

# St. Peter's Parish, Shankill

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# BULLETIN

3<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2020 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
Good Shepherd Sunday – Day of Prayer & Vocations



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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)

**VOCATIONS SUNDAY**  
"When the shepherd has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice."  
Have you heard the shepherd's voice, asking and calling you to tend his sheep? It is a life of joy and collaboration, of fatigue and praise, of deep fulfilment. If you're thinking God might be calling you to serve his people as a priest or in the consecrated life, enquire with [info@vocations.ie](mailto:info@vocations.ie), with Fr Tony Corr, the Diocesan Vocations Director ([tonymcorr@aol.co.uk](mailto:tonymcorr@aol.co.uk)), or speak to any of our local priests.  
"Take courage, it is I! Be not afraid."  
(Matt 14:27)

**TRÓCAIRE RETURNS**  
Trócaire returns are preferred by phone or online this year, if possible.  
Freephone: 0800 912 1200  
Online: [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org)  
Alternatively, please drop your return in an envelope through the parish office letterbox.  
*Thank you for your support*

**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*

**ROSARY DURING MONTH OF MAY**  
Pope Francis has issued a short letter to all Catholics on devotion to Our Lady during May, particularly through the rosary He invites us to add two prayers at the end of the rosary during May. Here is the shorter of the two for your own use:  
O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus' suffering, and persevered in your faith.  
'Protectress of God's people', you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial.  
Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us.  
For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.  
Amen.  
We fly to your patronage,  
O holy Mother of God;  
Despise not our prayers  
in our necessities,  
but ever deliver us from all dangers,  
O glorious and blessed Virgin.  
For the full letter, just search 'Pope's May letter' online.  
Rosary is said in our churches after the 8am Mass in St Peter's Sunday to Friday and the 9:30am Mass on Saturdays,  
and in St Paul's after the 9am Mass on Sundays, 10am Mass Monday to Friday, and the 10:30am Mass on Saturdays.

**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.

**COVID 19 – COUPLES AND RELATIONSHIPS SUPPORT LINE**  
During this time of lockdown when we are thrown together all day, every day can be a time of unprecedented stress and pressure on family life. ACCORD is available if you need to speak to an EXPERIENCED COUPLES AND RELATIONSHIP COUNSELLOR during this time.  
Speak in confidence to an Accord counsellor on (028) 9568 0151 between 9.00 am – 8.00pm Monday to Friday.  
All calls charged at local rate.

**OFFERTORY PROMISE: AVAILABLE ONLINE**  
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](http://www.dromorediocese.org) and click on 'Donate' on the home page. Thank you to all those who have already signed up.  
*Thanks to everyone for your continued generosity and support*

**CEMETERIES REOPENED**  
The Dougher and St Colman's Cemeteries reopened last weekend since Stormont lifted the restriction. We thank all the parishioners who respected the closure for four weeks. All other social distancing measures remain in place, so with cemeteries now accessible for visits, please only attend as part of your daily exercise and keep at least 2 metres from anyone not part of your household.  
Please also note it will not be possible for Cemetery Sunday to be held in May as usual. We will keep the situation under review and look to a time when public gatherings are permissible and safe.  
Attendance at all funerals and burials remains limited to ten people maximum.  
Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place four days a week while the churches remain closed. The Holy Hour will open and close with some brief public prayer, but most of the time will be given over to silence for your personal devotion, or to gather your family and friends round for some prayer time together with the Risen Jesus.  
So please join us from 3-4pm, as indicated below:  
**Monday and Wednesday at 3pm—St Paul's webcam**  
**Thursday and Saturday at 3pm—St Peter's webcam**  
*"He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognised him." (Lk 24:30-31)*

**Seeing your life through the Lens of the Gospel**  
1. In the Middle East, it was the task of the shepherd to find water and pasture and to ensure safety. In your life, who have been the people who nourished you and gave you security? For whom have you done this? How has Jesus been a good shepherd for you?  
2. Important to the shepherd's ability to give security to the sheep is the fact that he was known and familiar to them. They recognised his voice. Does this resonate in any way with your experience?  
3. We are familiar with the image of Jesus as the shepherd. The image of Jesus as the door (or gate) is not so familiar, but is one that merits attention. Jesus presents himself as the door through which we pass and find life. What are the doors through which you have passed and found life: a situation, a place, a book an experience, a person? For whom have you been a door to a richer life?0

**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](mailto:office@stpetersparishlurgan.org)**  
Thank you for your patience  
Remember:  
**KEEP YOUR DISTANCE AND STAY AT HOME**

**BULLETINS**  
Printed copies of the St Peter's bulletin are available from the following shops while churches remain closed:  
**O'Loan's, North Street, Magill's Shop, Ennis Close, Eithne's Shop, Lake Street, Nisa Local, Antrim Road & Loughview Spar, Lough Road**  
Please take copies for those who cannot access the bulletin online.  
Please ask at the Tills  
*Thank you to our stockists.*

  
**RECENTLY DECEASED**  
David Culbert, Meadowbrook  
Tony Moore, Craigavon  
Moya McKinley, Bangor (formerly Ashwood)

**MONTH'S MIND**  
**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**  
Kenny Smyth, Oakleigh Grove  
**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May**  
Ernest Fox, Wesley Place  
**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May**  
Kathleen Mary (Kay) McAlernon, Kilmore Hill Rd

**ANNIVERSARIES**  
**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**  
Ellen Heaney, Ennis Close  
Hannah Horgan, Tralee  
**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May**  
Frank Lieghio, Belvedere Manor  
Henry McDonald, Ashgrove Avenue

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May**  
Margaret Magill, Grattan Street  
Nellie Byrne, Shore Road  
Eugene McConville, Albert Street  
Jack Lyness, Cypress Gardens

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May**  
Sean McCavigan, Tarry Drive  
Fr Pat Towe, South Africa  
Molly Corr, Portadown  
John Eddie Campbell, Melrose Park  
James McCabe, Deramore Drive  
Pauline Crothers, Kilmore Road  
Nola McCann, Lower North Street

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May**  
Jimmy Hughes, Soye Gardens  
Kathleen Magee, Brownlow Terrace  
John McConaghy, England  
Nora Hargreaves nee McGeown, Kilmaine Street/Liverpool

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May**  
Daniel J Harte, Turmoyra  
James Burke, Ennis Close

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May**  
Michael McDowell, Bells Row  
Rosaleen Mulholland, Derrymore  
James Gorman, Lisburn

*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.