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

SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2019 **3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

> Canon Liam Stevenson, PP Fr. Jozef Wozniak, S.Chr Fr. Brian Fitzpatrick, CC 66–70 North Street, Lurgan BT67 9AH (028) 3832 3161



OUR MASS SCHEDULE

Sundays Vigil 7:00 pm Saturday 9:00 am, 10:30 am and 12:00 noon Monday to Friday: 10:00 am Saturday: 10:30 am SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION **Evening before First Fridays:** 6:15–6:50 pm Thursday Saturdavs: 11.00am-11:30 am and 6:15-6:50 pm

SAINT PETER'S CHURCH

OUR MASS SCHEDULE Sundays Vigil 6:00 pm Saturday 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:00 am (po polsku) and 12:15 pm. Monday to Friday: 8:00 am Monday and Wednesday: 10:30 am Tuesday and Friday: 7:00 pm Saturday: 9:30 am SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Fridays: 6:15–6:50 pm

Saturdays: 5:15-5:50 pm SAINT PETER'S PARISH OFFICE

(028) 3832 3161 Monday 10am - 1.00pm and 1:45pm - 4pm **Tuesday to Thursday** 9am to 1 pm and 1:45 pm to 4 pm Friday 9am to 1.00pm and 1:30pm to 2:30pm

New Rotas for all Ministers of the Word (Sunday Readers) are now available to be collected from the Sacristy at Saint Paul's Church.

PLEASE NOTE Anniversaries and Month's Mind Notices that occur up to the 5th January 2020 should be left into the Parish Office on or before Wednesday 18th December at 3.00pm if they are to be included in the Bulletin over the Christmas and New Year holiday

Fr. Colum Wright, CC 54 Francis Street, Lurgan BT66 6DL (028) 3832 7173

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

To book Baptisms, Weddings and Anniversary Masses, please call at the Parish Office located at the back of the Church. Opening hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9.00a.m. to 12.30p.m., and on Wednesday from 1.00p.m. until 4.30p.m. The telephone number is 028 3832 1289 and the e mail address is office@stpaulsparishlurgan.org

FEAST DAYS

Wednesday 18th December. Saint Flannan lived in the seventh century and was the son of a King of Thomond. He entered Molua's monastery at Killaloe becoming abbot there. He is remembered as a powerful preacher. Friday 20th December. Saint Fachanan (who is said to belong to the ancient princely race of the Corcu Loígde) is often linked with Kilfenora (a village in County Clare). It is believed that he founded a monastery there in the sixth century.

Saturday 21st December. Saint Peter Canisius (1521 - 1597) was a renowned Jesuit priest, born in Holland promoting Catholic revival after the Council of Trent.

WEBCAM RECORDINGS IN SAINT PETER'S AND SAINT PAUL'S.

Parishioners are welcome to request that the webcam stream of a family occasion such as a wedding or funeral be recorded for later viewing. There is also an option to download the recording. Please note recordings will remain public on the parish website and churchservices.tv site for as long as the family wishes. If interested, please contact the parish office with your request.

BAPTISMS

With great joy and celebration, we welcome the following children into our parish community and offer our warmest congratulations to the members of their families:

Meabh Aoife Montgomery, 35 Lurgan Tarry, Lurgan. **Tommy Paul McKinistry**, 5 Derry Street Lurgan.

Saint Paul's Parish Christmas Mass Bouquets are available from the Parish Office or the Parish Sacristy!

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 12TH TO 17TH MAY 2020 INCLUSIVE

Lurgan Lourdes Committee are taking applications for the sick, and are asking for Nurses to come along and join in the pilgrimage work. Applications to our Secretary: Rosemary McGuinness, 29 Hunters Lodge. Lurgan BT66 6NB

Parish Sacristan: Fionnuala Hamill

(028) 3832 1289

Parish Website: www.lurganparish.com 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

Ms Fionnuala Hamill. Tel. 028 3832 1289 ** Emergency number for all sick calls

(weekends included) Tel: (028) 3832 3161 **

Anam Cara Armagh the organisation that supports bereaved parents) is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 18th December at 7:20pm in the Armagh City Hotel, Armagh, BT6 01E. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. Contact us on mailto:info@anamcara.ie, info@ anamcara.ie or 085 2888 888 for any gueries.

An evening of music with John Dalzelle M.B.E. to celebrate 30 years of Hospice will take place in Newry Town Hall on Wednesday 18th December 7.30p.m. during the week of his 28th Annual Christmas Sit Out on Hill Street. The music includes silver, bagpipes, choir and a selection of solo singers and promises to be a great night of music. There is a great variety of representation of bands from all around the local area. If you would like to come along and get into the festive spirit, tickets are available at £10 each from John Dalzell (0775 982 3639) from Hospice Main Building reception or by Contacting James McCaffrey on 028 3025 1333."

