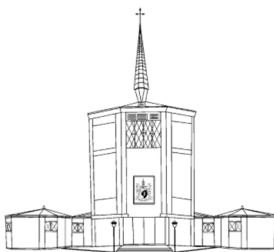


SAINT PAUL'S PARISH, SHANKILL

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.



SUNDAY 29 JANUARY 2023

**FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**



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

Telephone: (028) 3832 1289
Email:

stpaulsparishlurgan@dromorediocese.org

Office Hours

Monday to Friday 9.00am to 12.30pm

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.

FOOD BANK

The door to the parish office area will be open daily from **9am until 12 Noon** Monday to Friday for non-perishable food and essential non-food items such as toiletries and hygiene products to be dropped off.

We are indebted to our volunteers & to everyone who have donated items to us.

LIFELINE CRISIS

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

BETTER TOGETHER GROUP

Next meeting 5th February [2023.in](#) the Hub Brownlow Road Craigavon.
From 3pm -5.30pm
Everyone welcome
Music with our fantastic 6 piece Band.
Make new Friends and catch up with old friends.
Afternoon tea served.
For further information:
Contact Colette 07470198180
Rose 07788965643

OUR PARISH CLERGY

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Telephone: (028) 38323161
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66-70 North Street
Lurgan BT67 9AH

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St Paul's Presbytery
54 Francis Street,
Lurgan BT66 6DL
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Our Parish Deacon: Rev Kevin Devine (028) 3832 3161
Email: deaconkevin628@gmail.com



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

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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**



BAPTISMS

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

Naoise May Maguire
Odin James Hughes
Sophie Sarah Martin
Saoirse Lily Owens
Eóghan Joseph Peadar McAreavey

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.

LURGAN HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

Every Thursday at 7.30pm
in St Peter's Parish Hall
All welcome

**24-HOUR NUMBER FOR ALL
SICK CALLS AND
EMERGENCIES
TEL: (028) 3832 3161**

Parish web: www.lurganparish.com
Facebook: @lurganparish
Parish App: Parish365
Download App Store or Google Play

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.**
Telephone: 07563 293429

FEAST DAYS DURING THIS WEEK

Sunday 22nd January 2023 - The Beatitudes are in the life of Jesus himself and in turn they tell his followers what make for true happiness. Blessed are they who are poor in spirit, gentle, hungry and thirsty for justice, merciful, pure in heart, peacemaking, suffering for Christ.

Monday 30th January 2023 - **St Aidan, Bishop** was born around 550 probably in Co Cavan. Aidan studied under David in Wales and on his return he founded a monastery at Ferns. He became bishop there and was renowned for his generosity and kindness. He died in 626 and his life testifies to his popularity both in Cavan and Ferns.

Tuesday 31st January - **St John Bosco, Priest** - Born in Piedmont 1815-88, founded the Salesians to educate boys for life. He also became involved in publishing catechetical material for youth. He is a patron saint of youth and of Catholic publishers.

Wednesday 1st February - **St Brigid, Abbess, Secondary Patron of Ireland** - Born in 454 she was renowned for her hospitality, almsgiving and care of the sick. When she was young her father wished to make a very suitable marriage for her but she insisted in consecrating her virginity to God. The St Brigid's Cross, in legend used by Brigid to explain the Christian faith, remains a popular sign of God's protection.

Thursday 2nd February - **The Presentation of the Lord** - this feast is a remembrance of the Lord and Mary, mother of the Lord. With candles in their hands, the people go out to meet the Lord and to acclaim him like Simeon, who recognized Christ as 'a light to reveal God to the nations'.

Friday 3rd February - **St Blaise, Bishop and Martyr and St Ansgar, Bishop:** St Blaise died 315, bishop of Sebaste, martyred in Armenia. Tradition states that he was a physician before becoming a bishop. Since the eight century he has been venerated as patron of those who suffer from disease of the throat. **St Ansgar**, a Frenchman who became Archbishop of Hamburg in the ninth century and preached the gospel in Denmark and Sweden. Apostle of Scandinavia, Patron of Denmark.

Saturday 4th February - **Blessed Virgin Mary.** Jesus took pity on the crowd for they were like sheep without a shepherd. May the good shepherd make us always read to do God's will in every kind of good action.

