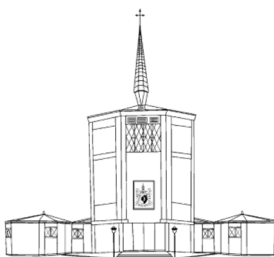


* SAINT PAUL'S PARISH, SHANKILL



**SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER 2024
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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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**24-HOUR NUMBER FOR ALL
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Parish App: Parish365
Download App Store or Google Play

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**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND
ADULTS WHO REQUIRE PROTECTION:**
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THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION

December: For Pilgrims of Hope:
Let us pray that this Jubilee Year
strengthen our faith, helping us to
recognize the Risen Christ in our daily
lives, and that it may transform us into

Children's Prayer to St Nicholas (Feast Day: 6 December)

Dear St Nicholas, so kind and true, on this
special day we turn to you. With gifts and joy,
you fill our hearts, bless us now as this day
starts.

Guide us with your gentle hand, help us
spread love across the land.
May we share and care each day, in your
spirit, we laugh and play.
Thank you, St Nicholas, up above, for your
kindness, grace and love.

On this day, and all year through, we
celebrate the joy you bring, it's true. Amen

TRÓCAIRE - CHRISTMAS GIFTS OF LOVE

*A range of cards are available from the Parish
Office from Monday 25 November.*

Soap £5,
Chicks £10,
Seeds and Tools £10,
Menstrual Dignity £10,
Solar Lamp £15,
Emergency Water £20, School Lunches £20,
School Kit £20,
Play for Healing £35
Food and Nourishment £40, Goat £40, Help
for Grandparents £40,
Mental Health Lifeline £50, New Mother's
Care Kit £50, Honey Bees £60, Protection
from Climate Change £90, Water Systems
£90, Women's Empowerment £90, A Just
World £90, A Safe Home £125, Ox Plough
and Farming Tools £200, A pack of 12
Christmas Cards £4.



ST PAUL'S PARISH CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS

The Parish Christmas Card is now
available at the Parish Office

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY Starting weekend of 1st December will begin
the collection of food and gifts for the Christmas hampers.

SANTA FUN RUN LURGAN PARK SUNDAY 1st December 10,30am all
proceeds to Southern Area Hospice Services.

BETTER TOGETHER GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY Sunday 1st December 3.00
- 5.30pm. The Hub, Brownlow Road Craigavon. Everyone welcome.

As Advent begins **THE ROSARY** will be recited following the 8am Mass on
Mondays in St Peter's Church.

**ANAM CARA SUPPORTING PARENTS ONLINE BEREAVEMENT
INFORMATION EVENING** Tuesday 3rd December. Join Anam Cara and David
Trickey for our online Bereavement Information evening at 7pm. This Bereavement
Information Evening is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age the child
died, or the circumstances of their death.

[Register here for Online Bereavement Evening](#)

SOUTHERN AREA HOSPICE Annual Light Up a Life Service. Join us at
Craigavon Civic Centre on **Wednesday 4th December 12 noon**. This is a short
service followed by refreshments

The next **HEALING MASS** will take place on **Thursday 5th December 2024** (1st week
of Advent) in St Peter's Church. It begins with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
and Confession at 6.00pm. Rosary, Benediction and Holy Mass with anointing at
7.00pm. (Priests will be available for Confessions during the Adoration).

ST RONAN'S COLLEGE Open Evening on **Thursday 5th December** in the Junior
site, Waring Street. Principal's address at 5.00pm and 6.30pm. All parents and
prospective pupils are invited to attend. Christmas Fayre, 3rd December 6.30-
8.30pm at the Francis Street Campus. All proceeds go to St. Ronan's Hardship fund
which supports families in the local community.

THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH GROUP sponsored Carol Service is in the
Jethro Centre on **Friday, December 6 at 7:30 pm**. Come to pray and reflect the true
meaning of Advent and Christmas with readings from Scripture, prayer and song.
The collection will go to the local Food Bank this year. Refreshments will be served
afterwards. Please bring your friends and family members.

LURGAN MUSICAL SOCIETY Presents A Christmas Concert **Friday 6th
December at 8.00pm** in Brownlow House. Ticket Outlets J Mc Conville, North Street
S D Kells, Market Street Print Business Supplies, Market Street Tickets £7
Tea/Coffee shall be served at 7.30pm.

ANOINTING FIRE ADVENT RETREAT Saturday 7th December 2024 9.00am -
4.00pm St Macnissi's Parish Hall, 1 Craigstown Road Randalstown, Antrim BT41
2AF. Led by Fr Shyju Praise and Worship, Holy Mass, Sharing of the Word of God,
Eucharistic Adoration and Healing Prayers. No registration fee, donation
appreciated, Free lunch will be provided. For more information contact: Anne marie
0781 316 0470, Aideen: 0770 426 1565, Sara: 0783 894 2077.

