



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 1ST DECEMBER 2019
1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH 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
Monday: 7.00pm (Novena)
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Evening before First Fridays:
6:15-6:50 pm Thursday
Saturdays:
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.

PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION Sunday 24th November 2019

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Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

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

OUR ANNUAL NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Finishes in Saint Paul's Church on Monday. The 10.00 am will include novena prayers. The Novena Mass will take place at 7.00 pm.

FEAST DAYS

Tuesday 3rd December

Saint Francis Xavier was a Navarrese Catholic missionary who was a co-founder of the Society of Jesus. He was the first Christian missionary to venture into Japan, Borneo, the Maluku Islands, and other areas, struggling to learn the local languages and also in the face of opposition.. Xavier was about to extend his missionary preaching to China when he died on Shangchuan Island. Known as the "Apostle of the Indies" and "Apostle of Japan", he is considered to be one of the greatest missionaries since Saint Paul.

Wednesday 4th December

Saint John of Damascus ("the golden speaker"), was a Byzantine monk and priest. Born and raised in Damascus c. 675 or 676, he died at his monastery, Mar Saba, near Jerusalem on 4th December 749A.D. Regarded as a Doctor of the Church, and also referred to as the 'Doctor of the Assumption' due to his writings on the Assumption of Mary.

Friday 6th December

Saint Nicholas (traditionally 15th March 270 - 6th December 342) also known as Nicholas of Bari, was an early Christian bishop of the ancient Greek maritime city of Myra in Asia Minor, during the time of the Roman Empire. Because of the many miracles attributed to his intercession, he is also known as Nicholas the Wonderworker.

Saturday 7th December

Saint Ambrose Aurelius Ambrosius, better known in English as Ambrose, was an Archbishop of Milan who became one of the most influential Ecclesiastical figures of the 4th century. He was the Roman governor of Liguria and Emilia, headquartered in Milan, before being made Bishop of Milan by popular acclamation in 374 A.D. Quote - "In some causes silence is dangerous".

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 **

Since 8th December this year falls on a Sunday, the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary will be transferred to Monday the 9th December. This means there is NO obligation attached to the holyday this year.

Mass for the feast will be celebrated as follows: Saint Paul's 10:00a.m. and 7:00p.m. Saint Peter's: 8:00a.m. and 10:30a.m. Please note there will be no Vigil Mass on Sunday

SAINT JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS' SOCIETY

Our next meeting will take place on **Monday, 2nd December at 7.00p.m.** in Saint Peter's Parish Meeting Rooms, North Street. The Society prays for vocations to priesthood and religious life and also raises funds for the education of priests at home and abroad.

Saint Peter's and Saint Paul's Parish Pastoral Committees

will hold a joint meeting on **Wednesday 4th December** in Saint Peter's meeting rooms at 7:30p.m. This meeting is to help prepare of the up-coming Parish Mission in March 2020. If you have any ideas or thoughts you would like raised at this meeting; please leave them in writing into your nearest parish office.

SOUTHERN AREA HOSPICE 'Light Up A Life Ceremony'

in Craigavon Civic Centre on Monday 2nd December 1pm
Join us for this short service followed by free refreshments

CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOPS

Clan-Na-Gael New Hall

Monday 2nd December: 7.00 - 9.00p.m.
Friday 6th December: 10.00am - 12.00 noon
Cost £35.00 (including festive refreshments)
Booking Essential. Contact Ciera at 0774 655 7043

COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE Friday, 6th December at 7:30p.m. in the Jethro Centre.

A warm welcome to each and everyone; to come together as united Christians and reflect on the Advent Season and the coming birth of Jesus Christ. Saint Peter's Choir, Shankill Parish Choir and the Salvation Army Band will lead us in song and prayer.

THE FOX AND OTHER POEMS
A new book of poetry by Fr Michael Maginn.
On sale from Parish Office. Price £5.



SAINT PAUL'S PARISH CHURCH DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2019/2020

Sunday, 1st December (this evening) 7.00p.m.
Treble Clef Choir
Donations towards 'Lurgan Lourdes Fundraising Group':

Sunday, 8th December 7.30pm
Carols by Candlelight - Cantabile Choir
Donations towards 'Care In Crisis':

Monday, 16th December 7.00p.m. - 8.00p.m.
Penitential Service and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday, 17th December 7.00p.m.
Carol Service by Saint Francis' Primary School

10.00a.m. Children's Mass each Sunday

As we are now in the Advent season our Children's Liturgy Group are looking forward to a very busy time. Today we will be giving out our Advent Stars. These are for the children to colour in and decorate. **Please make sure to bring them back to Mass next week and we'll display them.**

On Sunday 22nd December we'll celebrate our very special Nativity Mass. We'd love to see all the children come along to this mass dressed as shepherds and angels.

Many thanks to all who have helped and supported our Children's Mass throughout the year!!

25th December 2019 Christmas Masses

Vigil at 7.00p.m, 9.00a.m,
10.30a.m, 12.00noon

New Year's Eve Vigil with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
11.00p.m. to 12.15a.m.

Our Parish Mission will be led by the Irish Redemptorists from Sunday 8th March 2020 until Saturday 14th March 2020. Please spread the work the word (and the dates). Watch this space for more details!!!!

The Committee of the **Lurgan Gaelic League** will host a 'Pop Up Gaeltacht' on **Thursday 5th December** from 7.30p.m. until 10.30p.m. Street. Pop in to speak a little Irish or listen to Irish. Beidh cupan tae agus cairde ar fail, a cup of tea and friends will be available. Failte roimh cach - Everyone Welcome!

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.

ST. RONAN'S CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

The governors, staff and pupils of St. Ronan's College warmly invite you to attend our Christmas Carol Service. Wednesday 4th December at 7pm in the Senior Assembly Hall, Francis Street. Refreshments will be provided in the school canteen afterwards.

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

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.

You are cordially invited to attend **'Open Night' in St Ronan's College, Junior Site, Waring Street, Lurgan** on Wednesday 11th December 2019. Principal's address will be at 5.00p.m. and 7.30p.m. Please note all primary schools have been allocated sessions. Light refreshments will be served afterwards in the school canteen.

Lurgan Lourdes Committee are now taking applications for assisted pilgrims (the sick and unwell) for their 2020 pilgrimage. Please send details to our secretary: Rosemary McGuinness, 29 Hunters Lodge, Lurgan BT66 6Nb, including your name, address, contact telephone number and GP details.
Date of travel 12th to 17th May inclusive.

Saint Peter's Club is keen to ensure that members who have given outstanding service on and off the field are considered for the Club's prestigious **HALL OF FAME**. Members are strongly encouraged to nominate members, past or present, alive or deceased, whom they believe are worthy of the award. To nominate, or for more information, please contact - 0790 545 6632.

Today's Reflection: Mend What is Broken

Gracious God, I call on you right now in a special way. It is through your power that I was created. Every breath I take, every morning I wake, and every moment of every hour, I live under your power. I ask you now to touch me with that same power. For if you created me from nothing, you can certainly recreate me. Fill me with the healing power of your spirit. Cast out anything that should not be in me. Mend what is broken. Root out any unproductive cells. Open any blocked arteries or veins and rebuild any damaged areas. Remove all inflammation and cleanse any infection.

Let the warmth of your healing love pass through my body to make new any unhealthy areas so that my body will function the way you created it to function. Restore me to full health in mind, body and emotion so that I may serve you the rest of my life.

AMEN



PARISH ANNIVERSARIES

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

Saturday 30th November 7.00p.m. Vigil Mass

Margaret McAvoey (M.M.) - Thornleigh
James and Sarah Jane Scullion
Drumlin Drive
Elizabeth McCaughley - Ashwood
Elizabeth and William Leathem
Shankill Street
Deidre Muldoon - Monbrief Walk

Sunday 1st December 9.00a.m. Mass

Catherine Carly - Toome
Jim French - Old Portadown Road
10.30a.m. Mass
Ted McGrann - Manor Park
John Downey - Belfast
Raymond Downey - USA
Francis McCaughley - Meadowbrook
Phelim Brewster - Pinebank
12.00noon Mass
Kathleen Heaney (M.M.)
Richmond Gardens

Lucy McVeigh - Kilwilkie Gardens
Sadie Heaney - Manor Court
Barry Campbell - Thornleigh
Annie McAvoey - Ballydougan

Monday 2nd December at 10.00am

Eamon McCluskey - Watford
Sheila Doran - Lurgan
Ellen Lavery - Church Walk
Joe Cafolla - Mansfield
Sarah McGeown - Maple Court
Marcell Seeley - Manor Park

Tuesday 3rd December at 10.00am

Susie Coleman - Waring Street
James Greene - Ashwood
Hugh and Elizabeth Lavery - Edward Street
Virginia O'Neill - Shankill Street
Gerald Corey - Albert Avenue

Wednesday 4th December at 10.00am

Eileen McPherson - Francis Street

Thursday 5th December at 10.00am

Austin and Doreen Toman - Antrim Road
Annie McEvoy - Ballydougan

Friday 6th December at 10.00am

Kitty French - Edward Street
Peggy Kingham - Edward Street
Angela Breen - Ulster Street

Saturday 7th December at 10.30am

Bill and Lydia Doyle - Brownlow Terrace

Saturday 7th December

7.00p.m. Vigil Mass

Brendan Gilmore - Dingwell Park
Joe Cafolla - Mansfield
Madeline Doyle - Riverdale Manor
Patricia McGarrell - Silverwood Drive
Charlotte McConville - Arthur Street

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Will hold their Annual Church Gate Collection before and after all Masses on Sunday 8th December. If have a generous spirit, if you are a good listener, if you want to work in your community for social justice, and if you can show compassion, why not consider joining us at Saint Vincent de Paul???? To find out more about us, talk to some of the speakers after Mass on that day. Alternatively, call into the Centre on William Street and make an appointment to speak with Sister Elise.