

St. Peter's Parish, Shankill

BULLETIN

29th November 2020 – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 9.30am, 6pm (Vigil)
Sunday 8am, 10am, (po polsku) & 12.00pm

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

Sunday 22nd November £3040.27
Donations – 1X £120 & £50 loose
Car Park – £551.80
Thank you for your continued support and generosity

BAPTISMS

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. Baptisms take place on the first, third and fifth Sundays of the month @ 1.30pm

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. There are various popular prayers to accompany an Act of Spiritual Communion, eg:

*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.*

Memorare

*Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided.
Inspired with this confidence,
I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer. Amen.*

Extract from Saint Patrick's Breastplate

*Christ with me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me, Christ in me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.*

UPDATE Regarding Covid-19

Following on from the UK government's instruction on Monday, the following measures now apply in our parishes:

- Baptisms are postponed until after the current 'stay at home' measures are lifted.
- Funerals and weddings may continue with only family and close friends attending to a maximum of 25 people, and social distancing observed in the church.
- The Parish Offices are closed to visitors but still taking phone calls and e-mails for anniversaries and any other business.
- St Peter's church and St Paul's church remain OPEN for ***solitary prayer only***.
St Peter's from 8:30am– 6:00pm
Monday – Saturday
St Paul's from 11.00am – 3.00pm
- Masses, continue at normal times and all are streamed on our webcams at www.lurganparish.com

Adoration Chapel will be open for private prayer 10am – 7pm

Follow us on Facebook@lurganparish for the latest updates; restrictions will be relaxed as soon as public health measures allow.

Most of all, STAY at home, PRAY with us and BE NOT AFRAID.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Ss Peter and Paul, and St Patrick pray for us



NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

The Novena will **conclude** on Tuesday 1st December at the 8am & 7pm virtual Masses.

ST. PAUL'S – The Novena will **conclude** Monday 30th November at 10am virtual Mass & 7pm virtual Holy Hour

ACCORD Pre-Marriage Courses

Accord Newry are endeavouring to accommodate couples via our Virtual Interactive Marriage Preparation Programme, during these uncertain times and courses can be booked on www.accord.ie. The cost of the course is £135.

Sunday 17th January (9.30 am to 2pm with a half hour break)
Tuesday 26th & Wednesday 27th January (7pm to 9 pm both evenings)
Sunday 7th February (9.30 am to 2pm with a half hour break)
Tuesday 23rd & Wednesday 24th February (7pm to 9 pm both evenings)
Sunday 21st March (9.30 am to 2pm with a half hour break)
Tuesday 30th & Wednesday 31st March (7pm to 9 pm both evenings)

Counselling

Counselling is an essential service which is permitted during times of pandemic restrictions. The Accord Newry Centre is providing 'in person' Couples Relationships Counselling. Please contact Moira O'Hare, Accord Newry on 07918170686 for information.
Office Hours are Monday to Wednesday 5 pm to 8.30 pm & Thursday 5pm to 7.30 pm.

SVP Gift and Food Appeal

This year has been a most unusual year and one of great difficulty for a lot of households, so we hope to help as many families as we can with Christmas hampers and toys. We cannot put up notices or a Giving Tree in the churches this year because of the safety regulations to keep the COVID - 19 virus at bay. So, we are doing it virtually.

From the **Giving Tree** we are asking for gift vouchers, toys and gifts for children and adults. You do not have to wrap the gifts as it will be easier to identify the age group and gender of the persons for whom the gifts are intended. The age group that we find it most difficult to give to are boys and girls between the ages of 9 years and 15 years. Gift vouchers from the Rushmere Shopping Centre or Sports Shops are very helpful.

We are also collecting food items to make hampers. During the month of November we will collect these from the Churches as we did other years. We would like to have these collections completed by **the week of 13th December** so we can be sure we have enough of the necessary items and gifts.

