

St. Peter's Parish, Shankill

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BULLETIN

24th MAY 2020 – THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD
World Communication Day



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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.

PRAYERFUL SUPPORT
 As parishioners may be aware, Fr John Byrne, PP in Moyraverty and Seagoe, has recently received a serious diagnosis requiring sick leave from his ministry in those parishes. He is currently receiving the care and treatment he requires, and together we keep him in our prayers at this challenging time. Archbishop Martin has asked Fr Brian Fitzpatrick to assist with Fr Byrne's work in Moyraverty and Seagoe, therefore most of Fr Brian's time will be devoted there for now.

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

COVID-19 UPDATE
 As of last Friday, our church doors are open again for parishioners to visit for *solitary* prayer. No group prayer or activities are permitted, but the peace and tranquillity of time alone with the Lord are an oasis at the present time. We have put in place the necessary sanitary measures to make it safe for everyone, and ask the public to observe some simple measures in the churches to limit the spread of Covid-19 during your visit.

- * Follow the one-way route while moving around the church as indicated.
- * Keep a distance of 2 metres (6 feet) from other people who are not part of your household, including when seated in pews.
- * Use sanitiser and wipes provided where indicated.
- * Do not touch any surfaces unnecessarily.

Those who are at increased risk from the virus and/or have been advised to shield themselves are also strongly advised to remain at home.

Opening times are as follows:
 St Peter's and St Paul's: 11:00am–6:00pm Monday–Saturday
 Adoration Chapel, Edward St: 12noon–6:00pm daily

St Anthony's, Moyraverty: 11:00am–5:30pm daily
 St Mary's, Derrytrasna: 9:30am–6:00pm daily
 St Patrick's, Derrymacash: 9:30am – 4:00pm daily
 St John's, Lylo: remains closed.
 St Patrick & St Ronan's, Magheralin: 9:30am–6:00pm daily: St Colman's, Kilwarlin: 9:00am–7:00pm daily.

Masses, except for funerals, remain closed to the public and may be viewed on the webcams where available.

Thank you for your patience and co-operation...and welcome back.

BIDING OUR TIME FOR THE SACRAMENTS
 Like everyone, we have been missing the celebrations of Confirmation and First Communion around this time and look forward to hearing when it may be possible to hold them in future. In the meantime, the First Communion classes will be remembered at the following Masses on webcam:
Tannaghmore PS: 9:30am Mass on Saturday 30 May
St Teresa's PS: 6:00pm Mass on Saturday 6 June
Lurgan Model PS: 9:30am Mass on Saturday 13 June.

In addition, we will be praying very specially for the young candidates from all schools in the parish in the coming weeks. We invite them and their families to join us by webcam for these special Masses:
All Confirmation candidates / P7 classes – 12:15pm Mass on Sunday 31 May (St Peter's)
All First Holy Communion / P4 classes – 12:15pm Mass on Sunday 14 June (St Peter's)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
 With the churches and Adoration Chapel open once again for solitary prayer, weekday exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St Peter's and St Paul's has come to an end. Personal visits to Jesus in the Eucharist are now possible again.

TRÓCAIRE
 Every year Trócaire asks for our help during Lent to fund lifesaving programmes around the world. This year, of course, it has not been possible to return Trócaire boxes in the usual way. This is the worst possible timing coming just as the world's poorest people need us most. There is urgent need for your Lenten donations which you may still have at home, so please return them by Pentecost, 31 May, if possible, in the following ways:

1. Online at www.trocaire.org
2. By freephone: 0800 912 1200
3. By post to Trócaire, 10 King Street, Belfast, BT1 6AD
4. Through the parish office letterbox in an envelope. (*Please do not leave boxes unattended at the back of the church.*)

The contents of each and every Trócaire box, no matter how small, come together to make a significant difference. This virus knows no borders, but neither does our compassion.

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 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.

BULLETINS
 Now that churches are open again, this is the last bulletin that will be distributed through the shops. Sincere thanks to all the proprietors concerned for helping us during the lockdown. Please call into St Peter's or St Paul's for your bulletins once again and remember to take copies for your housebound relatives and neighbours. They are also always available online at lurganparish.com.

EVENING PRAYER
Dear Lord, the evening comes the day is done. Let peace wash over my household in the dark of night and in the few still hours of the next morning. Wipe away our troubles. Cleanse us of worry and doubt. Through You, may Your magnificent good be our protection forever more. Amen

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
 Thank you for your patience
 Remember:
KEEP YOUR DISTANCE AND STAY AT HOME

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

MARIAN PRAYER
*Mother, help our faith!
 Open our ears to hear God's word and to recognise his voice and call. Awaken in us a desire to follow in his footsteps, to go forth from our own land and to receive his promise. Help us to be touched by his love, that we may touch him in faith.
 Help us to entrust ourselves fully to him and to believe in his love, especially at times of trial, beneath the shadow of the cross, when our faith is called to mature. Sow in our faith the joy of the Risen One.
 Remind us that those who believe are never alone. Teach us to see all things with the eyes of Jesus, that he may be light for our path. And may this light of faith always increase in us, until the dawn of that undying day which is Christ himself, your Son, our Lord.*

RECENTLY DECEASED
 Sean McMorrow, Ashwood
 Eamon Toland, Stevenson Park
 David Gourley, Victoria Gardens

ANNIVERSARIES
Sunday 24th May
 Paddy & Cissie Withers, Hawthorne Avenue
 Clare & Joseph McMullan, North St/Brownlow Tc
 Mary Starkey, Grattan Street
 Peter Corey, Knockramer Meadows
 Eileen Murray, Highmoss, Derrytrasna
 Stanley Maguire, Edward Street
 Malachy Tighe, Bay Rampart

Monday 25th May
 Johnny & Michael McManus, Laurence Square
 Eamon McCarron, Brookevale Walk
 Tom McStravick, Bath

Tuesday 26th May
 James (Jimmy) Smyth Snr, Old Portadown Road
 James McStravick, John Street
 Jim McGeown, O'Neill's Terrace/Dundalk
 Charlotte (Loretta) McElroy, Killough Gardens
 Eileen Totten, Kilwilke Road
 John Heaney, O'Neill's Terrace
 Madge McAlinden nee McKinstry, Kilwilke Road

Wednesday 27th May
 Philomena Magee, Manor Park
 Brendan Shanks, Kilwilke Road
 Feargal McConville, Oakridge

Thursday 28th May
 Sean Derby, Clara Street
 Mary Murphy, Belfast
 Teresa Smyth, Manor Drive
 Maureen Rodgers, The Grange
 George Teresi, Ashgrove Drive
 John & Patsy Bennett, Cafolla Gardens/Dublin

Friday 29th May
 Patrick Smyth, Kilmaine Street
 Sarah Ann Rooney, Kilwilke Road
 Greta McAreavey, Antrim Road
 Owen McConville, Albert Street
 John McCann, Beech Court
 Lily Tabone nee McStravick, Mary St/ Canada

Saturday 30th May
 Margaret Leatham, Rampart Street
 Patrick McConville, Lurgantarry
 Alice Harbinson, Prospect Way
 Mary McVeigh, Derrymore Road

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.