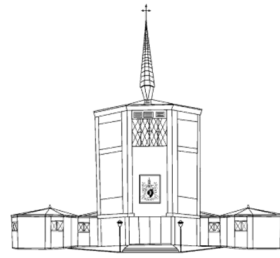


SAINT PAUL'S PARISH, SHANKILL



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.

OUR PARISH CLERGY
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

20 DECEMBER 2020

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
Parish Secretary – Patricia McCann
Telephone: (028) 3832 1289
Email: office@stpaulsparishlurgan.org

Office Hours
Monday to Friday 9.00am to 12.30pm

Please telephone or email the Parish Office to let us know of anniversaries or alternatively post them through the office letterbox **before 12.30pm each Wednesday.**



Visit the crib
Picture the Holy Family on that first Christmas night. Say a prayer of thanks for the gift of life and family and friendship



TRÓCAIRE CHRISTMAS GLOBAL GIFT

Give some hope for a better world this Christmas with a Trócaire Gift of Love. There are a range of cards to choose from.

Cards available from the Parish Office.

This year more than ever with the pandemic, something as simple as a soap can save a life.

Thank You



St Paul's Parish Christmas Mass Bouquets

The Parish Christmas is now available for sale for £3.

24-hour number for all sick calls and emergencies
Tel: (028) 3832 3161

Parish web: www.lurganparish.com
Facebook: @lurganparish

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 and Parish Sacristan
Ms Fionnuala Hamill. Tel. 028 3832 1289



CHRISTMAS CAROLS FROM ST PAUL'S

Please join us on **Sunday 20th December at 7.00pm** via the parish webcam
<https://www.lurganparish.com/stpauls-webcam> for a virtual Carol Service.
The evening will feature readings and reflections with carols sung by individual members of St Paul's choir.

Please Note MASS TIMES for CHRISTMAS WEEK
Monday 28th December to Saturday 2nd January 10.30am

Father Maginn's Christmas Card Poems and Prayers for the 12 Days of Christmas £2

All proceeds to Moyraverty St Vincent De Paul Annual Christmas Appeal

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE:

A Warm Welcome to St Paul's for daily and weekend Masses.

Masses can also be viewed on the Parish webcam
On: <https://www.lurganparish.com/stpauls-webcam/> at 10.00am each weekday morning and at 10.30am on Saturday morning. Sunday Masses will be at 7.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass and 9.00am and 10.30am Sunday morning.

The Archbishop has extended the dispensation from attending Sunday Mass at this time and attendance at a weekday Mass will fulfil the Sunday obligation. Therefore, if possible, think of attending a weekday Mass. This would greatly reduce the expected congregation at Sunday Mass.

The Candle Room and toilet facilities will remain closed at this time.

The Parish Offices is open to all visitors.

Offertory envelopes and donations can be dropped into the box in the Chapel. They can also be left into the sacristy with Fionnuala, at Father Colum's house and dropped through the Parish Office letterbox. The letterbox boxes will be emptied frequently.

The Adoration Chapel will be open for Private Prayer only each day from 10.00am until 7.00pm, with social distancing being observed in the Chapel. The Chapel will be sanitised each day.

To answer any queries you may have, you are most welcome to contact the parish office at (028) 3832 1289 or Father Colum at (028) 3832 7173.

Follow us on Facebook @lurganparish for the latest updates.

Most of all **STAY SAFE, PRAY with us and BE NOT AFRAID**



CHRISTMAS 2020 IN THE LURGAN PARISHES

Sadly, this Christmas will be very different from all the other Christmases that we have experienced and celebrated. Covid has cast a long shadow over all our activities since just before St Patrick's Day back in March. Just as our secular activities have been curtailed so also have our religious practices. Last Christmas we remember that about 2,500 parishioners came out to Mass on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day in St Peter's and 2,000 parishioners in St Paul's.

With social distancing in place there is just no way that we could accommodate such numbers. In fact, we could safely only accommodate a small percentage of that number. Consequently, the Vigil Masses and the Christmas Day Masses this year will unfortunately have no parishioners present in person. The Masses will be transmitted via the webcam and the parish radio. Our parishioners are now well used to our Masses being transmitted through these media. This happened during the first lockdown back in the Spring and early Summer. It even happened on the last two Sundays - the first & second Sundays of Advent. Our Novenas on Monday evenings in St Paul's, concluding on the 30th November and Tuesday evenings concluding on the 1st December in St Peter's, also went out virtually. This is far from ideal given that receiving Holy Communion at Mass is accepting the Body of Christ sacramentally. Sadly, this just is not possible in Lurgan on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day this year. Of course, people may come to Mass (numbers permitting) on the 24th morning, Christmas Eve, the 26th morning and the evening of the 26th and the morning of the 27th, the Feast Day of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph and all successive days. Both St Peter's & St Paul's Churches will remain open on Christmas Day from 1.00-6.00pm for private prayer. These issues have been discussed with both Parish Pastoral Councils and they are in total agreement.

