

# SAINT PAUL'S PARISH, SHANKILL

Fionnuala  
wishes to thank  
everyone for all



THIRTY NINTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

25 OCTOBER 2020

## 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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### 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](mailto: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.**

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are now available with appropriate safeguarding and social distancing in St Peter's sacristy every Wednesday from 6:00-7:00pm.

#### Parish Notice

If you are an older person and would like someone to talk to, particularly since Covid-19, consider phoning Senior Line. We are Ireland's national confidential service for older people. We are open every day of the year from 10am-10pm. We are older people too, trained to listen and support. We would love to hear from you.  
Freefone 1800 80 45 91

**HOLY HOUR**, Parishioners are invited to join us here in St Paul's Church from 7.00pm to 8.00pm each Monday night.

**FOOD BANK** here at St Paul's is open and items may be left at the Parish Office; Monday to Friday 11.am-12.15pm.

*Thank You!*



### ST PETER'S PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

#### Sunday

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

#### Weekdays

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

#### Saint Peter's Parish Office

Parish Secretary – Mrs Marie Brady

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#### 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



Fionnuala would like to thank everyone for all

their good wishes during her recent illness. Those who prayed for her, sent cards, left items at her door, she has been really touched by the kindness of people. Fionnuala continues to improve.

Saint Paul's extends a warm welcome to parishioners to attend our Weekday and Sunday Masses. At this present time, we have the capacity to accommodate 80 people within our Church. In the event of over-capacity, parishioners can, if the so wish, remain outside and come into the Church to receive the Blessed Sacrament.

Please continue to observe all the safety measures we have already been practicing in St Paul's since the outbreak of this pandemic.

Thank you for your continued cooperation during these difficult times.

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

Parish web: [www.lurganparish.com](http://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

ADORATION CHAPEL Edward Street  
Adoration 9am – 7pm

#### RECEIVING THE EUCHARIST

During the month of November, in order to facilitate parishioners and visitors who for various reasons are unable to attend Mass at the normal times, the Eucharist will be distributed on Sundays here in Saint Paul's Church from 4.00p.m. to 6.00p.m. You are most welcome to come along during that time to receive Holy Communion. After that you are simply invited to take some time to say your own private prayer of thanksgiving before leaving.

#### NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPUTAL HELP

The Novena in St Paul's continues with prayers being said at the 10.00am Mass and during the Holy Hour each Monday.

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The Novena in St Peter's continues each Tuesday with Novena prayers being recited at the 8.00am and 7.00pm Masses.

Unfortunately, this year, due to the current restrictions on numbers in the Church the Novena will be celebrated virtually at the Holy Hour in St Paul's and virtually at the 7.00pm Mass in St Peter's and available on the parish website and parish radio.

*Thank you for your continued understanding during these difficult times.*

#### SVP

In the 12 months to December 2019, SVP Lurgan has allocated £64,788 to support those in our community who needed emergency help and none of it would be possible without you. Thank you for standing by your community. If you wish to donate to SVP Lurgan online please use this link: <https://www.svp.ie/what-we-do/shops/vincent-s-lurgan.aspx> or use the boxes outside church.

#### FUNERAL MASSES AND LITURGIES

From earliest times, our Church has honoured the dead and their memory with great respect. In the midst of this COVID-19 crisis we must never overlook families whose loved ones have died recently from other illnesses or in tragic circumstances. Like the relatives of the victims of COVID-19 they too have been unable to engage fully in the customary rituals that normally mark the death of a loved one. Restrictions have impacted our wakes, the gatherings of extended family and friends who can attend a funeral, and in some cases only a committal service attended by a small of mourners has been possible. We acknowledge the pain and hurt that families have endured, and we assure them of the consolation our prayer and our sympathy. As Saint Paul wrote to the Romans: "Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ".

Since the beginning of this pandemic we have rightly marked the personal sacrifices of our health workers, carers and many others who provide our essential services. We also recognise the dedication and service of priests, religious and lay people who selflessly reach out as hospital chaplains or in other parish ministry. Their pastoral care is bringing comfort and healing to those who are anxious because of a relative's illness or who are feeling the loss and pain of bereavement. Their commitment and dedication too is also greatly appreciated.

This pandemic, unfortunately, has not gone away and may likely be with us for the foreseeable future. In difficult times of the past our ancestors looked to their faith in Christ for light in the darkness, for hope against despair. We do so again, confident that Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life, and that God brings comfort to those who are anxious, healing to the sick and eternal rest and peace to the dead.

Current health protection regulations here in the north of Ireland have been made in response to the serious threat to public health which is posed by the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). The regulations are intended to protect us, protect other people, reduce the spread of infection, and please God; finally bring the epidemic to an end. The current rules on how many people can attend a Funeral Mass or Liturgy state that a maximum of 25 people are permitted. We ask those attending the Church to wear a face mask or covering at all times. Procedures at present also state that there can't be any gatherings before or after a funeral.

**We sincerely apologize and understand that these restrictions will naturally bring about much sadness and hurt for those who are in mourning and who are preparing for the Funeral of a loved one, but are also very aware that they are legally enforceable. Overarching guidance on regulations and public health advice is available on the Department of Health website.**

**SVP Gift and Food Appeal** This year has been a most unusual year and one of great difficulty for a lot of households, so we hope to help as many families as we can with Christmas hampers and toys. We cannot put up notices, or a Giving Tree in the churches this year because of the safety regulations to keep the COVID - 19 virus at bay. So we are doing it virtually. From the **Giving Tree** we are asking for gift vouchers, toys and gifts for the children and adults. You do not have to wrap the gifts as it will be easier to identify the age group and gender of the persons for whom the gifts are intended. The age group that we find it most difficult to give to are boys and girls between the ages of 9 years and 15 years. Gift vouchers from the Rushmere Shopping Centre or Sports Shops are very helpful.

We are also collecting food items to make hampers. During the month of November we will collect these from the Churches as we did other years. We would like to have these collections completed by **the week of 13th December** so we can be sure we have enough of the needed items and gifts.

As always we so appreciate your generosity and support. We pray for you each time we meet. May you be blessed.



#### 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

Liam Henderson, Levin Road  
Mary Curran, (née McKenna), New Street

#### PARISH ANNIVERSARIES

**SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER (Vigil Mass)**  
Sean and Paddy Toman, Elmwood Terrace  
Denie Armstrong, Church Walk

#### SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER – 9am Mass

Kathleen Kerr, North Street  
Paddy McAlinden, New Street

#### SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER – 10.30 Mass

Agatha Haughian, Monbrief Walk  
Kathleen O'Hara, Oakridge  
Mary Rogers, Drumbeg North  
Margaret Atkinson, Ennis Close  
Delia Cafolla, Portadown Road

#### MONDAY 26 OCTOBER

Paddy Kerr, Brookvale Walk  
Eileen Skelton, Derrytrasna

#### TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER

James McGowan  
Charles Lavery, Manor Drive

#### WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER

Gerard and Rory Cairns, Bleary  
Mollie McIntyre, Edward Street  
Kieran Scullion, Kiln Lane

#### THURSDAY 29 OCTOBER

William Joseph (Joe) Greene, Upper Bleary

#### FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER

Margaret McAvoy, Thornleigh  
Christine Withers, Cafolla Gardens  
Phil McStravick, Aghagallon

#### SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER - 10.30am Mass

Bernard McQuillan, Ashgrove Gardens  
Eleanor McKerr, Avondale Green  
Joe and Annie Monteith, Mary Street  
Sean McConville, Shankill Street  
Father Jim Larkin, Prince Edward Island,  
Canada

*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!*