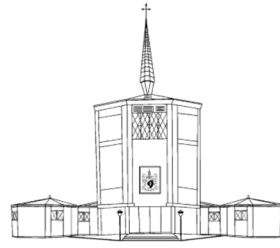


SAINT PAUL'S PARISH, SHANKILL



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

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SUNDAY 14 APRIL 2024
THIRD SUNDAY
OF EASTER



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
Telephone: (028) 3832 1289
Email:

stpaulsparishlurgan@dromorediocese.org

Office Hours

Monday to Friday 9.00am to 12.30pm

Requests for Anniversaries/Month's Mind

Notices should be left into the Parish Office on or before **12 NOON EACH WEDNESDAY** of the week before if they are to be included in the Bulletin.



ADORATION CHAPEL

Edward Street Adoration:
9am - 9pm

'In the Blessed Sacrament, the divine is hidden; the human is hidden; love alone is left for all to see.'

FOOD BANK

Thank you for your continued support and generosity for the local foodbank.
The door to the parish office area will be open daily from **9am until 12 Noon** Monday to Friday for all donations to be dropped off.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 31st March 2024 £2,157.93
Sunday 7th April 8, 2024 - £3,051.70
Thank you for your continued generosity and support to your Parish and your Priests.

Trócaire BOXES

Please return your Family Fast Boxes to the Parish Office/Sacristy after the Easter holidays.
If possible, could coins be bagged.
Thank you



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

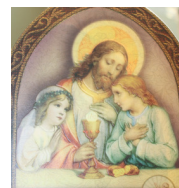
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Monday 10:00am – 1:00pm and 1:45pm – 4.00pm
Tuesday–Thursday 9.00am – 1.00pm and 1:45pm – 4.00 pm
Friday 9.00am–1.00pm and 1:30pm –2:30pm



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATES 2024

Bunscoil Naomh Proinsias
Friday 3rd May at 12 Noon

St Francis Primary School:
Friday 10th May at 12 Noon
Friday 17th May at 12 Noon
Friday 24th May at 12 Noon

Carrick, Kingspark and Dickson Primary Schools
Friday 31st May at 12 Noon

Ceara School

First Holy Communion and Confirmation
On Friday 7th June at 1.00pm

COFFEE MORNING in St Peter's Parish

Hall on Saturday 13th April 10.00am - 2.00pm
Refreshments, treats and teddy bears for sale.

Proceeds in aid of Lurgan Lourdes Fundraising Committee

24-HOUR NUMBER FOR ALL SICK CALLS AND EMERGENCIES
TEL: (028) 3832 3161

Parish web: www.lurganparish.com
Facebook: @lurganparish
Parish App: Parish365
Download App Store or Google Play

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

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND ADULTS WHO REQUIRE PROTECTION: Dromore Diocesan Designated Liaison Person
Mr Stephen Sherry: 07301246329
safeguardingdirector@dromorediocese.org

Saint Paul's Parish Safeguarding Representative and Parish Sacristan.
Telephone: 07563 293429

FEAST DAYS DURING THIS WEEK

Thursday 18th April St Laserian (Molaise), Bishop. Worked in both Ireland and Scotland in the seventh century and later entered the monastery at Leighlin, where he became abbot. His monastery thrived and later gave its name to the Diocese established in 1110. He adapted Church discipline in accordance with the practices of Rome and introduced the Roman method of dating the celebration of Easter. St Laserian died in 639.



BAPTISM

All parents wishing to have a child baptized in St Paul's Parish, must contact the Parish Office by telephone:
(028) 3832 1289.

One month's notice is required. Baptisms take place on the second and fourth Sunday of each month.

"THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE OZANAM MENSHEd"

will be held on Wednesday 17 April at 11.00 am in the Ozanam Centre William Street Lurgan.

MARY'S MEALS CRISIS IN ETHIOPIA

Mary's Meals provides school meals to over 2.4 million children every day. At this time, We ask you to remember in your prayers families facing extreme food insecurity and hunger in Ethiopia and we invite you to a special online session where our founder Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow will share more about this urgent under-reported crisis **THIS TUESDAY 16th APRIL AT 7PM**, find out more at www.marysmeals.org.uk or email info@marysmeals.org

MOYRAVERTY 50+ GROUP

Monthly Tea Dance takes place in St Anthony's Parish Centre on Thursday 18 April 8.00 - 10.30pm
£4 (includes light supper)
Raffle Prizes
Music by: Mons Wheeler

THEFT FROM ST PAUL'S

Dear Parishioners, it has come to our attention and not for the first time, that several items have been stolen from St Paul's in recent weeks.

A number of crucifixes have been removed from the display board at the back of the Church. This display was put together with sacred items brought back from many different countries by parishioners and friends of St Paul's. The display clearly demonstrates how the Word of God has spread throughout the world and is highly valued and enjoyed by parishioners and visitors alike.

It is really disappointing that anyone would feel free to removed them from the Church.

Additionally, a significant number of candles have been stolen from the Church over the past few weeks. This represents a real financial loss to St Paul's. The candles had to be paid for at purchase from Church funds. No revenue from their sale represents a second loss.

We can ill afford any loss of income in St Paul's at any time, but particularly in these times of high inflation and high cost of living.

Unfortunately, these unwelcome and unsavory events will require actions which we would rather not need to take in order to prevent further thefts of Church property. We must do what we can to protect St Paul's and its contents in the best interest of our parishioners and friends.

