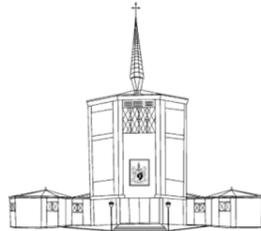


SAINT PAUL'S PARISH, SHANKILL



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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**6TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

14 FEBRUARY 2021

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

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

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
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**
Mrs Patricia Carville. Tel. 077 8991 7741

**Saint Paul's Parish Safeguarding
Representative and Parish Sacristan**
Ms Fionnuala Hamill. Tel. 07563 293429



BAPTISMS

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.



ADORATION CHAPEL

Edward Street
Private Prayer only
Adoration 9am – 7pm

FOOD BANK The door to the parish office area will be open daily from **9am until 11am Monday to Friday** for all donations to be dropped off. **Thank You!**



17th February, 2021

During Lent many people 'give up' things or 'turn away' from things that they do too much of eg: too much eating, too much TV or time playing computer games. Lent is a time for turning away from things that distract us from God. It is a time for drawing closer to God.

Next Wednesday 17th February is Ash Wednesday and begins the holy season of Lent. It is a day of fast and abstinence for all Catholics. Mass will be streamed online at 8.00am in St Peter's & 10.00am in St Paul's.

With the "Stay at Home" message, and continuing public health restrictions on gathering for worship, we clearly cannot call people to gather in any way for the distribution of ashes in Ireland - north or south. Traditionally we have the sign of the cross marked on our foreheads with ashes. However, it may be helpful to have some tangible sign of a black cross for Ash Wednesday. Alternatively, you could just draw a black cross and get the children to colour it in and place it in your prayer space for the day. You could ask everyone in the family to wear something black and use this as a way of explain that this is a serious time where we remember important event in the life of Jesus.

Resources to help people at home mark the beginning of Lent and enter into the spirit of this holy season, log onto the link: <https://www.armaghprays.com/lent-2021>

These resources will include a prayer service for *Ash Wednesday at Home*, with scripture reading, prayers of the faithful and an opportunity to make Lenten promises. The link also includes an invitation to symbolically mark - both personally and as a family - the importance of this moment. You may also wish to develop the family service into a webcam service that could be led online either during Mass, or in addition to Mass, on Ash Wednesday.

Prayer for Ash Wednesday - Create in me a clean heart, O God; and put a new spirit within me. (Psalm 51:10)

Lenten Services at St Paul's (all Virtual):

- Divine Mercy will be said on Tuesday and Friday morning at 9.45am
- Holy Hour each Wednesday from 7pm to 8pm during Lent
- Stations of the Cross will be said immediately after the 10am Mass each Friday during lent.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE DEAD AND BEREAVED DURING THE PANDEMIC

As we know, the practice of not having Requiem Mass in our churches for those who died from Covid-19 with their family in attendance was motivated by a concern to limit the spread of infection among mourners attending such funerals. While this was understood and accepted by the vast majority of families who have celebrated a church door service for their loved ones, we as clergy have been acutely aware of the great heartache that family members have experienced.

Eleven months into this pandemic, it is apparent that the requirement to self-isolate for certain people is much more widely understood, accepted and practised by the great majority of citizens. Some doing so at the time of a loved one's death have even deferred the funeral in order to protect others. Other families who cannot visit their loved one for weeks while they were ill in hospital have already served a period of isolation by the time of the funeral and therefore pose no higher risk than the general population.

Consequently, the clergy of the pastoral area have agreed a change in our practice regarding Covid funerals. From Thursday 11 February, all funerals may be celebrated with a Requiem Mass in line with families' wishes across the parishes of St Peter's and St Paul's, Magheralin, Moyraverty and Seagoe.

Those who attend funerals, immediate family included, are reminded to follow public health advice regarding Covid-19 regulations, even self-isolation if necessary. We will readily facilitate deferral of funerals in order to allow family members to self-isolate for some time if required. Current regulations still restrict numbers attending all funerals to 25 people only.

