

# St. Peter's Parish, Shankill

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# BULLETIN


17th MAY 2020 – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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**MASS SCHEDULE**  
Saturday 9.30am, 6pm (Vigil)  
Sunday 8am, 10am, 11am (po polsku) & 12.15pm  
Monday & Wednesday 8am & 10.30am  
Thursday 8am  
Tuesday & Friday 8am & 7pm  
**ST PAUL'S CHURCH**  
Sunday: 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon  
Monday-Friday: 10am  
Saturday: 10.30 am & 7pm (Vigil)

**PASTORAL VISITS TO THE SICK**  
Priests continue to be available to visit the seriously ill and bring the sacraments to them in most areas of the hospitals in spite of the pandemic. Visits are also possible to homes in extreme circumstances. If you or a loved one require a priest urgently, please contact the parish office, or hospital switchboard (3833 4444). If a priest is not admitted to the ward, he will pray on the phone with the sick person if possible. Chaplains are also routinely available to support hospital staff at the present time on the number above.




Mary is the saint among the saints, blessed above all others. She teaches us the way of holiness and she walks ever at our side. She does not let us remain fallen and at times she takes us into her arms without judging us. Our converse with her consoles, frees and sanctifies us. Mary our Mother does not need a flood of words. She does not need us to tell her what is happening in our lives. All we need do is whisper, time and time again: 'Hail Mary...'

**First Holy Communion and Confirmations** have been suspended due to closure of churches and may only take place when public communal worship is permitted again by government. Sadly, this means these sacraments cannot be held in the remainder of the current school year. Parents will be notified in good time through the parish bulletin and Facebook and through schools of rearranged dates for First Communion and Confirmation as circumstances permit later in the year.

**MORNING PRAYER**  
*God our Father, I offer you today, all that I think and do and say. I offer it with what was done on earth by Jesus Christ your Son. Amen*

**ROSARY DURING MONTH OF MAY**  
Pope Francis has issued a short letter to all Catholics on devotion to Our Lady during May, particularly through the rosary He invites us to add two prayers at the end of the rosary during May. Here is the shorter of the two for your own use:  
O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus' suffering, and persevered in your faith. 'Protectress of God's people', you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial.  
Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us.  
For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.  
Amen.  
We fly to your patronage,  
O holy Mother of God;  
Despise not our prayers  
in our necessities,  
but ever deliver us from all dangers,  
O glorious and blessed Virgin.  
For the full letter, just search 'Pope's May letter' online.  
Rosary is said in our churches after the 8am Mass in St Peter's Sunday to Friday and the 9:30am Mass on Saturdays, and in St Paul's after the 9am Mass on Sundays, 10am Mass Monday to Friday, and the 10:30am Mass on Saturdays.

Life changes so quickly. We can be happy one day, and sad, empty and broken the next. If we learn anything from this pandemic, I hope it is to value the moments, treasure the memories and hold on to what counts. Make time each day to realise how fleeting life is and to thank God for each blessing. Maybe this pandemic will teach us to slow down, appreciate what we have and how quickly it can be gone. My prayer is that it will. Life is a gift. Amen



As advertised in previous Bulletins, we will be distributing the new boxes of envelopes as soon as it is safe and legitimate for people to leave their homes. However, perhaps now is the opportunity when you could move to the online option of supporting your parish and clergy? A secure facility with MyEasyPay on the diocesan website is now available to make a monthly or one-off donation to your own parish or priests, and in future, to special collections. Your donation entirely goes to the parish you choose, or to supporting clergy. You simply choose your own parish where you wish your donation to go.  
To try for yourself, go to [www.dromorediocese.org](http://www.dromorediocese.org) and click on 'Donate' on the home page.  
*Thank you to those who have signed up already, and our appreciation to all for your support and generosity at this demanding time.*

We are heartened by the messages of gratitude and support that we receive for the webcam and parish radio broadcasts. The messages come from around Lurgan, across Ireland and many parts of the world. It is humbling that so many people gain strength for their faith at this time by joining us. Many thanks for your feedback. Together we pray that soon we will be able to worship in our churches again in both body and spirit.

