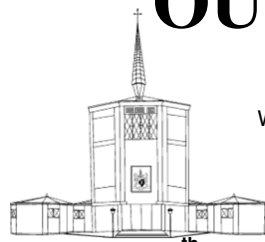


OUR PARISH BULLETIN



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

19th APRIL 2020
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Facebook: @lurganparish

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(028) 3832 5725

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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

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

The novena concludes with Divine Mercy Mass (with veneration of the image) followed by Chaplet of Divine Mercy, celebrated this Sunday in St Peter's at 12:15pm.

BULLETINS

Hard copies of the St Paul's bulletin are available from the following shops while churches remain closed:
* Paper Chase, Edward Street
* Farrell's shop & garage, Francis St
* Eurospar, Gilpinstown Road
Please take copies for those who cannot access the bulletin online. Thank you to our stockists.

COVID 19 - COUPLES & RELATIONSHIPS SUPPORT LINE

This time of 'lockdown' when we are thrown together all day, every day can be a time of unprecedented stress and pressure on family life. **Accord** are available if you need to speak to an EXPERIENCED COUPLES AND RELATIONSHIPS COUNSELLOR during this time. **Speak in confidence to an Accord counsellor on (028) 9568 0151 between 9.00 am-8.00 pm, Monday to Friday.** All calls charged at local rate.

VIA LUCIS: EASTER DEVOTIONS

Stations of the Resurrection continue on Friday evenings at 7:30pm in St Peter's. Walk with the Risen Lord to receive the Holy Spirit.

ONLINE DEVOTIONS ON OUR WEBCAMS

Every week, in addition to Masses, we have the following devotions in public from our churches:

St Paul's:

Rosary, Mon-Fri 10:30am and Sat 11:00am
Divine Mercy chaplet: 9:45am Fridays
Eucharistic adoration: 3:00pm, Monday and Wednesday

St Peter's:

Rosary, Mon-Fri 8:30am and Sat 10:00am
Divine Mercy chaplet: 6:40pm Tuesdays
Eucharistic adoration: 3:00pm, Thursday and Saturday
Via Lucis, Easter Stations: 7:30pm Fridays

OFFERTORY PROMISE: AVAILABLE ONLINE

As advertised last week, we will be distributing the new boxes of envelopes as soon as it is safe and legitimate for people to leave their homes.

However, perhaps this is the opportunity when you could move to the **online option** of supporting your parish and clergy? A secure facility with MyEasyPay on the diocesan website is now available to make a monthly or one-off donation to your own parish or priests, and in future, to special collections.

Your donation entirely goes to the parish you choose, or to supporting clergy. You simply choose your own parish where you wish your donation to go.

To try for yourself, go to www.dromorediocese.org and click on **DONATE** on the home page. Thank you for your ongoing support at this demanding time for us all.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



We know how much people miss the opportunity to visit the church at present.

Therefore, for as long as they remain closed, we are pleased to begin adoration online from your homes through the webcams.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place four days a week for a Holy Hour beginning on Monday 20 April. The Hour will open and close with some brief public prayer, but most of the time will be given over to silence for your personal devotion, or to gather your family and friends round for some prayer time together with the Risen Jesus.

So please join us from 3-4pm, as indicated below:

Monday and Wednesday at 3:00pm—St Paul's webcam

Thursday and Saturday at 3:00pm—St Peter's webcam

"He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognised him." (Lk 24:30-31)

A MESSAGE FROM 'THE MESSENGER'

A combination of lockdown and travel restrictions currently in place mean that many readers of The Sacred Heart Messenger cannot access their monthly 'little red book'. Therefore, during this coronavirus crisis we are delighted to make the digital edition of The Messenger available FREE OF CHARGE until we return to normal delivery. Please send a request by e-mail to c.henry@messenger.ie and we will send you a link to view The Messenger on your laptop, tablet or mobile. Our online bookshop (www.messenger.ie) is still operating as normal with FREE delivery on all books at this time.

TRÓCAIRE RETURNS

Trócaire returns are preferred by phone or online this year, if possible. Freephone: 0800 912 1200
Online: www.trocaire.org
Alternatively, please drop your return in an envelope through the parish office letterbox. Thank you for your support

THANK YOU

The parish community is so thankful to our priests, staff and volunteers of St. Paul's and St. Peter's churches for the hard work and commitment involved to make the Holy Week services, Easter Services and the daily Masses via webcam so inspiring.

These days of confinement and isolation are very difficult and being able to participate in the liturgies and rosaries are very comforting. We are blessed indeed.

St. Vincent de Paul Society, Lurgan want to let the public know if anyone needs help with shopping, picking up prescriptions, or are in need, please do not hesitate to call the office (028) 3832 5725 extension 3.



RECENTLY DECEASED

As parishioners we offer our sincere sympathies, prayers and support to the family members of:

RECENTLY DECEASED

Kathleen McCrory, Beechcourt
Kay McLearnon, Kilmore Hill Road
Rosemary McKeown (née Matthews)
Annaghmore (formerly Taghnevan)
Gary Turkington, Ardowen, Craigavon
Margaret Magill, Castleview Park, Moira

May they rest in peace

PARISH ANNIVERSARIES

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

SATURDAY 18 APRIL (VIGIL Mass)

Audrey Byrne, The Grange
Kathleen Duff (MM), Derrymacash

SUNDAY 19 APRIL – 9am Mass

No Anniversaries

SUNDAY 19 APRIL – 10.30 Mass

No Anniversaries

SUNDAY 19 APRIL – 12 Noon Mass

Peter Doran, Drumnakelly
Edward Hamill, Francis Street
Anita Edgar (née Hamill), Francis Street

MONDAY 20 APRIL

James Conway, Park, Co Derry

TUESDAY 21 APRIL

Eddie Breen, Taghnevan and Derrytrasna
Colm Gilmore, Lurgan

WEDNESDAY 22 APRIL

Mary McConville, Wellington Street
Mary Rose Eagers, Edward Street

THURSDAY 23 APRIL

William Gethins
J B O'Hagan, Elmwood Terrace

FRIDAY 24 APRIL

David McKerr, Avondale Green
William and Tony Magill, Richmount Gardens

SATURDAY 25 APRIL - 10.30am Mass

Edward McAlinden, Ballinary
Lucy Welsh, Victoria Street Place
Margaret (Marie) McCutcheon, Ashgrove Avenue
Larry Cunningham, Crossmaglen
Winifred Harte, Desmond Avenue

As the Parish Office is closed to visitors until further notice, please telephone or email the Parish Office to let us know of anniversaries:

Telephone: (028) 3832 1289

Email: office@stpaulsparishlurgan.org

Thank you for your patience

Remember: **KEEP YOUR DISTANCE AND STAY AT HOME**

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COVID-19: TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF GRAVEYARDS

By order of the NI Executive at Stormont on 28 March, all cemeteries must be closed at this time as part of the social restrictions to limit the spread of Covid-19. This includes the Dougher Cemetery and St Colman's Cemetery which are open only for burials, but not for visits to graves.

We are well aware how devoted parishioners are to the graves of their family members, and so we understand why this measure is causing great hurt to many, especially those who remember the anniversaries of loved ones at this time. However, the same situation applies across the North, and we observe it in order to limit the spread of the virus.

Please stay at home, pray for the Holy Souls every day, and be not afraid. Thank you for your understanding. We will reopen the cemeteries as soon as regulations allow.