We realise only too well that this change of practice may have come too late and be painful among families for whom Requiem Mass at the time of their loved one's death was not possible. For that reason we are relieved to bring it to an end, based on the widespread understanding and personal responsibility for mandatory self-isolation when required.

Canon Liam Stevenson, VF



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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

Thomas (Tom) Barbour, Annesborough Park
Bridget (Bridie) McCorry, formerly The Grange
Kevin Brady, Drumbeg South
Anthony (Tony) McCann, Derrytrasna
Sarah (Sadie) Lavery, (née Brady) Derrymacash
Mary Alice Dougan, Thomleigh

May they rest in Peace

PARISH ANNIVERSARIES

SATURDAY 13 FEBRUARY Vigil Mass

Charles McConville, Ballymena

SUNDAY 14 FEBRUARY 9.00AM MASS

John Haughey, Lower North Street/Dublin

SUNDAY 14 FEBRUARY 10.30AM MASS

Martin McCarron, Knockramer Meadows
Mary Ellen Lennon, Derrycrow

MONDAY 15 FEBRUARY

Danny Butler, Ashwood
Gerard Kane, Wolfisland Terrace

TUESDAY 16 FEBRUARY

Rose Cunningham, Carlingford

WEDNESDAY 17 FEBRUARY

Rose Marie McDowell (née Toal)
Derrytrasna/Prospect Way
Mary McCann, Carrickvale Avenue
Teresa (Tessi) McCann, Hawthorne Avenue
Alice News, Woodville Avenue

THURSDAY 18 FEBRUARY

Lillian Strawbridge, Beechcourt
Sean Lavery, New Street
Michael O'Neill, Ashwood
David McCrory, Dingwell Park

FRIDAY 19 FEBRUARY

No Anniversaries

SATURDAY 20 FEBRUARY (10.30AM MASS)

Jim Smyth (Junior) Old Portadown Road
Sean McGeown, Old Portadown Road

Eternal Rest Grant on to 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!

Requests for Anniversaries/Month's Mind

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

STAY AT HOME FOR THE SAKE OF HEALTH, LIFE AND THE COMMON GOOD

Following consultation with the Northern Ireland Executive and Public Health Authorities the Catholic Bishops of Northern Ireland have suspended public Masses in view of the current pandemic and coronavirus restrictions. The churches will, however, **remain open daily for private prayer** (11:00am–4:00pm in St Paul's and 8:30am–5:30pm in St Peter's).

Some people are asking about Confessions. The Department of Health guidelines are currently extremely strict. Considering this strong advice to 'Stay at Home' it is totally inadvisable to schedule confessions at this critical time of battling the pandemic.

The celebration of funerals and marriages may continue with a maximum of 25 people, and baptisms with parents and godparents **ONLY** in attendance. During the pandemic there will be no Offertory procession or gifts (including pictures or memorabilia) brought to the Altar.

PLEASE NOTE! AS PER THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES NO GATHERINGS ARE PERMITTED BEFORE OR AFTER ANY FUNERALS OR WEDDINGS ON THE CHURCH GROUNDS. Thank you for your co-operation and consideration.

The celebration of Mass at the normal times will be streamed as ever on our webcams, and anniversaries and month's minds will be publicly prayed for as normal at these Masses. www.lurganparish.com/stpauls-webcam

The parish offices remain open for phone calls and e-mail queries, but not to visitors during the lockdown.

PARISH ENVELOPES CAN BE PUT INTO THE PARISH OFFICE LETTERBOX, LEFT WITH FIONNUALA IN THE SACRISTY, PUT INTO THE BOX AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH OR INTO THE LETTERBOX AT FATHER WRIGHT'S HOME.

Bulletins will still be published and available from the back of the churches and some of the local shops.

#StaysafePraysafe

Most of all STAY at home, PRAY with us and BE NOT AFRAID