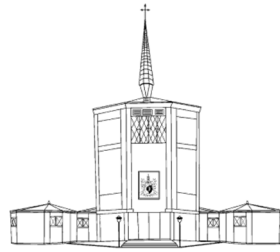


# SAINT PAUL'S PARISH, SHANKILL



## 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.

### OUR PARISH CLERGY

Canon Liam Stevenson, PP VF  
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### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

13 DECEMBER 2020

Our Parish Deacon: Rev Kevin Devine (028) 3832 3161



#### ST PAUL'S PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

##### Sunday

Vigil 7:00pm (Saturday);  
9:00am and 10:30am.

##### Weekdays

Monday to Friday: 10:00am  
Saturday: 10:30am

##### Saint Paul's Parish Office

Parish Secretary – Patricia McCann

Telephone: (028) 3832 1289

Email: [office@stpaulsparishlurgan.org](mailto:office@stpaulsparishlurgan.org)

##### Office Hours

Monday to Friday 9.00am to 12.30pm

Please telephone or email the Parish Office to let us know of anniversaries or alternatively post them through the office letterbox

before 12.30pm each Wednesday.



#### ST PETER'S PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

##### Sunday

Vigil 6:00pm (Saturday);  
8:00am, 10:00am (po polsku)  
and 12 Noon

##### Weekdays

Monday to Friday: 8:00am  
Tuesday and Friday: 7:00pm  
Saturday: 9:30am

##### Saint Peter's Parish Office

Parish Secretary – Mrs Marie Brady

(028) 3832 3161

[office@stpetersparishlurgan.org](mailto:office@stpetersparishlurgan.org)

##### Office Hours

Monday 10:00am – 1:00pm and  
1:45pm – 4:00pm  
Tuesday–Thursday 9.00am – 1.00pm  
and 1:45pm – 4.00 pm  
Friday 9.00am–1.00pm  
and 1:30pm – 2:30pm

24-hour number for all sick calls  
and emergencies  
Tel: (028) 3832 3161

Parish web: [www.lurganparish.com](http://www.lurganparish.com)  
Facebook: @lurganparish

Saint Vincent de Paul, William Street:  
(028) 3832 5725

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND  
ADULTS WHO REQUIRE PROTECTION:

Dromore Diocesan  
Designated Liaison Person  
Mrs Patricia Carville. Tel. 077 8991 7741

Saint Paul's Parish Safeguarding  
Representative and Parish Sacristan  
Ms Fionnuala Hamill. Tel. 028 3832 1289

#### SVP ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL and SVP GIFT AND FOOD APPEAL

A member of the St Vincent DePaul team  
will speak at the Masses on the weekend of  
12-13<sup>th</sup> December 2020  
regarding the Annual Christmas Appeal.



#### CHRISTMAS CAROLS FROM ST PAUL'S

Please join us on  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm  
via the parish webcam  
<https://www.lurganparish.com/stpauls-webcam>  
for a virtual Carol Service.  
The evening will feature readings and  
reflections with carols sung by individual  
members of St Paul's choir.



#### CHRISTMAS 2020 IN THE LURGAN PARISHES

Sadly, this Christmas will be very different from all the other Christmases that we have experienced and celebrated. Covid has cast a long shadow over all our activities since just before St Patrick's Day back in March. Just as our secular activities have been curtailed so also have our religious practices. Last Christmas we remember that about 2,500 parishioners came out to Mass on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day in St Peter's and 2,000 parishioners in St Paul's.

With social distancing in place there is just no way that we could accommodate such numbers. In fact, we could safely only accommodate a small percentage of that number. Consequently, the Vigil Masses and the Christmas Day Masses this year will unfortunately have no parishioners present in person. The Masses will be transmitted via the webcam and the parish radio. Our parishioners are now well used to our Masses being transmitted through these media. This happened during the first lockdown back in the Spring and early Summer. It even happened on the last two Sundays - the first & second Sundays of Advent. Our Novenas on Monday evenings in St Paul's, concluding on the 30<sup>th</sup> November and Tuesday evenings concluding on the 1<sup>st</sup> December in St Peter's, also went out virtually. This is far from ideal given that receiving Holy Communion at Mass is accepting the Body of Christ sacramentally. Sadly, this just is not possible in Lurgan on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day this year. Of course, people may come to Mass (numbers permitting) on the 24<sup>th</sup> morning, Christmas Eve, the 26<sup>th</sup> morning and the evening of the 26<sup>th</sup> and the morning of the 27<sup>th</sup>, the Feast Day of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph and all successive days. Both St Peter's & St Paul's Churches will remain open on Christmas Day from 1.00-6.00pm for private prayer. These issues have been discussed with both Parish Pastoral Councils and they are in total agreement.

Another innovation this year, is that the crib will be downscaled and placed in front of the altar so it will be visible on the webcam. We ask parents/guardians and wider family circles to please ensure their homes are prepared for the Christmas Masses and their families are gathered around the tablet/computer/television. It is a lovely thought that hundreds of homes in our parish will be gathered in prayer with the priests and deacon in both churches. Pope Paul VI back in the sixties and seventies often talked about the domestic church. We are proud to think that all domestic churches in Lurgan will be gathered together in prayer as we once again celebrate the momentous event of God's only Son being born from the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

All Masses will be broadcast via the webcam [www.lurganparish.com](http://www.lurganparish.com) and parish radio at the following times:

##### St Peter's

Christmas Eve: 6pm, 9pm (po polsku)  
Christmas Day: 8am, 10am (po polsku)  
and 12 Noon

##### St Paul's

Christmas Eve: 7pm  
Christmas Day: 9am and 10.30am

#### HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ONE AND ALL. GOD BLESS

Canon Liam Stevenson P.P.  
Fr Colum Wright C.C.  
Fr Jozef Wozniak S.Chr  
Deacon Kevin Devine.



