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# BULLETIN

21<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2021- FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



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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**  
**14<sup>th</sup> March** - £2111.00  
Donations –£55 loose  
Car Park – £312.60  
*Thank you for your continued support and generosity*

**Lenten Services at St Paul's - Virtual**

- Divine Mercy will be said on Tuesday and Friday morning at 9.45am
- Holy Hour each Wednesday from 7pm to 8pm during Lent
- Stations of the Cross will be said immediately after the 10am Mass each Friday during Lent.

**ADORATION CHAPEL**  
Edward Street Private Prayer only  
Adoration 9am – 7pm  
*'If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist; comeback to the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.'*  
**St Teresa of Calcutta**

 **Baptism**  
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*

We are glad to announce that there can be a cautious return to public worship. Hence our Churches can re-open for Masses from Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March. That means they will be open for Mass on Palm Sunday and for the great Triduum of Prayer from Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday.

We propose to have St Peter's & St Paul's open for the limited number of people who can safely attend with social distancing in place. When the congregation reaches the safe, recognized number of places the doors will be closed.

I quote from Archbishop's letter:  
*'Every person should consider carefully if returning to collective worship is the safe and appropriate step for them, at this time. Families are encouraged to join those celebrating the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus in Churches, from the 'domestic church' of their own living rooms, via live-streaming.*

**Sunday March 21st** - Today we celebrate World Down's Syndrome Day. We pray especially for the current attempts in Northern Ireland to protect babies with Down's syndrome from abortion, that elected representatives would pursue the protection of rights for all people with disabilities, and that babies with Down's syndrome are loved and protected equally.

 Our sincerest thanks to all our parishioners who have forwarded their offertory promise envelopes every week during this lockdown  
**Thank you for your continued generosity to your Parish and to your Priests.**

**THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**  
**25<sup>th</sup> MARCH**  
Lord within me there is a spark of new life. With this new life of motherhood. You have chosen me to be mother of this child. Help me to say, like Mary: *'Be it done unto me'*  
Alethea Hayton – Prayer in Pregnancy

God, I pray for my prayer life to become vibrant and strong in this season of Lent. I pray that your voice, even though a whisper, would ring loud and true in my life. I pray for the courage and boldness to follow wherever you lead me, to love and serve whomever and however you invite me. Amen  


**A PRAYER FOR LENTEN SIMPLICITY**  
*Free me, Lord Jesus, from anything that obstructs my way to you.  
Clear away the clutter of petty grudges  
Remove smudges of resentment and bitterness.  
Cleanse me of thoughts filled with anger, envy, or self-pity.  
Create space in my life for more kindness and less spitefulness,  
greater generosity and stronger compassion.  
Enlarge my heart with a spirit of gratitude this Lent, so that I recognise the simple gifts that lay in abundance all around me.  
In your sacred name, I pray. Amen*

Tired of being at home? Like a nice break away? Then join us for **'THE WEST'S AWAKE TOUR'** Staying at the beautiful 4\* Falls Hotel in Ennistymon, Co Clare 12 - 17 September for a great fun-filled week (limited places) or **'A CHRISTMAS CRACKER WEEK'** At the Gleneagles Hotel. Killarney 15 - 19 November (Another great week of fun & music)  
*To book ring Noel 079 5547 5650 or Gerard 075 1501 7316*

  
This Lent your support can help women to protect their families *'Until Love Conquers Fear'*  
Trocaire boxes now available at the back of the Church