SAINT PAUL'S FOODBANK AND SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

During the month of November parishioners' from Saint Paul's donated an amazing 178kg/28st of items to our Church Foodbank. In the season of Advent all food items and gift items left in will donated will go to Saint Vincent de Paul. God bless you and thank you so much for your continued generosity.

CHRISTMAS GLOBAL GIFT CARDS **FOR TROCAIRE**

A gift that I can give to transform people's lives. Choose from our range and help lift more people out of poverty for good. Soap £5, Chicks £7, Solar Lamp £10, Seeds and Tools £10, School Lunches £15, School Kit £25, Goats £40, Help for Grandparents £40, Baby Kit and Maternity Care £50, Beehives £55, Trees £75, Water Pumps & Irrigation £85, Safe Home £125, Farming Kit/Tools £170, Cards are available now

from the Parish Office

Saint Peter's Running Club and friends are hosting their Christmas Charity Quiz at the Goodyear Sports and Social Club, Lurgan on Saturday 28th December at 8.00p.m. All funds raised in aid of the Southern Area Hospice. Everyone Welcome!!



MONDAY 23RD DECEMBER

Saint Paul's Church

Saint Peter's Church

25TH DECEMBER 2019

Christmas Masses

Saint Paul's Church

Saint Peter's Church

11.00a.m. (po polsku)

Normal weekend Masses

Vigil at 7.00p.m.

Vigil at 7.00p.m.

9.00a.m.

8.00a.m.

10.00a.m.

12.15p.m.

12.00noon

Saint Peter's Church Confessions - 11.00a.m. to 12.00noon Saint Paul's Church

SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER Saint Peter's Church at 7.00 p.m. Carol Service by Saint Peter's Choir

MONDAY 16TH DECEMBER Saint Paul's Church at 7.00 p.m. Penitential Service and Exposition of the **Blessed Sacrament**

TUESDAY, 17TH DECEMBER Saint Paul's Church at 7.00p.m. Carol Service by Saint Francis' Primary School Saint Peter's Church at 7.30 p.m. Penitential Service

WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER Saint Anthony's Church at 7.00 p.m. Penitential Service

THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER Saint Paul's Church at 10.30a.m End of term Christmas Mass for the pupils of Saint Francis' Primary School and Bunscoil Naomh Proinsias

FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER Saint Peter's Church Confessions 6.00p.m. to 6.50p.m.

SATURDAY 21ST DECEMBER Saint Paul's Church

Confessions 11.00a.m. to 12.00noon and 6.00p.m. to 6.50p.m. Saint Peter's Church

Confessions 5.00p.m. to 5.50p.m. SUNDAY 22ND DECEMBER

Saint Peter's Church Down's and Proud Christmas Singing

11.00p.m. to 12.15a.m. **CONRADH NA GAEILGE**

Waring Street.

the Blessed Sacrament

Saint Paul's Church

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Committee

Treble Cleft – 1st December, £1,300.00 Fundraising concert for 'Care in Crisis'

Sincere thanks indeed for such goodwill and huge generosity!!!

CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS The Adoration Chapel will close on Christmas Eve 24th Dec at 5:00p.m. Re-open normal hours 9:00a.m. to 9:00 pm from Christmas Day.

YOUTH PILGRIMAGES 2020 **CAMINO AND LOURDES**

Are you 18 to 30 years old? Might you be interested in joining a Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes in May for 5 days or the Camino de Santiago (Spain) in mid-July for 6 to 7 days? Dates are to be confirmed, but if interested please come along to a gathering of young adults this Sunday 15th December at 1.00p.m.in Café Crème on the Mall, Newry (beside the A.I.B.) Alternatively forward your name to dromoreyd@ btconnect.com and we will be in contact with you. Places on both are limited, so claim your olace earlv!

1. Go to Mass. 2. Spend a Holy Hour after Mass with exposition. 3. Come along to the Holy Hour in the Adoration Chapel in Edward Street at 3:00p.m. OUR MEN'S SHED Christmas Bazaar will take place after all Masses this weekend (14th 15th December) in Peter's Parish Hall, North Street. Displays of Paintings, Cribs, Reindeers, Snowmen, Christmas Crafts will be on show. Please come along and enjoy and pick up a

Christmas Gift!!