As always, we so appreciate your generosity and support. We pray for you each time we meet. May you be blessed.

ALL GIFTS & FOOD ITEMS CAN BE LEFT ON THE SACRED HEART ALTAR

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of the late Paul Baxter RIP would like to thank everyone who donated in lieu of flowers to Chest, Heart & Stroke. The money raised was £1010. It was very much appreciated.

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel. Mark 13:33-37

1. The coming of Christ is not just the moment of grace. Recall unexpected graces – good things that happened when they were not anticipated.

2. Perhaps some of these were moments when you were particularly alert and aware what was going on in you and around you and this enabled you to be open to the moment of grace. Recall the contrast with moments when that alertness and awareness were not present.

3. The servants were given charge of the household 'each with their own job'. See yourself as a person given a responsibility within the household of God's people. What is it like for you to see yourself trusted in this way by God? What has it been like for you when you have been shown trust in this way by another person?

4. Jesus says that what he is saying to his disciples he is saying to all. Have there been times when you have been a messenger of hope to others, encouraging them to wait for a moment of grace. Who have been the ones to encourage you?

ANNIVERSARIES OVER CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR

Anniversaries and Month's Mind Notices that occur up to Saturday 9th January 2021 should be left into the Parish Office on or before **Tuesday 22nd December @ 12.00 noon** if they are to be included in the Bulletin over the Christmas/New Year holiday. *Please use the anniversary envelopes at the back of the Church*



RECENTLY DECEASED

Maria Woznaik, Poland (Fr Josef's mother)
Francis Brady, Edward Street
Nuala Moran nee Lavery, Richmount Gardens
Rosie Cassidy, nee Menary Glenholm Park
Anthony Baylis, Lurgantarry

MONTH'S MIND

Sunday 29th November

James Lappin, Antrim Road
Francis Burns, Claremoss Road, Waringstown
Harry Murtagh, Lurgan/Rolestown
Tuesday 1st December
Gregory Burke, Kelly Gardens

ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday 29th November

Ethna Brady, Kilvoragh Park
Rose Doran, Drumnacree Avenue
Dave Luford, Poole, Dorset
James Doone, Gawley's Gate
Rita O'Neill, Kilwilke /Oakleigh Fold
Eileen O'Neill, Tullydagan Road
Doreen McAlernon, Kilwilke Road
Desmond & May Lavery, North Circular Road
Phelim Brewster, Craigavon

Monday 30th November

Teresa Murtagh, Glenview Drive
Mary Magee, Cornakinnegar Road
Bernadette Mahaffy, Grattan Street
Michael Fagan, Derrycraw Road Newry
Brian Magill, Grattan Street
Marie Gallery, Victoria Gardens
Tom Greene, Brownlow Terrace

Tuesday 1st December

Dave Gourley, Windsor Avenue
Laurence McVeigh, Leansmount
Jim French, Old Portadown Road
Lucy McVeigh, Kilwilke Gardens
Wednesday 2nd December
Eleanor Derby, Like Street
Martin Ganley, Lavery Avenue
Mary McArdle, Ennis Close
Patricia McGarrell, Silverwood Drive

Thursday 3rd December

James Henry, Edward Street
Jim Knox, Lurgantarry
Susie Coleman, Waring Street
James Greene, Ashwood
Marie McKerr, Drumnacree Avenue
Marisa Toland, Deeny Drive
Sarah Ann Mullan, Kilmaine Street

Friday 4th December

Sarah Ann Shanks, Kilwilke Road
Margaret Spellman, Wellington Street
Mary Gorman, Lisburn
Joseph Daly, New York
Maris McMullan, Wellington Street
Kathleen McCrory, Deeny Drive

Saturday 5th December

Francis McSherry, Drumnacree Avenue
Billy Gordon, Kilwilke Gardens
James Kelly, Brownlow Terrace

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 £10.00. As we have a booking system, anniversaries can be booked in advance.