

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.

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Download App Store or Google Play
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FEAST DAYS DURING THIS WEEK 1ST WEEK OF LENT

Monday 19th February - The Gospel reminds us that Jesus came to preach good news to the poor. At the beginning of Lent we again get a reminder that good works are essential to our proper observance of the season, along with prayer and fasting.

Tuesday 20th February - The model of our prayer is the Lord's prayer. It is a summary of the whole Gospel, the most perfect of all prayers, Being taught and given to us by our Lord it is indeed the Word of God that goes out and succeeds in what it was sent to do. It is the foundation of the daily prayer of all Christians.

Wednesday 21st February - St Peter Damian, Bishop and doctor of the Church: gave up teaching to become a hermit. Later he was Cardinal Bishop of Ostia. He was an outstanding reformer of Church life and discipline.

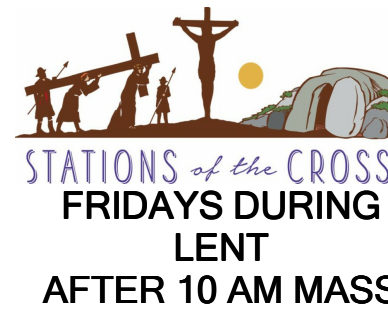
Thursday 22nd February - The Chair of St Peter, Apostle - This ancient feast relates to early Roman custom at this time of year of remembering the ancestors of the family, those who presided over the family fortunes. The feast celebrates Peter as bishop of Rome and the focus of unity in the communion of one faith.

Friday 23rd February - St Polycarp, Bishop and martyr: Was bishop of Smyrna or Izmir in modern Turkey. Born around the year 69, he was a disciple of St John the Apostle. He was martyred in 155.

FORMS OF FRIDAY Penance FOR LENT

The following are suggested as ways of fulfilling Friday Penance:

- Abstaining from meat or some other foods;
- Abstaining from alcoholic drink or smoking;
- Making a special effort at involvement in family prayer;
- Making a special effort to participate in Mass on Fridays;
- Visiting the Blessed Sacrament;
- Making the Stations of the Cross;
- Fasting from all food for a longer period than usual and perhaps giving what is saved to the needy;
- Helping the poor, sick, old or lonely.



DROMORE DIOCESAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Monday 19th February 2024:
at 7:30pm in Newry Parish Centre
The Society is delighted to welcome Dr Geraldine Foley of the Inland Waterways Association of Ireland to present a talk entitled *"From Newry to 'Demerari': James Blair, merchant, sugar planter and slave owner."*
Newry man James Blair was an owner of plantations in the West Indies. He entered Parliament in 1818 to protect the interests of slave-owners. Blair sat in the House of Commons from 1818 to 1830, and later from 1837 to 1841.

DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE

Bus available from St Paul's Church 24th February to Dublin for Divine Mercy Conference.
Bus price £20. £10 deposit required. £35 into Conference.
Names and deposit can be left into Divine Mercy, William Street.
A Draw will take place for free entry to the Conference for 5 places.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH GROUP

is sponsoring a talk by Danielle McElhinney, Public Policy Officer for Evangelical Alliance N.I.
The theme of the talk is **"The Cost-of-Living Crisis"**
Evangelical Alliance makes Government bodies aware of the disproportionate impact of the rising cost of living on low-income families. This is a very timely subject since a vast number of families are affected by the fast rise in living costs. The talk is held on Wednesday, 21 February at 8pm in St. Peter's Parish Hall.
Please come and bring anyone who would benefit from the information.
Everyone welcome

REFLECTION

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to yourself others
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen!

ABORTION LAW

Please support an amendment to reduce abortion law from 24 weeks to 22 weeks.
Collect a postcard today from the back of the church and post it to your MP in support of this amendment.

