

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 talent are most welcome. May God bless all of us.

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SUNDAY 24TH MAY 2020
ASCENSION SUNDAY



ST PAUL'S PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday

Vigil 7:00pm (Saturday);
 9:00am, 10:30am and 12:00noon.

Weekdays

Monday to Friday: 10:00am

Saturday: 10:30am

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

While public worship is suspended, please phone parish office to make appointment with a priest.

Saint Paul's Parish Office

Parish Secretary – Ms Patricia McCann
(028) 3832 1289
office@stpaulsparishlurgan.com

Office Hours

Monday–Tuesday & Thursday–Friday
 9:00am–12:30pm
Wednesday 1:00pm – 4:30pm



ST PETER'S PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday

Vigil 6:00pm (Saturday);
 8:00am, 10:00am,
 11:00am (po polsku) and 12:15pm.

Weekdays

Monday to Friday: 8:00am
Monday and Wednesday: 10:30am
Tuesday and Friday: 7:00pm
Saturday: 9:30am

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

While public worship is suspended, please phone parish office to make appointment with a priest.

Saint Peter's Parish Office

Parish Secretary – Mrs Marie Brady
(028) 3832 3161
office@stpetersparishlurgan.com

Office Hours

Monday 10:00am – 1:00pm and
 1:45pm – 4.00pm
Tuesday–Thursday 9.00am – 1.00pm
 and 1:45pm – 4.00 pm
Friday 9.00am–1.00pm
 and 1:30pm – 2:30pm

OFFERTORY PROMISE: AVAILABLE ONLINE

New offertory envelopes will be available as soon as it is safe and legitimate to leave home. However, is this 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 to those who have signed up already, and our appreciation to all for your support and generosity at this demanding time.

**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

ROSARY DURING MONTH OF MAY

Pope Francis has issued a short letter to all Catholics on devotion to Our Lady during May, particularly through the rosary. He invites us to add two prayers at the end of the rosary during May. Here is the shorter of the two for your own use:

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus' suffering, and persevered in your faith.

'Protectress of the Roman people', you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us. For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We fly to your protection, O holy Mother of God;
 Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

For the full letter, just search 'Pope's May letter' online.

Rosary is said in our churches after the 8am Mass in St Peter's Sunday to Friday and the 9:30am Mass on Saturdays, and in St Paul's after the 9am Mass on Sundays, 10am Mass Monday to Friday, and the 10:30am Mass on Saturdays.

COVID 19 – COUPLES AND 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 RELATIONSHIP COUNSELLOR during this time.

Speak in confidence to an Accord counsellor on (028) 9568 0151 between 9.00 am – 8.00pm Monday to Friday.
 All calls charged at local rate.

COVID-19 UPDATE

As of last Friday, our church doors are open again for parishioners to visit for *solitary* prayer. No group prayer or activities are permitted, but the peace and tranquillity of time alone with the Lord are an oasis at the present time.

We have put in place the necessary sanitary measures to make it safe for everyone, and ask the public to observe some simple measures in the churches to limit the spread of Covid-19 during your visit.

- * *Follow the one-way route while moving around the church as indicated*
- * *Keep a distance of 2 metres (6 feet) from other people who are not part of your household, including when seated in pews.*
- * *Use sanitiser and wipes provided where indicated.*
- * *Do not touch any surfaces unnecessarily.*

Those who are at increased risk from the virus and/or have been advised to shield themselves are also strongly advised to remain at home.

Opening times are as follows:

St Peter's and St Paul's: 11:00am–6:00pm Monday–Saturday
Adoration Chapel, Edward Street: 12noon–6:00pm daily
St Patrick's and St Ronan's Magheralin: 9.30am – 6.00pm daily
St Colman's Kilwarlin: 9.00am – 7.00pm daily
St Anthony's, Moyraverty: 11:00am–5:30pm daily
St Mary's, Derrytrasna: 9:30am–4:00pm daily
St Patrick's, Derrymacash: 10:00am–8:00pm daily
St John's, Lylo: remains closed.

