

St. Peter's Parish, Shankill

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BULLETIN

22nd DECEMBER 2024 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday 9.30am, 6pm (Vigil)
Sunday 8am, 10am, (po polsku) & 12.00 noon
Monday- Wednesday 8am
Thursday 26th December to Saturday 4th January 9.30am only
ST PAUL'S CHURCH
Sunday: 9am & 10.30am,
Monday- Wednesday: 10am
Saturday: 10.30 am & 7pm (Vigil)
Thursday 26th Dec – Saturday 4th Jan 10.30am only

Fr Colum Murphy, Fr Jozef Wozniak, Fr Colum Wright, Fr Kingsley Idoghor and Deacon Kevin Devine wish all our parishioners every blessing, peace and happiness for Christmas

Spokojnych, zdrowych, radosnych swiat BoKego Narodzenia spedzonych w gronie rodzinny i przyjaciól oraz wszelkiej pomyslności w Nowym Roku. Niechaj Bo_onarodzeniowe swieta przyniosa wszystkim betlejemski blask. duszpasterze



Nollaig Shona Daoibh



HOLY HOUR
Sunday 22nd December 7-8.00pm
A time for reflection on the true meaning of Christmas

CONFESSIONS – CHRISTMAS EVE
St Peter's – 9.30 – 10.30am
St Paul's 10.30 – 11.30am

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
15th December - £3645.46
Plus, Standing Orders £350.60 weekly
Donations –£30.00
Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Holy Baptism
We welcome the following child into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism
Andie Corey Bell, Castle Lane Mews.
Our prayers and good wishes are extended to his family.
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 EVE MASSES
Tuesday 24th December 6.00pm
St Peter's and St Paul's Churches and 9.00pm St Peter's Church po polsku
CHRISTMAS DAY
St Peter's – 8.00am & 12.00 noon 10.00am (Polish)
St Paul's– 9.00am & 10.30am
St Peter's
Thursday 26th December to Saturday 4th January 9.30am only
St Paul's 10.30am only
NEW YEAR'S EVE WATCH NIGHT SERVICE - St Paul's 11.00pm to 12.15am - Everyone is warmly invited for a cup of tea afterwards.

*Visit the Crib.
Picture the Holy Family on that first Christmas night.
Say a prayer of thanks for the gift of life and family and friendship*



A PRAYER TO THE VIRGIN MOTHER ON CHRISTMAS NIGHT
Sweet Mother of my God, lift up your little Jesus from the straw. Lift him high, dear mother, and raise his right hand over me, and let it rest upon my head. That I may feel the hand of God, so strong, so soft, so comforting. Let me feel the pressure of his gentle hand, the hand of God almighty. Oh Mother dear, take now his hand and let it rest in mine; and let him hold my fingers tight, as children do, hold my fingers tight and never let them go. Mother of Jesus and my mother, keep us close together, Jesus your Son and me; teach me to love him, as you did in the crib help me to adore him, as he is in your glory now; show me how to make much of him in the sacrament of his love, so that I may have joy in his nearness, and atone for my past neglect.

PARISH OFFICE
Is closed for the Christmas holiday and will re-open on Monday 6th January @ 10.00am



CHRISTMAS
For some people Christmas is a difficult time. Remember them in a special way in your prayers. Thank God for all the good things you have received, especially the gift of family and friends

ONCE UPON A TIME
Inside a small stable one dark winter's night a baby was born in the glow of starlight..... The wise men and shepherds from afar came to pray at the feet of the baby asleep in the hay... The sheep and the cattle stood bowing their heads, adoring this boy in the simplest of beds Then doves in the rafters started softly to sing a lullaby welcoming Jesus, our King

The 'Twelve Days of Christmas'
dates back to 16th century England, when Henry VIII had broken ties with Rome and founded the Church of England. Catholics faced imprisonment for practising their faith, so they came up with novel ways of keeping their religion alive. 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' was used as teaching aid, with each day representing different aspects of the Catholic faith in numbers and hidden meaning.
The 'true love' in the song is God himself.
Partridge in a pear tree, Jesus Christ.
Two turtle doves Old and New Testament
Three French hens Faith, hope and charity-the theological virtues.
Four calling birds four Gospels/ Evangelists.
Five gold rings first five books of the Old Testament.
Six geese, six days of creation, Seven swans, seven Sacraments
Eight maids, eight beatitudes, Nine ladies, nine choirs of angels/fruits of the Holy Spirit
Ten lords, ten Commandments, Eleven pipers, eleven faithful apostles
Twelve drummers, twelve points of belief of the Apostles Creed

St Peter's Parish now accepts **ONLINE DONATIONS**
Just scan the QR code with your phone camera to donate.



