

St. Peter's Parish, Shankill

BULLETIN

20TH DECEMBER 2020 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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CHRISTMAS MASSES

All Masses will be broadcast via the webcam www.lurganparish.com and parish radio at the following times:

All Advent Masses as normal up to and including Christmas Eve morning

Christmas Eve.

St Peter's 6:00pm | St Paul's 7:00pm
Mass in Polish: St Peter's 9:00pm

Christmas Day:

St Peter's 8:00am, 10:00am,
(po polsku) & 12:00 noon.

St Paul's: 9:00am & 10:30am,

Weekday Masses from

26 December–4 January
St Peter's 9:30am daily
(no 8am or 7pm Masses)

St Paul's 10:30am daily

Sunday 27 December,

Feast of the Holy Family
Mass times as normal

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are now available with appropriate safeguarding and social distancing in St Peter's sacristy on Wednesday from 6:00–7:00pm.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 13th December £2526.41

Donations - £90 loose

Car Park - £567.10

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 @ 1.30pm

CHRISTMAS 2020 IN THE LURGAN PARISHES

Sadly, this Christmas will be very different from all the other Christmases that we have experienced and celebrated. Covid has cast a long shadow over all our activities since just before St Patrick's Day back in March. Just as our secular activities have been curtailed so also have our religious practices. Last Christmas we remember that about 2,500 parishioners came out to Mass on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day in St Peter's and 2,000 parishioners in St Paul's.

With social distancing in place there is just no way that we could accommodate such numbers. In fact, we could safely only accommodate a small percentage of that number. Consequently, the Vigil Masses and the Christmas Day Masses this year will unfortunately have no parishioners present in person. The Masses will be transmitted via the webcam and the parish radio. Our parishioners are now well used to our Masses being transmitted through these media. This happened during the first lockdown back in the Spring and early Summer. It even happened on the last two Sundays – the first & second Sundays of Advent. Our Novenas on Monday evenings in St Paul's, concluding on the 30th November and Tuesday evenings concluding on the 1st December in St Peter's, also went out virtually. This is far from ideal given that receiving Holy Communion at Mass is accepting the Body of Christ sacramentally. Sadly, this just is not possible in Lurgan on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day this year. Of course, people may come to Mass (numbers permitting) on the 24th morning, Christmas Eve, the 26th morning and the evening of the 26th and the morning of the 27th, the Feast Day of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph and all successive days. Both St Peter's & St Paul's Churches will remain open on Christmas Day from 1.00-6.00pm for private prayer. These issues have been discussed with both Parish Pastoral Councils and they are in total agreement.

Another innovation this year, is that the crib will be downscaled and placed in front of the altar so it will be visible on the webcam. We ask parents/guardians and wider family circles to please ensure their homes are prepared for the Christmas Masses and their families are gathered around the tablet/computer/television. It is a lovely thought that hundreds of homes in our parish will be gathered in prayer with the priests and deacon in both churches. Pope Paul VI back in the sixties and seventies often talked about the domestic church. We are proud to think that all domestic churches in Lurgan will be gathered together in prayer as we once again celebrate the momentous event of God's only Son being born from the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

All Masses will be broadcast via the webcam www.lurganparish.com and parish radio at the following times:

St Peter's

Christmas Eve – 6pm, 9pm (po polsku)
Christmas Day – 8am & 10am (po polsku) & 12 noon

St Paul's

Christmas Eve - 7pm
Christmas Day – 9am & 10.30am

Happy Christmas to one and all. God Bless

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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 26th Dec
- 8.00am Sunday 27th Dec
- 12.00pm Sunday 27th Dec
- 6.00pm Saturday 2nd Jan
- 8.00am Sunday 3rd Jan
- 12.00pm Sunday 3rd Jan

BULLETINS

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

JUBILEE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH 8 Dec 2020 – 8 Dec 2021

A PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH
Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted His only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.
Sleeping St. Joseph prayer for us!



