

St Peter's Parish, Shankill

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BULLETIN




29th December 2024 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
With Fr Jozef
Friday 6.00pm - 6.45pm

OFERTORY COLLECTION
22nd December - £3743.18
Plus, Standing Orders £350.60 weekly
Thank you for your continued support and generosity.


Holy Baptism
GOOD BEGINNINGS
Your baby's baptism is a time for celebration and joy. Naturally you want the best for your baby, and we want to help you to plan and prepare for your child's baptism in the best possible way. Your most important preparation is to look at your own faith. The very fact that you have asked for your child to be baptised shows that you recognised the importance of God in your life. As your child gets older he/she will grow up with the faith you have taught by example. As you help your baby grow up in the love of God, you too will experience growth in your own faith life. Your baby's baptism is only the beginning of a new life through which you will grow closer to one another as a family and closer to God
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.



HAPPY NEW YEAR



Heartfelt thanks from Fr Colum Murphy, Fr Jozef Wozniak, Fr Colum Wright, Fr Kingsley Idoghor and Rev Kevin Devine to you, our benevolent parishioners who have supported us throughout 2024, not least during this Yuletide with your generous Christmas envelopes, cards, gifts and prayers.
Your kindness and generosity is very much appreciated.
The holy sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.
Deacon Kevin and the priests take this opportunity to wish all our parishioners God's blessing for a peaceful, prosperous and Happy New Year.
Athbhliain faoi mhaise oraibh go léir.



THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
*'If we grow up in a loving family, we are ready for the world'.
Lord keep me close to you this New Year. Help me to reflect your glory always. Lord bless my family and all families. Help us to grow rich in what matters most of all: love, unity and joy. Amen.*


BE AT PEACE
*Do not look forward in fear to the changes of life; rather look to them full of hope as they arise. You are God's very own and God will deliver you from out of them. God has kept you in the past and God will lead you safely through all things; and when you cannot bear it, God will bury you in his arms. Do not fear what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting God who takes care of you today will take care of you then and every day. God will either shield you from suffering or give you unfailing strength to bear it.
St Francis*

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR
Dear Lord, please give me... A few friends who understand me and remain my friends; A work to do which has real value, without which the world would be the poorer; A mind unafraid to travel, even though the trail be not blazed; An understanding heart; A sense of humour; Time for quiet, silent meditation; A feeling of the presence of God; The patience to wait for the coming of these things, with the wisdom to recognise them when they come.

NEW YEAR
Ring out the old, ring in the new. Ring happy bells across the snow, the year is going, let him go. Ring out the false, ring in the true; Ring out the grief that saps the mind, for those that here we see no more, ring in the common love of good. Ring out old shapes of foul disease, ring out the narrowing of lust gold, ring out the thousand wars of old, ring in the thousand years of peace, ring in the valiant man and free, the larger heart, the kinder hand, ring out the darkness of the land, ring in the Christ that is to be.
In Memoriam, (Ring out wild bells)
Alfred Lord Tennyson 1809-1892

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE – 1ST JANUARY
Theme: Forgive us our trespasses; grant us your peace
Forgive us for the war, Lord.
Lord Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on us sinners.
Lord Jesus, born under bombs, have mercy on us.
Lord Jesus, dead in the arms of a mother, have mercy on us.
Lord Jesus, in the 20-year-olds sent to the frontline, have mercy on us.
Lord Jesus, who continues to see hands armed with weapons under the shadow of the cross, forgive us, Lord.
Forgive us if, not content with the nails with which we pierced your hand, we continue to drink from the blood of the dead torn apart by weapons.
Forgive us if these hands that you had created to protect have been turned into instruments of death.
Forgive us, Lord, if we continue to kill our brother, if we continue like Cian to take the stones from our field to kill Abel.
Forgive us if we go out of our way to justify cruelty, if, in our pain, we legitimise the cruelty of our actions. Forgive us war, Lord.
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of Christ, we implore you to stop the hand of Cian, enlighten our conscience, let not our will be done, do not abandon us to our own doing. Stop us, Lord, stop us, and when you have stopped the hand of Cian, take care of him also. He is our brother.
O Lord, stop the violence. Stop us, Lord. Amen.
Composed by Archbishop Domenico Battaglia of Naples


DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY IN MEDJUGORJE 2025
Fully escorted trip direct return flights from Dublin.
26th April – 3rd May
£675. Price increases to £725 after 31st January.
7-night Pilgrimage with Mona Mitchell & Kathy McColgan.
Staying near to St James Church with breakfast & dinner.
Spiritual Director –
Fr Aidan O'Kane CP
For more information call
Mona 078 8071 4113 or
Kathy 077 3434 5181


DRUMNAMOE NURSERY
Open Day
Monday 6th January 2025
10.00-11.00am
Come and view our outstanding facilities and find out what we can offer your child in their Pre-School year.
Learning and growing together

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

POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION
For the Right to an Education:
Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those effected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS
St Vincent de Paul - 3832 5725
Samaritans - 3833 3555
LIFE - 3026 7085
Alcoholics Anon - 9043 4848
AL-ANON - 9068 2368
Gamblers Anon - 9024 9185
PIPS (Suicide awareness) 3831 0151
ACCORD (marriage preparation & counselling) 3833 4781
Parish Safeguarding Representative 079 3555 1093
Craigavon Area Hospital 3833 4444

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



RECENTLY DECEASED
Nathan Worsford, Oakridge
Andrew McGibbon, Rectory Road
Mark McMorrow, Lough Road
ANNIVERSARIES
Sunday 29th December
Thomas McKavanagh, Castor Bay Road
Paul Ansell, London
Peter Mallon, Lisburn
Joseph (Joe) Doran, Wellington Street
Maggie Kerr, Garland Avenue
Monday 30th December
Ethna McCorry, Thornleigh
Kathleen McConville, Kelly Gardens
Gerard McCrory, Ashgrove Avenue
Mary Ann Donaghy, Inglewood/Armagh

Tuesday 31st December
Lily Henderson, Antrim Road
Sheila Drainey, Shore Road
Gerald Walsh, Charles Street
John Quinn, Silverwood, Drive
Ena & Ria Creery, Rosemount
Gabrielle Donnelly, Lurgantarry
Donald McCarroll, Kilwike Road
Patrick Byrne, Shore Road
Ciaran Killops, Church Walk
Harry McStay, Cornakinnegar Road
John Harte, Campbell Walk
James Boyle, Kilwarlin

Wednesday 1st January
Lelia Brady, Beech Court
Rosanne McAlernon, Grattan Street
Bridie Thompson, Levin Road
Michael McConville, Allengrove
Mary & Harry McAreavey, Waring Street
Ellen Coleman, Kilwilke Road
Annie McManus, Kelly Gardens
Gabriel & Lily McDowell, Ennis Close
Danny Boyle, Oakleigh Fold
Austin McAreavey, Victoria Street
Patricia Heaney, North Street
John O'Loan, Glenravel Drive

Thursday 2nd January
Emily McCaffrey, Oakleigh Heights
Brian Quinn, Kilwilke Road
Neal O'Loughlin, Lake Street
Friday 3rd January
Francie Scullion, Oakleigh Manor
Conor Scullion, Headington Avenue
Joan McCann, Ulster Street
Frank Cannin, Scotland
Pauline Nuttal, nee Canning

Saturday 4th January
Maggie McConville, Drumnamoe Gardens
Eileen McConville, Drumnamoe Avenue
Maeve Magill, Cornakinnegar Road
Dermot Thompson, Manor Park
Annie Haughey, Allenhill Park
John McKerr, Grattan Street
Joseph Doran, Grattan Street
Margaret Henry, Grattan Street
Eternal rest grant onto them O Lord