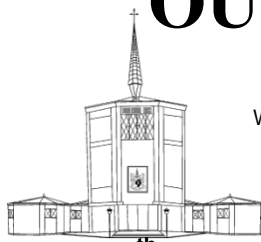


OUR PARISH BULLETIN



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 talent are most welcome. May God bless all of us.

ST. PAUL'S PARISH SHANKILL

12th APRIL 2020
EASTER SUNDAY

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MASS TIMES FOR EASTER WEEK

Easter Sunday – Mass times as normal

EASTER WEEK

St Paul's:
Mass and Rosary 10.30am daily

St Peter's:
Mass and Rosary 9.30am daily

Easter Monday Mass: po polsku:
11.00am

VIA LUCIS: EASTER STATIONS

During Lent we accompanied Jesus in his Passion along the Via Crucis (Way of the Cross).

In Eastertide we are invited by the Risen Lord to come with him along the Via Lucis: the Way of Light.

This is a wonderful Scripture-based devotion meditating on the Risen Lord and his gift of the Holy Spirit. Join us by webcam from St Peter's on Easter Friday, 17 April at 7:00pm

TV AND RADIO FOR HOLY SATURDAY AND EASTER SUNDAY

Holy Saturday (from Mullingar)

10:00pm— RTÉ One & LW 252 & RTÉ Radio 1 Extra—Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday (from Paris & Rome)

10:00am—RTÉ One TV & RTÉ Radio 1 Extra—Easter Sunday Mass

11:00am—RTÉ One TV—*Urbi et Orbi*: Pope Francis' Easter Message and Blessing

11:00am—BBC One TV—*Urbi et Orbi*: Pope Francis' Easter Message and Blessing

5:30pm—BBC Radio 3—Words and Music: (music, prose and poetry for Easter)

PARISH OFFICE

As the Parish Office is closed for face-to-face queries at present, please telephone or email the Parish Office instead to let us know of anniversaries:

Telephone: (028) 3832 1289

Email: office@stpaulsparishlurgan.org

Thank you for your patience

Remember: **KEEP YOUR DISTANCE AND STAY AT HOME**



May Easter bring all our parishioners the blessings of God's love



Wishing you all a Happy Easter
Beannachtaí na Cásca daoibh go léir
Błogosławionych Świąt Zmartwychstania Pańskiego

Canon Liam Stevenson, Deacon Kevin Devine, Fr Jozef Wozniak
Fr Brian Fitzpatrick and Fr Colum Wright

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

The Divine Mercy novena begins on Good Friday and runs until Divine Mercy Sunday, 19 April. The Lord said to St Faustina, "By this novena [of chaplets] I will grant every possible grace to souls." The chaplet of mercy is the essential prayer to be recited every day using normal rosary beads. For this and additional prayers, visit www.thedivinemercy.org.

NB: This year the Divine Mercy Mass (with veneration of the image) followed by Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be celebrated in St Peter's at 12:15pm.

OFFERTORY PROMISE

Most of our parishioners will be aware that the start of the new tax year means a new box of envelopes for the offertory collection. For the sake of everyone's health at present, we have not asked our distributors to deliver boxes round houses.

We will do so once restrictions are lifted. Kindly put your contributions aside for now and thank you as always for your support and understanding. Thank you

AN EASTER SUNDAY BLESSING

Risen Jesus, bless this family as we gather to eat together.

May we always welcome those who come to share a meal at our table.

Your friends recognised you when you broke the bread for them; may we also recognise you in the breaking of bread.

We ask this in the name of the God who loves us, the risen Jesus who gave his life in the Spirit. Amen

May the joy of the risen Lord be your strength in your work, your way to the Father, your light to guide you and your Bread of Life'

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Please direct your family and friends who don't have WiFi to RTE News Now for 10.30am Mass every weekday

COVID-19 UPDATE -TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF GRAVEYARDS

By order of the NI Executive at Stormont on 28 March, all cemeteries must be closed at this time as part of the social restrictions to limit the spread of Covid-19. This includes the Dougher Cemetery and St Colman's Cemetery which are open only for burials, but not for visits to graves.