**BISHOPS ENCOURAGE SUPPORT OF VACCINE PROGRAMME AGAINST COVID19**  
Last December the Irish Catholic Bishops in a statement said that "safe and effective vaccination is an essential aspect of the prevention of disease". They encouraged Catholics to support the programme of vaccination "not only for their own good, but for the protection of life and the health of those who are vulnerable and for the common good of humanity". The Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith made a similar call to all Catholics in its Note on the morality of Covid-19 vaccines (21 December 2020). The Council for Healthcare of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference wishes to reiterate that message and urges everyone to support the vaccination programmes currently in place in the Republic of Ireland and in Northern Ireland.  
The development and provision of the vaccines is already providing reassurance for those who are most vulnerable to the virus and will help us to return to normality in terms of work, education, religious practice, and sporting and leisure activities as soon as possible.  
We note that many people both North and South have already received the vaccine and we particularly welcome the fact that all residents and staff of nursing care facilities have been vaccinated at this stage. At present the group prioritised in the Republic of Ireland to receive the vaccine in the coming weeks are those over 70 years of age while in Northern Ireland it is now those 50 years of age and over, along with others who are clinically vulnerable. We encourage all parishes and Church personnel to promote this programme and to encourage elderly parishioners, relatives and neighbours to avail of the opportunity to protect their health and the health of the whole community.  
In Northern Ireland the main carers in the home for those who are elderly or disabled can now book a vaccination online at one of the 7 trust centres. An appointment can be made at <https://covid-19.hscni.net/get-vaccinated> or, if you cannot access the internet, by telephone at 0300 200 7813. The phone line is open Monday to Friday from 8.30 am to 5.30 pm.  
Trustworthy and updated information on vaccines is available on <https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/covid-19-coronavirus/northern-ireland-covid-19-vaccination-programme> in Northern Ireland

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.  
**Please use the anniversary envelopes at the back of the Church**

**OFFERTORY PROMISE COLLECTION ENVELOPES**  
The envelopes will be renewed in April. We would appreciate being informed of any changes in names or addresses so that our parish records can be updated. Anyone requiring envelopes for the first time is asked to complete their details below and return to the Parish Office as soon as possible.  
NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**RECENTLY DECEASED**  
John Vance, Victoria Street  
Johnny McAlinden, Linen Mews  
Jerome Scullion, Grattan Street  
Raymond Corey, Raughlin Lane  
  
**MONTH'S MIND**  
**Monday 22nd March**  
Mollie Patterson, Wellington Street  
**Tuesday 23rd March**  
Frankie McCann, Beech Court  
Sonia McCrory, Soye Gardens  
**Friday 26th March**  
Patrick Lennon, Drumlin Drive

**ANNIVERSARIES**  
**Sunday 21st March**  
Violet Molloy, Kilwilke Road  
Vincent Douglas, Aghagallon  
Bobby Loughran, Kilwilke Road  
Annie Gorman, Monbrieff Walk  
Rose Boyle, Antrim Road  
John Gordon, Annaloiste  
Louis & Margaret Kennedy, North Street  
Patrick Gorman, Belfast  
  
**Monday 22nd March**  
Paul Magee, Soye Crescent  
Sarah Kelly, Portadown  
Gerard Douglas, Aghagallon  
Basil McAlinden, Ashwood  
Evelyn Ann Doris, Hillcourt  
  
**Tuesday 23rd March**  
Joseph McConaghy, St Patrick's Avenue  
Rose Totten, Goudy Bridge Road  
Desmond Bustard, Magheralin  
Michael Casey, Grattan Street  
Olive King nee McIntyre, Magheralin  
  
**Wednesday 24th March**  
Hugh Cassells Jnr, Antrim Road  
Peter & Paul McGeown, O'Neill's Terrace  
Kate Magill, Antrim Road  
Vincent Martin, Oakleigh Fold  
Danny McGeown, Grattan Street  
Stephen Canning, North Street  
Eileen Gallery, Oakleigh Fold  
Jim McKeveney, Lake Street  
Mary & Joseph Menary, Wesley Place  
  
**Thursday 25th March**  
Kathleen Thornbury, Elmwood Terrace  
Hanna Smyth, Kilmaine Street  
Archie Rae, Brett Avenue  
Pat Grogan, Gawley's Gate/Kilkenny  
Joe & Belle McCrory, Ashgrove Avenue  
  
**Friday 26th March**  
William Murray, Kilwilke Road  
  
**Saturday 27th March**  
Anne McAlernon, Antrim Road  
Tom Toman, Grattan Street  
John Beattie, Belfast

**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!**