Fr Maginn's Christmas Card
Poems & Prayers for the 12 Days of Christmas - £2
All proceeds to Moyravery St Vincent de Paul Annual Christmas Appeal

ADORATION CHAPEL Edward Street 9.00am – 7.00pm

'Radiant and beautiful, the Lord comes down to be with'

PARISH OFFICE



Will close on Tuesday 22nd December @ 4.00pm for the Christmas & New Year holidays and re-open on Monday 4th January @ 10am

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2019

This statement of account is available at the back of the Church or available from the Parish Office on Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd.

ST PETER'S CAROL SERVICE

There will be a Carol Service online at 7.00pm on Sunday 20th December.

There will be a chance to sing Carols and listen to the Christmas story and special prayers, in the comfort of your own home.



Clanbrassil Comhaltas and Traditional Singers

have released their 42nd song book and double cd titled 'Traditional Songs for the South and East Shore of Lough Neagh.' Songs include 'Lurgan Pony Races', 'The Banks of the Bann', 'Going to the Dogs' and 'Francis Street Maiden' and many more. It can be purchased for £15 from: Facebook: Comhaltas Clanbrassil Branch – Lurgan Email: clanbrassilcce@yahoo.com or Phone: 07307028944. Funded by The National Lottery Community Fund.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Dermot McGeown, Islandview, Kinnego
Brian Griffin, Cheshire Mews
Joseph Burns, Beech Court

ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday 20th December

Brendan Gordon, Deeny Drive
Carmel Conlon, Blair Park
Ernest McCarron, Magheralin
Stephen Lyness, Portadown
Julia Blaney, Castle Lane
Henry Keelips, Clonmeen

Monday 21st December

Mary Carter, Waring Street
Dessie McKinstry, Wesley Place
James Knox, Tarry Lane
Kathleen Jordan, Kilmaine Street
John Greene, Shore Road
Jim McConville, Edward Street/London

Tuesday 22nd December

Kathleen Venard, Deramore Drive
Rosemarie Cullen, Annesborough Park
Dympna McStay, Kilmore Hill Road
Ethel Ranaghan, Killough, Co Down
Kevin & Doris Toman, Desmond Avenue
Michael Magee, Beech Court
John & Jean Breen, Lurgantarry
James O'Neill, Richmond Gardens
Sean Byrne, Shore Road
Lillian Starkey, Grattan Street
Gary & Eilish Kennedy, Kilmore Rd/Rostrevor

Wednesday 23rd December

Maggie & John McCabrey, Mary Street
Ester Saldamha, Do Amaral, East Timor
James McAreavey, Manor Park
Patrick McKerr, Silverwood Drive

Thursday 24th December

Sarah & James Crossey, Grattan Street
Darragh Kerr, Monbrief Walk
Charlotte Harbinson, Wellington Street
Gertie & Joe Loughran, North Circular Road
Willie Toland, Church Walk
Susan Handy Fox, Wesley Place/Birmingham
Ted Grainger, Bournemouth
Patrick Mulholland, Vancouver, Canada

Friday 25th December

Elizabeth McCrory, Prospect Way
Kathleen McCorry, Kilmore Hill Road
Francie McCann, Campbell Walk
Maureen O'Neill, Ailsbury Gardens
Martha McDonald, Kilwilke Road
Sheila Broderick, Navan, Co Meath
Tom Burke, Kilwilke Road
Maisie Mulholland, Mary Street
William & Margaret McAlernon, Tullydagan

Saturday 26th December

Peggy Martin, Filbin Crescent
Felix McCann, North Street
Thomas McCrory, Prospect Way
Richard Heaney, Brett Drive
Fr Dick O'Connell, Craigavon
Eilish Creaney, Tarry Drive
Patrick & Sara McGarvey, Ballygawley

ANNIVERSARIES OVER CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR

Anniversaries and Month's Mind Notices that occur up to Saturday 9th January 2021 should be left into the Parish Office on or before Tuesday 22nd December @ 12.00 noon if they are to be included in the Bulletin over the Christmas/New Year holidays.