**ADORATION CHAPEL**  
Edward Street  
Private Prayer only  
Adoration 10am – 7pm

#### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November £1,219.02  
Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December £ 439.40  
*Thank you for your continued generosity  
and support to your Parish and your  
Priests.*

#### YOUTH 2000 CHRISTMAS E-RETREAT

The Youth 2000 Christmas E-Retreat  
will take place on-line from the 18<sup>th</sup> -  
20<sup>th</sup> December. Registration is now  
free on [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)

**Please Note! Anniversaries and  
Month's Mind notices that occur  
up to 9<sup>th</sup> January 2021 to be left  
in the Parish Office before 12  
Noon on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December  
2020.**  
**Thank You**

#### CORONAVIRUS UPDATE:

A Warm Welcome back to St Paul's for daily and weekend Masses.

Masses can also be viewed on the Parish webcam on <https://www.lurganparish.com/stpauls-webcam/> at 10.00am each weekday morning and at 10.30am on Saturday morning. Sunday Masses will be at 7.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass and 9.00am and 10.30am Sunday morning.

The Archbishop has extended the dispensation from attending Sunday Mass at this time and attendance at a weekday Mass will fulfil the Sunday obligation. Therefore, if possible, think of attending a weekday Mass. This would greatly reduce the expected congregation at Sunday Mass.

The Candle Room and toilet facilities will remain closed at this time.

The Parish Offices reopened on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

Offertory envelopes and donations can be dropped into the box in the Chapel. They can also be left into the sacristy with Fionnuala, at Father Colum's house and dropped through the Parish Office letterbox. The letterbox boxes will be emptied frequently.

The Adoration Chapel will be open for Private Prayer only each day from 10.00am until 7.00pm, with social distancing being observed in the Chapel. The Chapel will be sanitised each day.

To answer any queries you may have, you are most welcome to contact the parish office at (028) 3832 1289 or Father Colum at (028) 3832 7173.

Follow us on Facebook @lurganparish for the latest updates.  
*Most of all STAY SAFE, PRAY with us and BE NOT AFRAID*



#### 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

Kevin Seeley, Pinebank, Craigaon  
James Canice (Kenny) McConaghy, Lough Road  
Dinah (Ina) Byrne, McCreavy Park, Derrymacash  
Kevin Magee, Mark Street

May they rest in Peace

#### PARISH ANNIVERSARIES

**SATURDAY 12 DECEMBER (Vigil Mass)**  
Elizabeth McCaughley, Ashwood  
Sam Coleman, Edward Street

**SUNDAY 13 DECEMBER 9.00AM MASS**  
Jackie Quinn (MM), Park Road, Portadown  
Annie Corey, O'Neill's Terrace  
Eileen Mulholland, Ulster Street  
George and May Dennis, London  
Tommy and Eileen McCrory, London  
Patsy Magill, London  
Donald Loughran, London

**SUNDAY 13 DECEMBER 10.30AM MASS**  
Michael McInteggart (MM), Mansfield  
Gladys Harte, Cypress Gardens  
Margaret McCamley, Francis Street  
John and Rose Harte, Shankill Street  
Liz Maxwell, Manor Drive  
Noel McAlinden, Taghnevan

**MONDAY 14 DECEMBER**  
Julia Mitchell, Annloiste Road  
Jerome Doran, Silverwood Drive  
Martin Campbell, formerly Brett Park/Knockeden  
Mary Smyth, Ulster Street  
Denis O'Hagan, Prospect Way

**TUESDAY 15 DECEMBER**  
Molly Williamson, Portadown  
Jim Smyth, Thornleigh  
Henry and Mary Ellen McCourt, Derryloughran, Co Tyrone  
Brian McShane, Conor Park

**WEDNESDAY 16 DECEMBER**  
Sheila and Hugh McCluskey, Woodville Street  
Kathleen Haddock, Shankill Street  
Godfrey Martin, New Street  
Catherine Thornbury, Edward Street

**THURSDAY 17 DECEMBER**  
Elizabeth Mallon (MM), Cherytree Walk  
Francis Jordan, Cypress Gardens  
Margaret Hoye, Manor Drive  
Ailish Black, Portadown  
Joseph Haddock, Sloan Street  
John (Jack) McAvoy  
George Hatchell, Silverwood Drive  
Sheila and Sean O'Hagan, Stonebridge  
Theresa McDonald, Francis Street

**FRIDAY 18 DECEMBER**  
Ellen and Frank McKenna, Edward Street  
Brendan Maye, Elmwood Terrace  
Tom Haddock, Shankill Street  
Jennie Shanks, Dingwell Park

**SATURDAY 19 DECEMBER (10.30am Mass)**  
Colette McMahon, Old Portadown Road  
Brian Cassidy, Beaumont Square  
Josephine Cassidy, Beaumont Square  
*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!*

**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!*



#### TRÓCAIRE CHRISTMAS GLOBAL GIFT

Give some hope for a better world this Christmas with a Trócaire Gift of Love. There are a range of cards to choose from.

Soap £5, Chicks £7, Solar Lamps and Seeds and Tools £10, School Lunches £15, School Kit £20, Grandparents £40, Goats £40, Honey Bees £55, Trees £75, Water £85. A pack of 12 Christmas Cards £4.

*Cards will be available from the Parish Office when we re-open to visitors.*

This year more than ever with the pandemic, something as simple as a soap can save a life.

*Thank You*



#### St Paul's Parish Christmas Mass Bouquets

The Parish Christmas Card will be available for sale for £3 when the office reopens to visitors.