Masses, except for funerals, remain closed to the public and may be viewed on the webcams where available.

Thank you for your patience and co-operation...and welcome back.

PRAYERFUL SUPPORT

As parishioners may be aware, Father John Byrne, PP in Moyraverty and Seagoe, has recently received a serious diagnosis requiring sick leave from his ministry in those parishes. He is currently receiving the care and treatment he requires, and together we keep him in our prayers at this challenging time.

Archbishop Martin has asked Fr Brian Fitzpatrick to assist with Fr Byrne's work in Moyraverty and Seagoe, therefore most of Fr Brian's time will be devoted there for now.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

With the churches and Adoration Chapel open once again for solitary prayer, weekday exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St Peter's and St Paul's has come to an end. Personal visits to Jesus in the Eucharist are now possible again.

BULLETINS

Now that churches are open again, this is the last bulletin that will be distributed through the shops. Sincere thanks to all the proprietors concerned for helping us during the lockdown.

Please call into St Peter's or St Paul's for your bulletins once again and remember to take copies for your housebound relatives and neighbours. They are also always available online at lurganparish.com.

LIFELINE CRISIS

Is a response helpline service for people who are experiencing distress or despair.

Tel **FREE** on 0808 808 8000

TRÓCAIRE

Every year Trócaire asks for our help during Lent to fund lifesaving programmes around the world. This year, of course, it has not been possible to return Trócaire boxes in the usual way. This is the worst possible timing coming just as the world's poorest people need us most. There is urgent need for your Lenten donations which you may still have at home, so please return them by Pentecost, 31 May, if possible, in the following ways:

1. Online at www.trocaire.org
2. By freephone: **0800 912 1200**
3. By post to **Trócaire, 10 King Street, Belfast, BT1 6AD**
4. Through the parish office letterbox in an envelope. *(Please do not leave boxes unattended at the back of the church.)*

The contents of each and every Trócaire box, no matter how small, come together to make a significant difference. This virus knows no borders, but neither does our compassion.



REMEMBER THEM, O LORD

As parishioners we offer our sincere sympathy, prayers and support to the family members of those who have died recently:

Nicola (Nicky) McGuigan, Craigavon
 Sean McMorro, Ashwood
 Brian Scullion, Banbridge/Derrymacash
 Eamon Toland, Stevenson Park

May they rest in peace

PARISH ANNIVERSARIES

We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur this coming week:

SATURDAY 23 MAY (VIGIL Mass)

Yvonne Brankin, Portadown

SUNDAY 24 MAY – 9am Mass

John Lennon, Church Walk
 Mary Starkey, Grattan Street

SUNDAY 24 MAY – 10.30 Mass

Peter Corey, Knockrammer Meadows
 Peter McAtasney, Oakridge

SUNDAY 24 MAY – 12 Noon Mass

Gerry Murray, Ailsbury Park

MONDAY 25 MAY

Phil Mallon, Brett Avenue

TUESDAY 26 MAY

James (Jimmy) Smyth (Senior),
 Old Portadown Road
 Frank and Stephen Derby, Brown Street
 Bridie Mallon, Richmount Gardens

WEDNESDAY 27 MAY

Feargal McConville, Oakridge
 Philomena Magee, Manor Drive
 (formerly Arthur Street)

THURSDAY 28 MAY

Rosie Toal, Prospect May
 Mary Murphy, Belfast
 Maureen Rodgers, The Grange

FRIDAY 29 MAY

Owen Lavery, Thornleigh
 Aidan Cunningham, Crossmaglen
 Owen McConville, Oakridge

SATURDAY 30 MAY - 10.30am Mass

Peter Lavery, Edward Street

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

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 KEEP SAFE!**

FOOD BANK

The Food Bank in St Paul's is open again for donations. Items may be left at the parish office **Monday – Friday, 11.00am – 12.15pm**
Thank you for your continued support