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BULLETIN

23rd MAY 2021- PENTECOST SUNDAY



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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
16th May - £3362.31
Donation Box - £95 loose
Car Park - £401.80
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.

 **Baptism**
We welcome the following children into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism
Olivia Ellen & Emilie Mary Devlin, Belvedere Manor
Bradán David Campbell, Tarry Drive
Ava Rebecca Harbinson, Allengrove
Ezra Jeffrey Dunwoodie-Chan, Levin Rd
Maisie Ellen Hughes, North Circular Rd
Our prayers and good wishes are extended to their families
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



LOURDES 2021



Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Bernadette, pray for the world in this time of global pandemic.

Dear Jesus, Divine Physician, and healer of the sick. We turn to you at this time of illness. O dearest Comforter of the troubled, alleviate our worry and sorrows with your gentle love and grant us grace and strength. We place our sick under our care and humbly ask that you restore your servant to health again. Grant us the grace to acknowledge your will, and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us. Amen

Mary, the Mother who cared for Jesus, now cares with maternal affection and pain for this wounded world. Just as her pierced heart mourned the death of Jesus, so now she grieves for the sufferings of the crucified poor and for the creatures of this world laid waste by human power. Completely transfigured, she now lives with Jesus and all creatures live in her fairness. She is the Woman, 'clothed in the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars'. Carried up into heaven, she is the Mother and Queen of all creation. In her glorified body, together with the Risen Christ, part of Creation has reached the fullness of its beauty. She treasures the entire life of Jesus in her heart and now understands the meaning of all things. Hence, we can ask her to enable us to look at this world with eyes of wisdom

EXAM PRAYER
Dear Lord, as I take these exams, I thank you that my life is enfolded in the embrace of your great love for me. Help me with all the testing challenges of life that will come my way. Holy Spirit, guide me with the gifts of Wisdom, Knowledge, Understanding and Right Judgement. Holy Mary, pray for us all our young people. May they know the touch of your loving caress

BAPTISMS
Given that the government restrictions are easing, grandparents and siblings will be able to attend Baptisms from June under strict Covid rules and social distancing regulations. Face masks must be worn and hand sanitisers are provided. It is necessary to use them at all times.

CEMETERY SUNDAY
Since there will not be a Cemetery Sunday again this year, all Masses this weekend 22nd/23rd May (in both St Peter's and St Paul's) will be offered for the repose of the souls of everyone buried in the Dougher and St Colman's Cemeteries.
Canon Stevenson, Fr Jozef & Fr Wright blessed the graves on Wednesday 19th in both cemeteries. People may wish to visit the cemeteries in their own time to sprinkle the graves of their loved ones with holy water at a time of their choosing.

'Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful'
If the Spirit is in us and in our Church, the signs will be evident to see: love, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, truthfulness, gentleness and self-control

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT



We beseech you, O Lord, let the power of the Holy Spirit be always with us; let it mercifully purify our hearts, and safeguard us from all harm. May the Comforter, who proceeds from You, enlighten our minds, we beseech you, O Lord, and guide us, as your Son has promised, into all truth. Holy Spirit, sweet guest of my soul, abide in me and grant that I may ever abide in Thee. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

ADORATION CHAPEL

Edward Street Private Prayer Only Adoration 9am – 7pm



'Jesus is infinitely deserving of our unceasing thanksgiving and adoration for all He has done for our salvation'

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



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.

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.

GIVE BLOOD Save Lives

There will be blood donation sessions at the Jethro Centre, Lurgan on Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th June 2021 from 1:00pm – 4:00pm & 5:00pm – 7:30pm.

Note that donation sessions are now by appointment only; to book an appointment, please call 08085 534 653 between 10:00am and 4:30pm.

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

John 15:26-27, 16:12-15

1. Jesus recognised that his disciples were not capable of taking in everything at once. Wisdom about life comes slowly and sometimes painfully. Hearing the 'right' answer at the 'wrong' time does not help us. We need to be ready and open to receiving the truth about life. Remember your experiences of growth in understanding.

2. The spirit can guide us to understanding in different settings. Understanding may have come to you when you were praying or reflecting on your life. Perhaps the Spirit guided you through the words of someone close to you, or through the words and actions of people you read about or saw on TV. Remember and give thanks for the people who have helped you to greater wisdom in life.

3. The Spirit also speaks out to us through 'the sign of the times'. The Church has lived through a troubled decade or two and society has been through a turbulent year with the pandemic. How do you think the Spirit is speaking to us at this time?



RECENTLY DECEASED

Marion Avery, Kilwilke Road

ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday 23rd May

Annie Smyth, Cornakinnegar
Colette Doran, Drumnamoe Avenue
Hugh McAlernon, Wellington Street
James McCorry, Antrim Road
Willie McCorry, Glenavy
Susan Millar, Meadowbrook
Daniel Magee, Derryclone
Bridie O'Dowd, Victoria Gardens
Gregory Finnegan, Silverwood Drive
Ellen Jane Weatherup, Antrim Road, Belfast
Donald McLaughlin, Hawthorne Avenue
Isobelle McStravick, Mary Street

Monday 24th May

William Jnr & James Creaney, Tannaghmore North
Anna Donnelly, Princes Close
Paddy Withers Snr, Ennis Tarry
Mary Turkington, Ennis Close

Tuesday 25th May

Mary Starkey, Grattan Street
Philomena Mallon, Brett Avenue
Eamon McCarron, Brookvale Walk
Patrick Murray, Castor Bay Road
Edward McStravick, Scotland
John & Annie Mulholland, Portadown

Wednesday 26th May

James (Jimmy) Smyth Snr, Old Portadown Rd
Johnny McManus, Laurence Square
James McStravick, John Street
Jim McGeown, Dundalk/O'Neills Terrace
Eileen Totton, Kilwilke Road
Mádeen McAlinden, Kilwilke Road
Charlotte (Loretta) McElroy, Killough Gardens
Clare & Joseph McMullan, North St/Brownlow Terrace
James McMahan, Brownlow Terrace

Thursday 27th May

Brendan Shanks, Kilwilke Road
Fearghal McConville, Oakridge
Josephine Toman, Deramore Drive
Bernard Duff, Cornakinnegar Road
Francis Atkinson, Portadown

Friday 28th May

Sean Derby
Mary Murphy, Belfast
Shauneen McCann nee Hughes, Melrose Grove
John Bennett, Cafolla Gardens
George Teresi, Ashgrove Drive
Maureen Rodgers, The Grange

Saturday 29th May

Patrick Smyth, Kilmaine Street
Greta McAreavey, Antrim Road
Ethna Smyth, North Circular Road
Lily Tabone nee McStravick, Mary St/Canada

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