



RECENTLY DECEASED

Winnie Farrell, Ashwood
Francis Gorman, Ballinderry Road, Lisburn

ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday 6th December

Angela Breen, Ulster Street
Bessie Flynn, Brownlow Terrace
Eric Marshall, Donnelly Gardens
Elizabeth Toman, Wesley Place

Monday 7th December

Mary Derby, Clara Street
John Toman, Deramore Drive
Angela McVeigh, North Street
Robert Rae, Brett Avenue
Nora Loughran, Deeny Drive
Bill Doyle, Brownlow Terrace

Tuesday 8th December

Sean McVeigh, Tannaghmore North,
Mary McVeigh, Colane
Stephen Mulholland, Silverwood Drive
Annie McCann, The Wood
Agnes McAlinden, The Moss, Aghagallon
Betty McCrystal, Antrim Road
Seamus Gallery, Killough Gardens
Mary McCorry, Glenavy
Jim McStravick, Plymouth
Brigid Gordon, Annaloiste

Wednesday 9th December

Austin Toman, Antrim Road
Mary Catherine Fox, William Street
Mary Holland, Cypress Gardens
Elizabeth (Lily) McShane, Shore Road
Julia & James McSherry, North Street
Sean McKavanagh, Castor Bay Road
Dolores Magennis, Garland Avenue
Tony McVeigh, Derrymacash
Derek McPeake, Victoria Gardens
Mary McLoughlin, Maple Court
Hugh McStravick, Shore Road

Thursday 10th December

Donald McCorry, Victoria Street Place
Susan Agnew, Canal Bank, Aghalee
Molly Menary, Kilwilke Road
Thomas Hill, Magheralin

Friday 11th December

Gerry McCready Snr, Kilwilke Gardens
Mary McConville, Silverwood Drive
Charlotte Agnew, Tannaghmore North Road
Sam Coleman, Edward Street

Saturday 12th December

Edward Bell, Cherrytree Walk
Sean (Scone) Coleman, Ennis Close
Lydia Doyle, Brownlow Terrace
John (Jack) Magee, Kilmore Hill Road
William Lavery, Campbell Walk
Mona McLoughlin, Lake Street

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.

Please use the anniversary envelopes at the back of the Church

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - Tuesday 8th December

Masses in St Peter's - 8am & 7pm (Virtual)
St Paul's - Monday, 7pm Vigil & Tuesday 10am (Virtual)

A TIME OF HOPE

Mary, we can appreciate the holy fear that overcame you when the angel of the Lord appeared to you and told you that you would give birth to the One who was the hope of Israel, the One waited by the world. Through you, through your 'yes', the hope of the ages became a reality, entering this world and its history. (Pope Benedict XVI)

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

Bottled Holy Water

The Knights of St. Columbanus would like to extend their thanks to the parishioners for the generous donations received when they distributed bottled holy water at the churches. The amount raised from both St. Peter's and St. Paul's was an amazing £727.45. This money will be used towards erecting the Shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes in St. Paul's.

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

ADVENT PRAYER

God of Love, Your Son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us. He is a sign of Your love. Help us walk in that love during Advent, as we wait and prepare for His coming. We pray in the name of Jesus, our Saviour. Amen

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

The practice of bringing the Blessed Sacrament to the sick and housebound has long been a welcome practice and honourable ministry in our parish. However, due to the pandemic we need to ensure that we avoid any risk of inadvertently spreading the virus to vulnerable people, and the current advice from the PHA would indicate that bringing the Eucharist to anyone outside your own household should be suspended for the time being.

The safety of both our vulnerable parishioners and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist is paramount and it is hoped that once the current situation passes, we will be in a position to recommence visits to homes other than our own. At that point we hope to introduce a register to ensure, as much as possible, that we can safely bring the Blessed Sacrament to those who otherwise would not be able to receive.

TROCAIRE GLOBAL GIFTS CHRISTMAS GLOBAL GIFT CARDS

This is just one gift that can transform people's lives. Choose from our range of Trocaire Gifts and help lift more people out of poverty for good.

- Soap £5, Chicks £7,
- Solar Lamp £10,
- Seeds & Tools £10
- School Lunches £15,
- School Kit £20
- Goats £40,
- Help for Grandparents £40,
- Baby Kit & Maternity Care £45
- Honeybees £55, Trees £75,
- Water £85,
- A Safe Home £125,
- Ox Plough/Farming Tools £170,
- COVID Quarantine Care Kit £125
- COVID Crisis Resilience Kit £270

Cards available from the Parish Office from 14th December

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.

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)

A member of St. Vincent de Paul will speak at the Masses on the weekend of the 12-13 December about the Annual Christmas Appeal

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 29th November £1816.71
Donations - 1X £100 & £15 loose
Online donations through the diocese from June - September **£4233.67**
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

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Safeguarding Children and Adults who require protection

Designated person for Dromore Diocese - Mrs Patricia Carville 077 8991 7741

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