We thank you for your continued support and understanding.

St Paul's Pastoral Council

DROMORE DIOCESAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Monday 29th April 2024: at 8:00pm
in the Parish Den at Laurencetown Church.

The Society is delighted to again welcome Plunkett Campbell, renowned local historian and author of several publications on Tullylish Parish, who will speak on **"The Family of WB Yeats: The Tullylish Connection."**
All welcome.

Please Note the change of date from that previously stated.

A LIVING HEAVEN OR A LIVING HELL?

Story Number One. Late one night a village blacksmith had a vision. An angel appeared to him and said, 'The Lord has sent me to take you home.' 'Well, I certainly thank God for thinking of me,' said the blacksmith, 'but as you know, the people from the village will need their ploughs repaired and their horses shod. I don't want to seem ungrateful, but do you think I might put off taking up my home in God's kingdom until I've finished?' The angel simply smiled and said, 'I'll see what can be done.' The blacksmith continued with his work and was almost finished when he heard of a neighbour who fell ill. The next time he saw the angel, the blacksmith pointed towards the barren fields and pleaded with the angel, 'Do you think eternity can hold off for just a little longer? If I don't finish this job, my friend's family will suffer.' Again the angel smiled and left. The blacksmith's friend recovered, but then another neighbour's barn burnt down. Whenever the angel reappeared, the blacksmith just spread his hands in a gesture of compassion and drew the angel's eyes to where the suffering was.

One evening the blacksmith began to feel very old and tired, and in his prayers he said, 'Lord, if you would like to send your angel again, I think I would like to see him now.' He had no sooner spoken than the angel stood before him. 'If you still want to take me,' said the blacksmith; 'I am ready now to take up my place in the kingdom of God. The angel looked at the blacksmith in surprise and smiled saying, 'And where do you think you have been all these years?'

Story Number Two A foolish man died and was brought to a most luxurious palace. Whenever he felt hungry a personal servant appeared before him with most exotic foods. Whenever he was thirsty the servant appeared again with many delightful cocktails for him to sample, and whenever he was tired a deluxe four-poster bed appeared out of nowhere. This procedure of receiving opulent gifts went on continually until the man eventually stopped his servant and asked, 'Does this procedure of just constantly taking go on for all eternity?' 'Oh yes, it certainly does,' he replied. The man put his head in his hands and sighed, 'Oh Lord, I can't take this any longer, I think I'd be better off in hell!' The servant began to laugh mockingly at him. He then folded his arms and asked, 'Just where exactly do you think you are?'

What kingdom are you living in?

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Risen Jesus, We thank you for your greeting 'Peace be with you.' The shalom of God, deep lasting peace; peace that bring inner calm. That keeps a person steady in the storm; That faces the persecutor without fear and proclaims the Good News with courage and with joy. This is the peace that reconciles sister to brother, black to white, rich and poor, young and old. But not a peace that is quiet in the face of oppression and injustice. This is peace with God, the peace that passes understanding.



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

Malachy Hamill, Riverglade Manor
Margaret Kelly (née McClean), Derrymacash

SATURDAY 13 APRIL 7.00pm VIGIL MASS
No Anniversaries

SUNDAY 14th APRIL 9.00AM MASS
John McCrory, Beaumont Square

SUNDAY 14th APRIL MARCH 10.30AM MASS

Teresa Tighe (MM), Innisfail Walk
Dympna McNamee, Woodville Gate
Sean McPartland, Richmount Gardens
Celso Reambonanza Remperas, Philipppines

MONDAY 15th APRIL 10.00AM
Peter Murray, Milltown
Jim Rafferty, Portadown

Richard and Lily Donnelly, Ballinamoney

TUESDAY 16th APRIL 10.00AM

Sister Frances McKenna, Convent of Mercy Lurgan
Sheila McConville, Taghnevan Close
Anita Edgars (née Hamill), Culcavey

WEDNESDAY 17th APRIL MARCH 10.00AM

Elizabeth Kelly, Shankill Street
Jackie McCann, Shankill Street
Audrey Byrne, The Grange
Paddy Brankin (Junior), Portadown
Matthew McStravick, Cherrytree Walk
Jacqueline Duffy

THURSDAY 18th APRIL 10.00AM
John Haughian, Silverwood Drive
Norah McCluskey, College Close
Paul Mulholland, Gilford Road
Edward Hamill, Francis Street
Bronagh Kane, Wolfisland Terrace

FRIDAY 19th APRIL 10.00AM
May Smyth, Ashgrove Avenue
Ena and Felix Donnelly, Drumlin Drive
Alfie Hill, Kilwilkie Road

SATURDAY 20th APRIL 10.30AM
James Conway, Park, Co Derry
Patrick McCorry, Parkview Street

SATURDAY 20th APRIL 7.00PM (VIGIL MASS)
Jimmy Magee (MM), Manor Drive

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD!
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!

PRAYER FOR GOOD WEATHER CONDITIONS FOR FARMERS

Heavenly Father, As a farmer, I rely on Your provision of good weather conditions for the success of my crops. I ask for Your blessings on the rains, the sunshine, and the winds, and for the ability to work with the conditions You provide.

Grant me the understanding to adapt to changing conditions, and the wisdom to make the best use of the resources You give me. May Your hand of protection be upon my fields, and may Your blessings be upon the weather patterns that sustain my crops.

In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.