We are well aware how devoted parishioners are to the graves of their family members, and so we understand why this measure is causing great hurt to many, especially those who remember the anniversaries of loved ones at this time, and because the closure occurs around Easter. However, the same situation applies across the North, and we observe it in order to limit the spread of the virus.

Please stay at home, pray for the Holy Souls every day, and be not afraid. Thank you for your understanding.

We will reopen the cemeteries as soon as regulations allow.

TRÓCAIRE RETURNS

With Covid-19 circulating in Ireland and worldwide, the usual return of Trócaire boxes at the end of Lent will be delayed just at the time when our donations are needed most to help those at risk from coronavirus in all the countries where Trócaire works.

Therefore we are asked to use one of the following options to make our Lenten donation, whichever you can do soonest:

Donate by debit/credit card by phone or online
Freephone: 0800 912 1200

Online: www.trocaire.org and click on DONATE (Gift Aid benefit is included by these methods)

Alternatively, empty your Trócaire box into an envelope and post it through the parish office letterbox, or hold on to your Trócaire box for now and return when the churches/parish offices reopen.

Thank you sincerely for your donation.
More information on Trócaire's work is available at www.trocaire.org

MARY AT THE CROSS

Mary, Virgin and Mother, you who, moved by the Holy Spirit, welcomed the word of life in the depths of your humble faith; as you gave yourself completely to the Eternal One, help us to say our own 'yes' to the urgent call, as pressing as ever, to proclaim the good news of Jesus. Filled with Christ's presence, you brought joy to John the Baptist, making him exult in the womb of his mother. Brimming over with joy, you sang of the great things done by God. After standing at the foot of the cross with unyielding faith, you received the joyful comfort of the resurrection, and joined the disciples in awaiting the Spirit so that the evangelising Church might be born

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

In light of the current crisis, a short Children's Liturgy is being broadcast on Facebook each Sunday morning at 10.00am.

Just search 'Children's Liturgy Ballela' on Facebook.

While it goes out live, the video will be available afterwards on the website.

The broadcast has accompanying faith formation materials.



RECENTLY DECEASED

As parishioners we offer our sincere sympathies, prayers and support to the family members of:

RECENTLY DECEASED

Michael Cardwell, Lake Street
Kenneth (Kenny) Smyth, Oakleigh Grove
Eddie Polin, Coalisland
(formerly Cypress Gardens)

May they rest in peace

PARISH ANNIVERSARIES

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

Easter Sunday 12 April – 9.00am
No anniversaries

Easter Sunday 12 April – 10.30am
James Griffin, Cherrytree Walk
Tom Scullion (formerly Edward Street
Sarah (Cissie) McEvoy, Thornleigh

Easter Sunday 12 April – 12 Noon
Josephine Forker, Manor Park
Barry Jackson, Dingwell Park
Patricia Lavery, Cornakinnegar

Monday 13 April
Sr Fidelma O'Neill, Convent of Mercy (MM)
Brian Lavery, Filbin Crescent

Tuesday 14 April
James Michael (Mick) McAleese (MM)
Derrymacash

Wednesday 15 April
Sheila McConville, Taghnevan Close
Jim Rafferty, Portadown
Peter Murray, Milltown

Thursday 16 April
Sister Frances McKenna, Convent of Mercy

Friday 17 April
Elizabeth Kelly, Shankill Street
Jackie McCann, Thornleigh
Paddy Brankin (jnr), Portadown
Jacqueline Duffy, Ballinamoney, Lurgan
Matt McStravick
Margaret and Henry McGuinness,
Weaver's Row

Saturday 18 April
Paul Mulholland, Gilford Road
Norah McCloskey (nee Gethins)
College Close

FOOD BANK

The Food Bank in St Paul's is open again for donations.

Items may be left at the parish office
Wednesday – Friday of Easter week,
11.00am – 12.15pm.

Thank you for your continued support