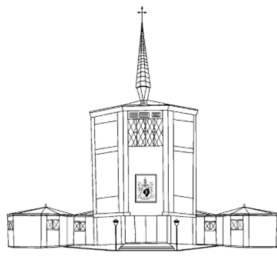


# SAINT PAUL'S PARISH, SHANKILL

## 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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**SUNDAY 1 JANUARY 2023**  
**MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER  
OF GOD**  
**WORLD DAY OF PEACE**



### ST PAUL'S PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

#### Sunday

Vigil 7:00pm (Saturday)  
9:00am and 10:30am.

#### Weekdays

**Monday to Friday: 10:30am**  
**Saturday 10.30am**

#### Saint Paul's Parish Office

Parish Secretary

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#### 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.



This feast celebrates the inclusion of all people, cultures and religions of the nations of the world. Jesus shares our human nature to redeem and save all humanity in a generous love. In the words of the preface in today's Mass: 'For today you have revealed the mystery of our salvation in Christ as a light to the nations.'

#### MASS TIMES St Paul's

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Vigil, 7.00pm  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup>, 10.30am

#### St Peter's

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 9.30am & 7.00pm

#### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 25 December 2022 - £

**Thank you for your continued generosity and support to your Parish and your Priests.**



### ST PETER'S PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

#### Sunday

Vigil 6:00pm (Saturday)  
8:00am, 10:00am (po polsku)  
and 12 Noon

#### Weekdays

**Monday to Saturday: 9:30am**

#### Saint Peter's Parish Office

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#### BAPTISMS

With great joy and thanksgiving we welcome the following children into our parish community who were baptized during the past few weeks:

Kolten Geddis

Faolán Criostoir Lewsley

Penelope Rose Philomena Brook

Louis George Kieran Brook

Beau Henri Douglas

Crue James Douglas

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.



Heartfelt thanks from Canon Liam Stevenson, Frs Jozef Wozniak, and Colum Wright and Rev Kevin Devine to you, our benevolent parishioners who have supported us throughout 2022, not least during this Yuletide with your generous Christmas envelopes, cards, gifts and prayers.

Your kindness and generosity is very much appreciated.

The holy sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions. *Deacon Kevin and the priests take this opportunity to wish all our parishioners God's blessing for a peaceful, prosperous and happy New Year. Athbhliain faoi mhaise oraibh go léir.*

#### FEAST DAYS DURING THIS WEEK

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 - Mary the Holy Mother of God - World Day of Peace** - At the message of the angel, the Virgin Mary received the Word of God in her heart and in her body and gave Life to the world. Hence, she is acknowledged and honoured as being truly the Mother of God and Mother of the Redeemer.

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2023 - St Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, doctors of the Church** - St Basil Bishop of Caesarea, lived an ascetic life establishing norms for monastic life. He was a theologian of distinction. St Gregory, a friend of Basil was Bishop of Sasima and later of Constantinople. He retired to live a monastic life.

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January - St Munchin, Bishop of Limerick** Is the Patron saint of the diocese of Limerick. His traditional birthplace is Dal Cais, where a parish and old graveyard Cell Mainchin (Kilmanaheen) existed.

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January** - The Christmas message is that we have found the Messiah. Jesus Christ, the incarnate Word, has appeared to undo the work of the devil.

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January - St Charles of St Andrew, priest** - born in Holland in 1821, he took vows as a Passionist in 1846 and came to Mount Argus in 1857 where he spent most of his priest life. He died on 5<sup>th</sup> January 1893 and was canonized on 3 June 2007.

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January - The Feast of the Epiphany**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January - St Raymond of Penafort, Priest** - 1175-1275, was a very brilliant lawyer when at the age of forty-seven he became a Dominican. Later he became Master General of the Dominican and Archbishop of Tarragona.

#### CHRISTMAS SEASON 2022/2023

#### Holiday Mass Times

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2022 to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

- Saint Peter's at 9.30am and Saint Paul's at 10.30am

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**Normal Mass times will resume from Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2023.**



#### PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

'If we grow up in a loving family, we are ready for the world'. Lord keep me close to you this New Year. Help me to reflect your glory always. Lord bless my family and all families. Help us to grow rich in what matters most of all, love, unity and joy

**Mary, the Holy Mother of God pray for us.**

#### World Day of Peace - 1<sup>st</sup> January

We pray, Lord bring your justice and peace.

For those who would do violence to others, soften their hearts, still their minds and shower your grace upon them that they choose the path of peace rather than that of force.

For an end to all forms of violence and the full coming of your peace on Earth.