Another innovation this year, is that the crib will be downscaled and placed in front of the altar so it will be visible on the webcam. We ask parents/guardians and wider family circles to please ensure their homes are prepared for the Christmas Masses and their families are gathered around the tablet/computer/television. It is a lovely thought that hundreds of homes in our parish will be gathered in prayer with the priests and deacon in both churches. Pope Paul VI back in the sixties and seventies often talked about the domestic church. We are proud to think that all domestic churches in Lurgan will be gathered together in prayer as we once again celebrate the momentous event of God's only Son being born from the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

All Masses will be broadcast via the webcam www.lurganparish.com and parish radio at the following times:

St Peter's

Christmas Eve: 6pm, 9pm (po polsku)
Christmas Day: 8am, 10am (po polsku) and 12 Noon

St Paul's

Christmas Eve: 7pm
Christmas Day: 9am and 10.30am

HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ONE AND ALL. GOD BLESS

Canon Liam Stevenson P.P.
Fr Colum Wright C.C.
Fr Jozef Wozniak S.Chr
Deacon Kevin Devine.

Parish APP

We are excited to announce the launch of our new Parish App. We would encourage you and your family, here in Lurgan and across the world, to download it on to your phones. This will enable you to obtain real-time updates and notifications about our parishes, access the webcam and obtain full details about the Parish. More details to follow in next week's bulletin.



ADORATION CHAPEL
Edward Street
Private Prayer only
Adoration 9am - 7pm

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 13 December - £1,159.17
On-line Donations June - September £2,104.19

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

Please Note! Anniversaries and Month's Mind notices that occur up to 9th January 2021 to be left in the Parish Office before 12 Noon on Tuesday 22nd December 2020. Thank You



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

Dermot McGeown, Island View, Kinnego
Mary Greene, Carrigart
Brian Griffin, Cheshire Mews
Tony McGlone, Cavan formerly Innisfail Walk, Taghnevan

May they rest in Peace

PARISH ANNIVERSARIES

SATURDAY 19 DECEMBER (Vigil Mass)
Leonard Magill, Carrickvale Avenue
Tommy Dummigan, Sloan Street

SUNDAY 20 DECEMBER 9.00AM MASS
Kathleen Hanratty, Ashwood

SUNDAY 20 DECEMBER 10.30AM MASS
Harry and Elizabeth O'Neill, Byrnes Rampart
Bob and Bridie McEvoy, Ennis Close

MONDAY 21 DECEMBER
Angela Jordan, Cypress Gardens
Eleanor Adams, Downshire Avenue
Bernadette Conway, Hawthorne Avenue
Jean English (née Magee), Leeds formerly Shankill Street

TUESDAY 22 DECEMBER

Ethel Ranaghan, Killough, Co Down
Kevin and Doris Toman, Desmond Avenue
Joe Mitchell, Brown Street
Sarah McMahon, Oakfield Terrace
Leonard Magill, Carrickvale Avenue
Lillian Starkey, Grattan Street
Vera and Billy Jordan, Portadown

WEDNESDAY 23 DECEMBER

Rose Cassidy (MM), Glenholme Park
Jim O'Hagan, Francis Street
Jim Martin, Oakridge
Bernadette Heaney
Patrick McKerr, Shankill
Jimmy and Nora Moore, Teghnavan
Mary Ann and Hugh Magee, Silverwood
Charles McCluskey, Derryveen
Mary Lyness, Cypress Gardens

THURSDAY 24 DECEMBER 10.00AM MASS
Nuala Moran (MM), Richmount Gardens
Willie Toland, Church Walk
Gerald Mallon, Richmount Gardens

THURSDAY 24 DECEMBER (VIGIL MASS) CHRISTMAS EVE

Elizabeth May, Francis Street
Rebecca Lavery, Kilwarlin

FRIDAY 25 DECEMBER CHRISTMAS MORNING 9:00AM

Maggie Creaney Manor Drive
Lynch Family, Edward Street
Haddock Family, Kilwilkie
Frank McKeever, Hacknahay, Portadown

FRIDAY 25 DECEMBER CHRISTMAS MORNING 10.30

Maureen O'Neill, Ailsbury Gardens
Sheila Doyle (née Lavery), Silverwood
Patrick McDonald, Killough Gardens
Peter and Margaret Curran
Sean McParland, Richmount Gardens

SATURDAY 26 DECEMBER 10.30AM MASS

Canon Cathal Jordan, Derrymacash
Lily Hatchell, Wheatfield Drive
Lilian Burns, Wellington Street
Olive Wilson, Lurgan
Joe Burns, Arthur Street
Margaret (Peggy) Martin, Filbin Crescent
Eternal Rest Grant unto them, O Lord!