terrace
Bridie Venard, Donnelly Gardens
Joseph Breen, Magheralin/England
Sandra McCartan, Lawerencetown
Hugh Thompson, North Street
Charles McGuinness, Shankill Street

Saturday 20th February
Jim Smyth Jnr, Old Portadown Road
Charlotte Cafferkey, Wellington Street
Stella McCrory, Liscorran Road
Bella McConville, Ennis Close
Maureen McCorry, Levin Road
Ebby Corey, Lincoln/Lurgan