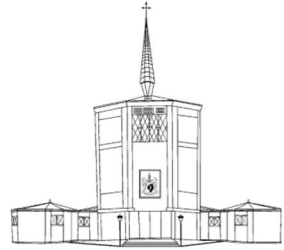


SAINT PAUL'S PARISH, SHANKILL



OUR PARISH BULLETIN

We extend a warm welcome to all who attend our church. We hope you will find our parish community a place where your life of faith will be nourished. Your prayers, your presence and your talents are most welcome!
May God bless all of us.

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Telephone: 07563 293429

Anyone wishing to receive a **Coeliac host** please make yourself known to the Sacristan. Thank You



SMA NOVENA

In honour of St Thérèse of the Child Jesus Patroness of the Missions

Friday 23rd September to Saturday 1st October
Daily Mass and Novena Prayers at 10.00am and 7.30pm
SMA Chapel Dromantine. All Welcome.
Also, via webcam (www.sma.ie)
African Missions Dromantine, Newry, BT34 1RH

A missionary group from Bethlehem,

The Holy Land will be visiting St Paul's Church this weekend 10th and 11th of September to sell religious articles (Crucifixes, Rosary beads, Nativity cribs and Plaques) made out of olive wood in Bethlehem to help and support the poor Christians families.

Any help you could give them would be appreciated.

A message from Apostolic Visitor for Ukrainians Resident in Ireland and Northern Ireland

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We are now in the seventh month since the 24 February full-scale invasion of Ukraine by Russia. President Putin was sure that he would overrun Ukraine in three short days. He did not expect that the people of Ukraine, regardless of their ethnic background, religious affiliation or language group, love their country and are determined to defend it. For Ukrainians there is no going back to the tyranny and oppression that generations experienced under Russian imperial and Soviet rule from the middle of the 17th century. When the Soviet Union dissolved in 1991, the people of Eastern Europe, including Russia, had hope for the future, and, until Putin's first invasion in 2014, Ukraine had made great progress as a post-Soviet state. It is truly hard for us to believe that such a war could even be possible, with the kind of horrific brutality against the civilian population that we have seen in the last seven months. At the same time, we are inspired to see how the people of Western Europe have opened their hearts to the thousands that have fled harm's way seeking temporary refuge. In this effort communities across Ireland have also extended their traditional and world-famous Irish hospitality to newly-arrived Ukrainians, for which I am particularly grateful. The struggle is not over yet, and the cost of rebuilding will be unimaginable—broken lives and families, destroyed homes, villages, farmlands, cities, infrastructure. But for now, we give glory to God for his many blessings, and for the grace he has shown us through the kindness and generosity of the wonderful people of Ireland. **Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski**

Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world.
Amen

SATURDAY WORKSHOP

WHEN IT IS DARKEST: 'Understanding Suicide'

Suicide can affect any one of us and despite the scale of devastation for individuals, family and friends, it is still poorly understood. This workshop will untangle the complex reasons behind suicide and dispel unhelpful myths. It will also provide compassionate advice on how best to help someone vulnerable and support those struggling through the tragedy of suicide to find strength in the darkest of places.

Saturday, 24th September 2022 40 Sterling / 45 Euro

Please share with anyone who may be interested.

Workshop Facilitator: Father Hugh Lagan SMA

Fr Lagan is a priest with the Society of African Missions and a chartered clinical psychologist. He has led retreats, workshops and trainings internationally on psychological and spiritual well-being, positive change, trauma, mental health and resilience

Please contact Jacinta or Louisa to reserve your place:

TEL: 028 (048 from ROI) 3082 964

EMAIL admin@dromantineconference.com

GOLDEN JUBILEE GRAND CHARITY DANCE

Grand Charity dance on Friday 23 September doors open 8.00pm for 8.30pm start. Starring Hugh Duncan, Joe Moore and a host of other stars, with compere Sean Wallace, plus special mystery guest. All welcome.

Tickets £12 available from St Anthony's Parish Centre/Paris Office/SVP Bookstall/Coleen's Kitchen (07596 178395)/Shannon O'Hagan (07724 236230) sohagan@outlook.com



ADORATION CHAPEL
Is currently closed for repainting and will reopen on Monday 12 September at 9.00am



ADORATION CHAPEL

Our Lady of Fatima Prayers
Family Rosary Devotion
7 - 8pm
Tuesday 13 September and
Tuesday 13 October



Van Driver Urgently needed

St. Vincent de Paul Society based in the Ozanam Centre
14 - 16 William Street is urgently in need of a van driver to help with the delivery and collection of furniture and clothing.