Or visit <https://donate.myдона.com/st-peters-parish-lurgan>.

Scan the QR code. Enter your amount. Input your card details. Please do not forget to Gift Aid

YORK EASTER TOUR 2025
Departing Easter Monday 21st April
Return coach & ferry 4 nights D,B&B in the Elmbank Hotel, York
Bookings available in the New Year with Skelton Travel £50pp non-refundable deposit required on booking
£529pps - *single supplement applies*
To book call Gerard 3832 4741 or Noel 079 5547 5650

ADORATION CHAPEL
Edward Street
Adoration 9am – 9pm
'Radiant and beautiful, the Lord comes down to be with us

ANNIVERSARIES CONTINUED
Friday 27th December
Rosaleen Gaynor, Wellington St
Gerard Dummigan, Kilmaine St
Kathleen O'Reilly, Oakridge
Patricia Haddock, Brownlow Tce
John Haughian, Kilwilke Road
Patrick Finnegan, North Street
Eugene Campbell, Westwood
Sarah Verlaque, Kilwilke Road
Jimmy Tallon, Kelly Gardens
Molly Johnston, Kelly Gardens
Margo McDermott nee Donnelly, Lurgan
Saturday 28th December
Fergus Lennon, Shore Road
Maureen Filbin, Shore Road
Joseph Gallery, Donegreagh
Concepta Mincher, Allenhill Drive
The Geary Family, Watford
Gabriel McStravick, Bowens Close
Jim Curran, Island View, Kinnego
Eternal rest grant onto them O Lord

RECENTLY DECEASED
Linda Stevenson nee Flanagan, Drumlin Drive
Bertie Loye, Annesborough Park
Fr Joseph Carter, Stevenson Park
Vera McKavanagh, Castor Bay Road

MONTH'S MIND
Tuesday 24th December
Eamon Derby, Clara Street
Wednesday 25th December
Dee O'Neill, North Circular Road
Thursday 26th December
John Haughian, North Street

ANNIVERSARIES
Sunday 22nd December
Kathleen Venard, Kilwilke
Dympna McStay, Kilmore Hill Road
Kevin & Doris Toman, Desmond Avenue
Ethel Ranaghan, Killough, Co Down
Rosemarie Cullen, Annesborough Park
Michael Magee, Beech Court
Sean Byrne, Shore Road
Brian Lenehan, Caroline Avenue
John & Elizabeth Douglas, Aghagallon
Frank Doherty, Carrigart
Bob & Bridie McEvoy, Ennis Close
Monday 23rd December
Hugh Haughian Snr, Sloan Street
Bridie McConville, Oakleigh Heights
James McAreevy, Manor Park
Sheena Fox, Antrim Close
Lois Heaney, Markville, Bleary
James Heaney, Ulster Street
Maggie & John McCabrey, Mary Street
Joe McDonald, Lurgan/Newcastle-Upon-Tyne

Tuesday 24th December
James & Sarah Crossey, Grattan Street
Joe & Gertie Loughran, North Circular Road
Ted Grainger, Bournemouth
Edel & Marti Cassidy, Victoria Street
Margaret Kennedy, O'Neill's Terrace
Darragh Kerr, Monbrief Walk
Charlotte Harbinson, Wellington Street
Willie Toland, Church Walk
Bernard Patrick Mulholland, Canada
Rebecca Lavery, Kilwarlin
Wednesday 25th December
Kathleen McCorry, Kilmore Hill Road
Francie McCann, Campbell Walk
Eileen Quinn, Silverwood Drive
Tom Burke, Kilwilke Road
Edward & Rose Leathem, Donnelly Gardens
Sarah Doran, Kilmore Hill Road/Lurgantarry
Larry Magee, Windsor Avenue
Martha McDonald, Kilwilke Road
Maisie Mulholland, Mary Street
Mary & Alex Downey
William & Margaret McAlernon, Tullydagan

Thursday 26th December
Canon Cathal Jordan, Derrymacash
Fr Richard O'Connell, Lurgan/Craigavon
Peggy Martin, Filbin Crescent
Ann Clark nee McColgan, Dorset
Felix McCann, North Street
Lilian Burns, Wellington Street
Olive Wilson, Lurgan
Joe Burns, Arthur Street
Richard Heaney, Brett Avenue
Eilish Creaney, Tarry Drive
Patrick & Sarah McGarvey, Ballygawley