SOLITUDE SATURDAY, GLENVALE

Saturday 24th February
An opportunity to take some time for yourself, in the beautiful surroundings of Glenvale Convent to refresh mind and body.
Beginning with Mass at 10am and ends at 3.30pm
Refreshments and a light lunch included.
Suggested donation £20
Places limited so early booking essential.
Contact 028 3083 2828

GRAND CHARITY NIGHT In Aid of N.I. Air Ambulance

Friday 23 February
In Ashburn Hotel. Doors open 8pm
Special Guests:
Country Harmony, Gene Fitzpatrick, Katie McParland, Hugo Duncan, Kevin Kearney, Box Car Brian & Leon.
Tickets available from Ashburn Hotel at Colleen's Kitchen or pay at the door.
Show starts at 9pm Adm £13



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

Gerry Gillen, Dingwell Park
Damian Lyness, Kilvergan Road, Derrymacash
Urszula Stepien, Russell Drive
Francis Junior McMahon

Killough Gardens/formerly Brown Street
Mary Caffrey, (née Scullion), Oakleigh Fold
SATURDAY 17 FEBRUARY 7.00pm (VIGIL MASS)

Kathleen Devlin, Ardmore Road
Maddy Leigh Harbinson, Collingdale
Lizzy and Joseph Coyle, Hawthorne Avenue
Ivan Mason, Downshire Avenue
Anne McKernan, Derrylodge Manor
SUNDAY 18 FEBRUARY 9.00AM MASS
Lilian Strawbridge, Beechcourt
Sean Lavery, New Street
Henry and Kathleen Doran, Killough Gardens
James Crossey, Cypress Gardens

SUNDAY 18 FEBRUARY 10.30AM MASS
Rosaline Smyth (MM), Monbrief Walk

Leo Seeley, New Street
Sean Leatham, Boconnell Lane
John Henry and Kevin O'Neill, Byrnes Rampart
Michael O'Neill, Ashwood
William McConville, Thornleigh

MONDAY 19 FEBRUARY 10.00AM
Sandra McCartan, Lawrencetown

TUESDAY 20 FEBRUARY 10.00AM
Elizabeth Carbery, Richmount Gardens
Jim Smyth (Junior), Old Portadown Road
Sean McGeown, Old Portadown Road
John Murtagh, Portadown Road

WEDNESDAY 21 FEBRUARY 10.00AM
Angela Power, Killough, Co Down
Seamus Thornbury, Shankill

Rachel and Mick Breen, Richmount Gardens
Audrey Moore, Annaloise Road
Josephine (Josie) Breen, Edward Street
Sarah McConville, Thornleigh

THURSDAY 22 FEBRUARY 10.00AM
Arthur Green, McGreevy Park

Sister Dymrna Mulholland, Convent of Mercy, Lurgan
James Doran, Clara Street
Elizabeth Toman, Edward Street
Tommy Magill, Springwell Walk
Matthew Marsden, Francis Street

FRIDAY 23 FEBRUARY 10.00AM
Peter Toal, Old Portadown Road
Kathleen Lavery, Oakfield Terrace

Joseph Bailie, Antrim Road
Kevin Creaney, Springwell Gardens

SATURDAY 24 FEBRUARY 10.30AM
Joe France (MM), Oakleigh Heights

Mitchell Family, Brown Street
Margaret Leatham, Drumlin Drive
Nan Bailie, Antrim Road
Olive McGleenon, Mansefield
Joe Lyness, Cypress Gardens

SATURDAY 24 FEBRUARY 7.00PM (VIGIL MASS)
Marie McCluskey (MM), Springwell Gardens
Charlie Hoy, Brown Street

SOUTHERN AREA HOSPICE

Hospice Musical Evening
St Ronan's College, (Arthur Street entrance)
Thursday 22nd February at 7.00pm
All donations to Southern Area Hospice

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

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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 if they are to be included in the Bulletin.

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.

ADORATION CHAPEL

Edward Street
Adoration:
9am - 9pm

Trocaire boxes are available at the back of the church

"The 34th Anniversary of the Tom McAleenan Memorial Quiz in aid of Marie Curie will be held at the Goodyear Sports and Social Club, Lurgan on Friday 23rd February at 8pm. Everyone is very welcome to support this worthy cause"

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

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.

ANAM CARA ARMAGH, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 28th February at 7:15pm in the Armagh City Hotel, Friary Road, Armagh. 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. We also offer an online support service.
Contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 028 9521 3120 for any queries.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 11 February 2024 £1,861.24
Thank you for your continued generosity and support to your Parish and your Priests.