The driver has to have a clean van driving licence and be over 26 years of age. The post entails working up to 3 days a week.
For enquiries call Alison (028) 3832 5725 Ext 3.



REMEMBER THEM, O LORD

As parishioners we offer our sincere sympathy, prayers and support to the family members of those who have died recently:

RECENTLY DECEASED

Patricia (Patsy) McStravick, Cherrytree Walk
Fionntan McQuillan, Silverwood Court
Ann McKeown, Glenview Drive

MONTHS MINDS AND ANNIVERSARIES

SATURDAY 10 SEPTEMBER (VIGIL) 7.00PM

Margaret Lowe (MM)

Hill Court formerly Avondale Green

Vincent McConville, Ulster Street
Karen McKeag, Oakridge
Philomena Burns, Ashwood
Marie Goodfellow, Magheralin/McCusker Court

SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 9.00AM

Maurice Lavery (MM), Gawley's Gate

Gerard McGowan, Falls, Belfast
Sister Angela Clinton, Convent of Mercy, Lurgan
Paddy McAlinden, Mary Street

SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER - 10.30AM

Mary Anna Thornbury, Shankill Street
Brian and Patrick Hamill, Carrickvale Avenue/Canada
Angela Connolly, Cypress Gardens

MONDAY 12 SEPTEMBER - 10.00AM

Leigh Coghlan McCourt, Drumbeg South
Imelda Kerr, formerly Brookvale Walk
Elizabeth McCorry, Derrymore Road
Mary and Patrick Haughian, Kiln Lane, Silverwood

TUESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER - 10.00AM

Sister Teresa Rice, Convent of Mercy Lurgan
Nan Kelly, Banbridge

WEDNESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER - 10.00AM

Maureen O'Hagan, Francis Street
Kevin Murphy, Cranny Terrace, Bleary

THURSDAY 15 SEPTEMBER - 10.00AM

Tommy Nash, Waring Street
Sinead Barrett, Francis Street
Olive Mallon, Cypress Gardens
Annie Corey, Ashdene Park
Bernadine McAshea, Carrickvale Avenue
Patrick Brankin, Portadown

FRIDAY 16 SEPTEMBER - 10.00AM

Mary McShane (MM), Francis Street
Joseph McGivern, Cafolla Gardens
Ursula Harte (née Marsden)
The Grange, Annesborough

SATURDAY 17 SEPTEMBER - 10.30 AM

Mary McDonald, formerly Arthur Street

SATURDAY 17 SEPTEMBER (VIGIL) - 7.00PM

Dermott Greene, Ashwood

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O, LORD
MAY PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE ON THEM, AMEN!

GENTLE REMINDER

If you have taken a bulletin during Mass, please take it home with you. Thank You

REFLECTION - GRACE BEFORE MEALS

Some have food and cannot eat
Some can eat and have no food
We have food and we can eat.
Thank You God, Amen

Reflection: BULLIES

Two battleships were out at sea in heavy weather on training manoeuvres. It was a dreadful evening and the visibility was very poor. The Captain stayed on the bridge keeping an eye on the activities going on around him. After dark the ship's lookout reported a light that was bearing on the starboard side. 'Is it steady or moving astern?' the Captain asked. 'Steady,' was the reply. The Captain called the signalman, 'Signal that ship. We are on a collision course. Advise you change course 20 degrees'. A signal came back 'Advise you change course 20 degrees.'

The Captain sent another signal, 'I'm a Captain. Change course 20 degrees.' A reply came back, 'I'm a seaman 2nd class. You had better change course 20 degrees. The Captain was furious and spat out another message to be signalled, 'I'm a battleship! Change course 20 degrees!' A reply came back, 'I'm a lighthouse!' The Captain changed course 20 degrees.

Bullies are everywhere - they refuse to listen and they shout people down in order to get their own way. They walk over people at work, at home, at school and in the community. They are vexation to the spirit, and they constantly deride and humiliate - we've all met them at some stage in life. But, just like the Captain on the battleship, they are cowards when they eventually meet someone who stands up to them and faces them head on.

Christ was never afraid to stand up for what was right in the face of all types of adversity. He openly criticised and challenged those who made life difficult for others, and he preached a beautiful message of equality and compassion. He suggested that rather than power and authority giving us freedom, it is always the truth that sets us free.

Nelson Mandela used the following reflection in his inaugural speech in 1994. Mandela was a self-educated prisoner of conscience who was to become South Africa's port in the storm. He was the man who faced all the bullies and won. If we take anything from Mandela or this reflection he chose when he became South Africa's first black president, let it be that we will never ever let anyone bully us, or walk over us in life!