REFLECTION - In an address to the House of Lords, the Archbishop of Canterbury used a small section from an essay written by a boy of eight. The essay contained the directness and the simplicity of a child and was entitled: - 'What a granny is'. 'A granny is a lady who has no children of her own, so she likes other people's girls and boys. A grandpa is a man granny. He goes for walks with boys and they talk about fishing and tractors. Grannies don't have to do anything but be there. They are old so they shouldn't play hard or run. They never say 'hurry up'. Usually they are fat, but not too fat to tie children's shoes. They wear glasses and funny underwear and can take their teeth and gums off. They don't have to be smart, only answer question like why dogs hate cats and why God isn't married. They don't talk baby talk like visitors. When they read to us, they don't skip bits or mind if it is the same story over again. Everybody should have a granny, especially if you don't have television, because grannies are the only grown-ups who have time!"

Showcase at 3.00p.m. Church

11.00p.m. to 12.15a.m **Blessed Sacrament**

RECENT COLLECTIONS & FUNDRAISERS Fundraising concerts for a new floor in our

Cantable and Dana – 17th November, £4,050. All monies raised to date from concert and private donations - £ 11,670

Fundraising concert for Lurgan Lourdes

Cantable - 8th December,

Annual S.V.D.P. collection 8th September, £12,978.00

ADORATION CHAPEL

Confessions 10.30a.m. to 11.30a.m.

TUESDAY 24TH DECEMBER

Confessions 10.30 to 11.30a.m.

Confessions 11.00a.m. to 12.00noon

10.30a.m. (Children's Liturgy)

Vigil at 9.00p.m. (po polsku)

MASSES FROM 26TH TO 28TH DECEMBER Saint Peter's Church at 9.30a.m.

Saint Paul's Church at 10.30a.m.

MONDAY 30TH DECEMBER TO

SATURDAY 5TH JANUARY 2020 Saint Peter's Church at 9.30a.m. Saint Paul's Church at 10.30a.m.

N.B. New Year's Eve Vigil with Exposition of

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Mass will be celebrated in the Adoration Chapel, Edward Street on Tuesday 17th December at 8.00p.m. All members of Conradh na Gaeilge are encouraged to come to the Mass. An Cór Gaelach & Comhaltas Ceoltóirí will be in attendance. Please note: Very limited parking provided within the ground of the Adoration Chapel. Please use street parking in Edward Street and

A DAY FOR LIFE AND FAITH IN IRELAND Things to do for Our Lady on January 1st 2020 'The Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God'

RECENTLY DECEASED

As parishioners' we offer our sincere sympathies, prayer and support the family members of: Doreen Larkham, Manor Park Mary Elizabeth Derby, Clara Street May they rest in peace

PARISH ANNIVERSARIES SATURDAY 14th DECEMBER (Vigil Mass) Mary Smyth, Ulster Street Eileen Mulholland, Ulster Street May and George Dennis, London Donald Loughran, London Patsy Magill, London Eileen & Tommy McCrory, London Henry & Mary Ellen McCourt, Tyrone

SUNDAY 15th DECEMBER - 9.00a.m. Mass Jim Smyth, Thornleigh John and Sophie Rogers John and Sophie Feenan John Rogers Junior

SUNDAY 15th DECEMBER - 10.30a.m. Mass Molly Williamson, Portadown

MONDAY 16th DECEMBER at 10.00a.m. Godfrey Martin, (formerly New Street) Rita Mulholland, Silverwood Drive Sheila McCluskey, Woodville Street

TUESDAY 17th DECEMBER at 10.00a.m. Margaret Hoye, Manor Park Francis Jordan, Cypress Gardens Ailish Black, Portadown Charlotte McCrory, Beaumont Square Joseph Haddock, (formerly Sloan Street) Theresa McDonald Patrick Lennon, Francis Street George Hatchell, Silverwood Drive

WEDNESDAY 18th DECEMBER at 10.00a.m. Nora Hill, Glenholme Park Ellen and Frank McKenna, Edward Street

THURSDAY 19th DECEMBER at 10.00a.m. Thomas Cunningham, Drumlin Drive Josephine Cassidy, Beaumont Square Elizabeth Sinclair, Raughlan Lane

FRIDAY 20th DECEMBER at 10.00a.m. Ernest McCarron, Shankill Street Kathleen Hanratty, Ashwood Peter and Maureen Brennan, **Ballynamoney Park**

SATURDAY 21st DECEMBER at 10.30a.m. Angela Jordan, Cypress Gardens Mary Carter, Waring Street Collette McMahon, Old Portadown Road Eleanor Adams, Downshire Avenue Isabella Strain Bernadette Conway, Hawthorn Avenue Jean English, (nee Magee) Leeds (formerly Shankill Street) Isabell McCaughley, Garland Avenue Brendan May Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord