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# BULLETIN


31st JANUARY 2021 – 4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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**  
Envelopes left into office £1820.50  
  
**Online donations for**  
October £862.00  
November £1255.00  
December £ 890.00  
  
**Donations – £90**  
**Car Park – £536.40**  
*Thank you for your continued support and generosity*

 **CHOOSING GODPARENTS**  
Congratulations to all the parents of newborn children in our parish. With your baby's best interests at heart, the Church asks you when considering sponsors for your child's baptism to choose a godfather and godmother (one male, one female) who are at least 16 years old and who lead a life of faith. One of the sponsors (called a 'witness') may be a baptised Christian from another church. We look forward to welcoming you.  
  
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*

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**  
We would like to offer our sincerest thanks to all our parishioners who have forwarded their offertory promise envelopes and their envelopes for the priests' collection every week during this recent 'Lockdown'.  
Many thanks indeed for your huge commitment to both your parish and your priests.

**ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**  
(For those who cannot receive the Eucharist in person)  
  
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.

**NORTH LURGAN PLAYGOUNP**  
are now taking names for the school year beginning September 2021. Contact Joan on 077 3185 2465 or email [northlurganplaygroup@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:northlurganplaygroup@hotmail.co.uk) for further details.

To mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Irish School of Ecumenics a new three-year education and research programme exploring the theme: "Is There A Common Good?" is being launched with a series of civic conversations on zoom. These will run over two six- weekly series, from Saturday 6 February 2021 to Monday 24 May 2021.  
  
The focus for this: "Is the Past Preventing the Future and the Common Good?" provides an opportunity to explore obstacles to the common good and positive actions for change. The range of speakers are from Northern Ireland, or have lived here for many years, and they will address the theme from their areas of expertise. The programme is open to anyone who is interested, particularly those living in Northern Ireland and Border Counties. For more information click on the following hyperlink: <https://www.tcd.ie/ise/assets/pdf/Common-Good-Course-Brochure.pdf>. To register contact Kirstie at [kirstie479@hotmail.com](mailto:kirstie479@hotmail.com).

**FEASTS OF THE WEEK**  
**Monday 1st February**  
Saint Brigid, patron of Ireland  
The name Brigid means 'the exalted one'. 'She is known as Mary of the Gael. One significant virtue about Brigid which outshone others was her generosity. When it came to the poor, she said, 'if I had the power to give away the whole of Leinster, I would willingly give it to God's poor.'  
  
**Tuesday 2nd February**  
Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas Day)  
  
**Wednesday 3rd February**  
Feast of St Blaise

**PARISH RADIOS**  
If anyone has a radio they no longer used, we in St Peter's would appreciate it for our housebound parishioners who do not have access to the webcam and would love to receive Mass via the radio. They can be left at the back of the Church or given to Noel in the sacristy

There will be **blood donation sessions** at the **Jethro Centre** on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> & Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 1pm – 4pm & 5pm – 7:30pm.  
*Note that donation sessions are now by appointment only; to book an appointment, please call 08085 534 653 between 10am - 4:30pm.*

**UPDATE Regarding Covid-19**  
Following on from the UK government's instruction, the following measures now apply in our parishes:

- Weddings can still take place, but with a maximum of 25 people and social distancing observed
- Funerals may continue with only family and close friends attending to a maximum of 25 people, and social distancing observed in the church
- The Parish Office is closed, and the secretary is working from home but still taking phone calls and e-mails for anniversaries and any other business.
- St Peter's Church remains open for private prayer from 8.30am–6:00pm Monday to Saturday for \*solitary prayer only\*.
- Masses times continue as normal and all are streamed on our webcams at [www.lurganparish.com](http://www.lurganparish.com).

Baptisms can continue with parents, godparents and baby only.  
  
Some people are asking about Confession. The Department of Health guidelines are currently extremely strict. Considering this strong advice to 'Stay at Home', it is totally inadvisable to schedule confessions at this critical time of battling the pandemic.

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH GUIDELINES**  
The Department of Health does not permit any gatherings before or after any funeral's or weddings on Church grounds.  
  
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

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:

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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.*

**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.

**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.

**BLESSING**  
May your servants be shielded, O Lord By the protection of your loving-kindness, That, doing what is good in this world, They may reach you, their highest good. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.  
May Almighty God bless you, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.



**RECENTLY DECEASED**  
Laureen Mallon, Taghnevan Drive  
Margaret McAlinden, Victoria Street  
Catherine McEntee, Windsor Avenue  
Colleen Kelly, Lake Street  
Gerard Turley, Thornleigh

**MONTH'S MIND**  
**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February**  
Annie Haughey, Allenhill Park

**ANNIVERSARIES**  
**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January**  
Michelle McNally, Albert Terrace  
Mary McCrory, Castor Bay Road  
Seamus Leathem, Portadown Road  
Daniel Shanks, Allenhill Park  
Darren Lennon, Shore Rd/Old Court Manor  
Joseph McConville, Lavery Avenue  
Henry Dickson, Oakfield Terrace  
Nellie Doyle, Edward Street  
  
**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February**  
Margaret Burke, Garrymore  
John Mulholland, Mary Street  
  
**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**  
Mary Ann Smyth, Wellington Street  
Barry Dummigan, Clara Street  
Susan McAlernon, Tullydagon  
Alison Doyle, Kilwilke  
Agnes Muldoon, Cookstown  
  
**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**  
Rosaleen Magennis, Manor Park  
Rose & Jackie Larkin, Oakleigh Fold  
Margaret Doherty, Woodville Street  
Rose Ann Lavery, Church Walk  
Ethna McGrath, Lurgantarry  
John Hughes, Lake Street  
  
**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February**  
Ann Treanor, Lurgantarry  
Kevin Smyth, Ulster Street  
Nora McConville, Sloan Street  
James McCann, Clare Road, Gilford  
Freddie McCavigan, Albert Terrace  
Jerome McCaughley, Kilvergan Road  
Damian Lavery, Ennis Green  
Joan Carson, Pinebank  
Benedict Campbell, Lavery Avenue  
Patsy Lewsley, Kilwilke Road

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February**  
Paul McAreavey, Ashgrove Park  
Vincent McGibbon, Antrim Road  
Sammy Mitchell, Brown Street  
Siobhan Cormican, Colane Meadows  
Bridie Potter, Kent  
  
**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February**  
Billy Brady, Kilvoragh Park  
Seamus Magill, Ashgrove Park  
Gerry McAvoy, Soye Gardens  
Michael Smyth, Kilmaine Street  
Gertie McCann, North Street  
Patrick (Patsy) McKerr, Donnelly Gardens  
Sean Forker, Mary Street

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*