#### ADORATION CHAPEL

Edward Street Private  
Prayer Only Adoration  
9am - 7pm

#### LIFELINE CRISIS

response helpline service for people who are experiencing distress or despair.  
Tel FREE on 0808 808 8000

#### Pope's Monthly Intention

*For educators:* We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

#### CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK

falls each year around the middle of January. This coming year there will be a special prayer service in St. Peter's Church on Wednesday evening, 18th January at 7:30pm. This is sponsored by the Community Outreach Group. *All are welcome to attend and pray for Unity and Justice in our world.*

#### THE PARISH OFFICE

Will re-open on  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023  
at 9.00am.

#### A PRAYER FOR OUR EARTH

All powerful God you are present in the universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love that we may protect life and beauty  
Fill us with your peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.  
O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.  
Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day,  
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle, for justice, love and peace.

#### NEW YEAR REFLECTION

When was the last time someone told you they loved you, that you meant the world to them?  
And when was the last time you said that to someone else? And really, really meant it?

Quite rightly, we treat such statements with caution, even reverence. We know intuitively how powerful they are. When someone we care for criticises us and mocks us, we are hurt and diminished. It is impossible to flourish when we are never affirmed. But when we are affirmed, we blossom. When we are loved, we become more fully human.

We see ourselves in a positive, flowing, wonderful light. We become who we really are, who we have been all along - the person God made and whom God loves. Affirmation is worlds away from flattery. Affirmation is a life-giving description of the truth.

**When we affirm, we give life; when we are affirmed, we truly live.**



#### 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

**Brian Lenehan, Lough Road**  
**Daire McMahon, Gilpin's Mews**  
**Ann Clarke (née McColgan), Dorset**

#### MONTHS MINDS AND ANNIVERSARIES

#### SATURDAY 31 DECEMBER NEW YEAR'S EVE (VIGIL MASS 7.00pm)

Austin McAreavey, Victoria Street  
Alice McCorry, Edward Street  
Pearse Kearney, Glenholme Park  
Cynthia O'Callaghan (née McCaughley),  
Dundalk/Silverwood

#### SUNDAY 1 JANUARY 2023 NEW YEAR'S DAY 9.00AM MASS

No Anniversaries

#### SUNDAY 1 JANUARY 10.30AM MASS NEW YEAR'S DAY

**John Compston (MM), Kiln Lodge**  
William Black, Portadown  
Lelia Brady, Beechcourt  
Eddie Hand, Wellington Street  
Lelia Finnegan, Conor Park

#### MONDAY 2 JANUARY 10.30AM

Eugene Lavery, Kilwarlin  
Kevin McAlinden, Oakfield Terrace  
Kieran Crossey, Derrymacash  
William John McConville, Mary Street

#### TUESDAY 3 JANUARY 10.30AM

Joan McCann, Ulster Street  
Rose Ann and John McKerr, Grattan Street  
Frank Kelly, Ashdene Park  
Edith Marsden, Francis Street  
Sarah Gallagher, Toomebridge  
Ann O'Hanlon, Taghnevan

#### WEDNESDAY 4 JANUARY 10.30AM

Angela Lavery, Killough Gardens  
Robert Heaney  
Patrick Quinn, Stonebridge

#### THURSDAY 5 JANUARY 10.30AM

Vera Toman, Elmwood Terrace  
Liam Thornbury, Brett Drive  
Alice Hatchell, Silverwood Drive  
Thomas McCann, Silverwood Drive  
Eileen Loughran, Shankill Street  
James (Jimmy) Watterson  
Lagan Valley Care Home, Moira

#### FRIDAY 6 JANUARY 10.30AM

Patsy Magee, Hawthorne Avenue  
Kathleen Ranaghan, Killough, Co Down  
Elizabeth and Charles Thornbury, Brown Street  
Peter Loughran, Shankill Street  
Pat and Joyce Toman, Luton/Bleary  
Al Jordan, Taghnevan

#### SATURDAY 7 JANUARY 10.30AM

John Creaney, Thornleigh  
Danny McIntyre, Silverwood

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD!

**PRAYER FOR DECEASED RELATIVES AND FRIENDS.  
ALMIGHTY FATHER, SOURCE OF FORGIVENESS AND  
SALVATION, GRANT THAT OUR RELATIVES AND  
FRIENDS WHO HAVE PASSED FROM THIS LIFE MAY,  
THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF THE BLESSED  
VIRGIN MARY AND OF ALL THE SAINTS, COME TO  
SHARE YOUR ETERNAL HAPPINESS THROUGH  
CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN!**