A SERVICE WITH A BLESSING FOR PARENTS EXPECTING NEW BABIES
In St Paul's Church on **Sunday 8th December 2024 at 3.00pm**. The Relic of St
Gerard Majella will be available.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL collection will be on
the weekend of **December 7/8**. A member of the SVP conference will speak at all
the Masses that weekend. Thank you for all the love and support you give to our
conference. Without you we could not help all those persons and families who are in
need. St Vincent de Paul Conference have Christmas Giving Tree in the Churches,
with gift tags with requests for needy families and persons. It is not necessary to
wrap the gift - just return it to the Church in a bag with the tag attached to it. We
prepare the family gift bags at the centre.

TANNAGHMORE Primary School CHRISTMAS FAIR AND OPEN DAY
Sunday 8th December 11am - 2pm Come along and join us for some festive
fun. Visit Santa in his grotto. Craft Stalls, Music and Refreshments. Everyone
welcome. **Our P1 Open Day is on Wednesday 11th December from 1:30-3:30pm**.
All parents and children who will be starting P1 in September 2025 are welcome to
visit our P1 staff, classrooms and school.

**PIPS INTERDENOMINATIONAL CHRISTMAS SERVICE OF
REMEMBRANCE, HOPE AND HEALING.** This service, taking place on **Sunday,
15th December 2024, at 4:00 pm at Portadown Town Hall**, is dedicated to families
and friends who have lost loved ones to suicide. The event will include a Memory
Tree Ceremony and Candlelight Procession, providing a space of solace,
remembrance, and hope for those in our community who need it most during the
holiday season. Light refreshments will be served afterward, and everyone is
welcome to attend.

CAROL SERVICES 2024

Sunday 8th Dec 2024 at 4.00pm in St Peter's Church - **DOWN'S AND PROUD**
Sunday 8th Dec at 7.00pm - **CANTABILE IN ST PAUL'S CHURCH**
Sunday 15 Dec at 7.00pm - **ST PAUL'S SENIOR & CHILDREN'S CHOIR**
Monday 16 Dec at 1.30pm - **ST FRANCIS PRIMARY SCHOOL ST PAUL'S**
Wednesday 18 December at 1.00pm - **CEARA SCHOOL - ST PAUL'S**



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

Frankie Burns, Pinebank
Eamon Derby, Clara Street

David (Dean) O'Neill, North Circular Road
Padge Scullion, Blair Park
Isobel O'Neill, Crumlin

John (Tucker) Haughian, North Street

SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER 10.30AM

Basil Lyness (MM), Oakfield Terrace
Winifred Farrell, Ashwood
Teresa Murtagh, Glenview Drive
Agnes and Bernard McNamee, Derryadd
John McNamee, Portlaoise
Colin Monteith, Dungannon/Mary Street
Deirdre Muldoon, Monbrief Walk
Mona Dempsey, Cushendall

SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER VIGIL MASS 7.00PM

Roy McCafferty, Dingwell Park

SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER 9.00AM MASS

Brian Kerr, North Street

SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER 10.30AM MASS

Noreen McShane, Conor Park
Patricia McAlinden, Killough Gardens
Jim French, Old Portadown Road
John Compston, Kiln Lodge
Mary McCrory, Shankill Street
Lucy McVeigh, Kilwilkie Gardens
Margarito G Garrido Junior, Philippines

MONDAY 2 DECEMBER 10.00AM

Eamon McCluskey, Walford, England
Mary McArdle, Ennis Close
Joe Cafolla, Mansefield
Ellen Lavery, Church Walk
Sarah McGeown, Maple Court

TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER 10.00AM

James Greene, Ashwood
Susie Coleman, Waring Street
Pete Mulholland, Canada
Gerard Corey, Albert Street
Patricia McGarrell, Silverwood Drive

WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER 10.00AM

Elizabeth McCaughy, Ashwood
Elizabeth (Lyda) Lawless, Portadown
Eileen McPherson, Francis Street

THURSDAY 5 DECEMBER 10.00AM

William and Elizabeth Leatham, Shankill Street
Lindy Greene, Derrymacash

FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER 10.00AM

Peggy Kingman, Edward Street
Ellen Markey, Whitecross

SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER 10.30AM

Joseph McKenna (MM), Banbridge

Bill and Lydia Doyle, Brownlow Terrace
Kenny McConaghy, Lough Road
Charlotte McConville, Manor Drive/Arthur Street

SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER 7PM (VIGIL MASS)

Brendan Toner (MM), Templar Court
Madeline Doyle, Riverglade Manor
Julia Mitchell, Annaloiste Road

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

There are ways families can celebrate the season of
Advent:
An Advent wreath consists of a frame holding four
candles placed inside a circle of evergreens. The
greenery in the wreath symbolises the promised new life
in Jesus.
The four candles denote the four Sundays of Advent.
There are three purple candles and one rose candle.
Purple is a sign of penance and rose is the colour
denoting the anticipation of joy.
Light a candle on each Sunday evening of Advent, saying
a short prayer or singing a verse of 'O Come, O Come
Emmanuel.' The light of the candles represents the light
coming into the world as we prepare to celebrate Jesus'
birth



ADORATION CHAPEL
EDWARD STREET
Adoration 9.00am - 9.00pm

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 24th Nov '24 £1,770.80

Thank you for your continued generosity to
you Parish and your Priests