**Seeing your life through the Lens of the Gospel**

- 'If you love me you will keep my commandments,' specifically the commandment to love one another (cf. 13.34). How have you experienced the link between love of God and love of those around you?
- Jesus is preparing his disciples for his imminent departure and for a future in which he would be with them in a different way. He would not 'leave them orphans' but send an 'Advocate' to 'be with (them) for ever'. How have you experienced the presence of God with you in your life?
- Perhaps you have also experienced the challenge of preparing another (a child, a friend) for a time when you would no longer be physically together. Recall how you gave the message of your on-going support.
- How have you experienced the presence and support of a loved one (parent, spouse, friend) when circumstances have separated you from them?
- The proof of the on-going presence of Jesus with his disciples is that 'I live and you will live'. Discipleship is about much more than rules and regulations. It is about being alive. How has discipleship helped you to be more fully alive?

**CEMETERY**  
We have had complaints about people bringing dogs into the cemetery, unsupervised children riding bicycles around the paths and anti-social behaviour. The cemetery is a sacred space; it's not a public park.  
*Please be very respectful*

**Chaplaincy Phone Support for Patients, Families and Staff**



10.00am to 12 Noon every day (028) 3833 4444  
2.00pm to 4.00pm every day (028) 3083 5000  
*Listening, Comforting, Praying*

**FOOD BANK**  
The Food Bank in St Paul's is open again for donations. Items may be left at the parish office **Monday – Friday, 11.00am – 12.15pm**  
*Thank you for your continued support*

**TRÓCAIRE RETURNS**  
Trócaire returns are preferred by phone or online this year, if possible.  
Freephone: 0800 912 1200  
Online: [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org)  
Alternatively, please drop your return in an envelope through the parish office letterbox.  
*Thank you for your support*

**PARISH OFFICE**  
As the Office is closed to visitors until further notice, please telephone or email the Parish Office to let us know of Anniversaries/Month's Minds or alternatively post them through the front door of the office.  
**Telephone: (028) 3832 3161**  
**Email: [office@stpetersparishlurgan.org](mailto:office@stpetersparishlurgan.org)**  
Thank you for your patience  
Remember:  
**KEEP YOUR DISTANCE AND STAY AT HOME**



**RECENTLY DECEASED**  
Sheila McKinstry, Glenholme Avenue  
Paul Baxter, Albert Avenue  
Stella McCready, Killough Gardens  
Anna Marner, Colane Meadows

**ANNIVERSARIES**  
**Sunday 17th May**  
Edward McGeown, Ulster Street  
Charlotte Woods, Thornleigh  
John McCluskey, Grattan Street  
Pauline McCrory, Kilwilke Road  
Henry McGuinness, Shankill Street  
Bernadette McKinstry, Kilwilke Road  
Bridie O'Dowd, Victoria Gardens

**Monday 18th May**  
Bridie Brady, Shore Road  
Antoinette McCorry nee O'Dowd, Derryadd  
Mary O'Brien, Derrylodge, Lough Road  
Pat & Brian Brady, Canada  
Conleth McConville, Wellington Street

**Tuesday 19th May**  
Tom Brown, Oakleigh Fold  
Billy McAlinden, Drumlin Drive  
Ena & Felix Donnelly, Drumlin Drive  
Frank Leonard, New York  
Roisin Knox nee McDowell, Canada

**Wednesday 20th May**  
No anniversaries

**Thursday 21st May**  
May & Eileen Fox, Kilmaine Street  
Tom Kelly, Levin Road  
Thomas Sharkey, Killough Gardens  
Jerome McIntyre, Aghagallon

**Friday 22nd May**  
Seamus O'Hagan, Drumlin Drive  
Kathleen Gourley, Windsor Avenue  
Patrick Haughian, Liscorran Road  
Sarah Lynch, Thornleigh

**Saturday 23rd May**  
Colette Doran, Drumnamoe Avenue  
Hugh McAlernon, Wellington Street  
William Creaney Jnr, Tannaghmore North  
Annie Smyth, Cornakinnegar/Wellington Street  
William McCorry, Glenavy  
Susan Millar, Craigavon

**Prayer for deceased relatives and friends**  
*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*

**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 £7.50. As we have a booking system anniversaries can be booked in advance until the end of the year.