DROMORE DIOCESAN LOURDES 50TH JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE 2023

The Dromore diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 17 May - 22 May 2023.
The cost is £750.00 per person which covers general insurance cover (to include Covid 19), transport to/from airports, full board accommodation, a programme of ceremonies in Lourdes, assistance of travel agent representatives in Lourdes.
Unfortunately, due to the pandemic we will not be able to offer hospital accommodation for the sick.
Please contact **Enda Brady** on 0791 871 7167 before **Friday 10 February 2023** to book.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

ST BRIGID - **Feast Day 1 February**, was born Brigit, and shares a name with a Celtic goddess from whom many legends and folk customs are associated. A woman of peace, who brought harmony where there was conflict, brought light to the darkness and hope to the downcast.

The Knights of St Columbanus will be distributing St Brigid's Crosses after all the Masses this weekend at St Paul's and St Peter's Churches.
All donations greatly received. Many thanks

CANDLEMAS DAY, Feast Day 2 February, also known as the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus Christ, the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the Feast of the Holy Encounter, Candlemas is so called because the church's candles are blessed for the year.

'Parishioners wishing to have candles blessed are asked to leave them into the Sacristy before the 10.00a.m. Mass where they will be blessed.'

ST BLAISE Feast day 3 February, is the patron of throat diseases. A bishop of the fourth century, legend tells us that he was persecuted for the faith. May Almighty God, through the prayers of St Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, bless us and protect us from sickness of the throat and from every other evil.
'Blessing of throats will take place after the 10.00a.m Mass'

NI CANCER PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES SUNDAY 28 MAY TO FRIDAY 2 JUNE '23

The price of £799 (with price reduction for Cancer Patients) will include: Full board, travel and accommodation at the Hotel Agena for five nights. The group will consist of patients, ex-patients, relatives and friends accompanied by medical, nursing and other staff.

To enquire or to obtain a booking form please speak to a member of the committee on Tel. 0787 468 8388 or email mail@nicancerpilgrimage.org.uk

FAIR IS FAIR

Story number one - *Christian Herter was running for re-election as governor of the State of Massachusetts. One evening during his campaign he arrived late at a barbecue. The whole morning and afternoon had been hectic with shaking hands, begging for votes and making political promises. Unfortunately, Mr Herter hadn't had a chance to eat that day, and by now he was totally famished. As he moved along the serving line, he held out his plate and received one piece of chicken. The governor looked down at his plate and said to the serving lady, 'Pardon me, but would you mind if I have another piece of chicken? I'm very hungry.' The woman replied, 'I'm sorry sir, we have only so much food to go around, and I'm only supposed to give one piece of chicken to each person.' Herter repeated, 'But I'm starving, and I haven't had a chance to eat all day with the campaign being so busy.' Again, the woman said, 'I'm sorry sir. Only one piece of chicken per customer.'*

Now Herter was normally a modest man, but decided that this was definitely the time to use the weight of his office. 'Madam,' he said, 'Do you know who I am? I am the governor of the state of Massachusetts.' The woman looked blandly into his face, and as she held her serving tongs in her hand she said, 'And do you know who I am? I'm the lady in charge of the chicken! Now move along mister!'

While it must be nice to be important, it's so much more important to be nice, to be fair-minded and to practice equality at all times!

Story number two - *In a certain town a local bank tried to help married students with their financial problems. As it was a university town, they hired as many male students wives as they possible could. However, a problem arose for the bank officials when some of the students' wives became pregnant, and they stayed on the job longer than the bank officials would have preferred. Eventually the bank adopted a ridiculous rule that required pregnant women periodically to stand against a certain wall, and when the time came that any part of their anatomy touched the opposite wall, they would have to leave their jobs.*

One of the women was so incensed at this indignity that she went to the national Labour Relations Board and claimed unfair discriminatory tactics. The Board agreed with her and ruled that this same test would have to be applied equally to all employees.



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

Brendan McGeown, Antrim Road
Kevin McAlinden, Pier Rampart, Derrytrasna

MONTHS MINDS AND ANNIVERSARIES

SATURDAY 28 JANUARY 2023 (VIGIL MASS

Sinead Heaney (MM), Cypress Gardens
Pope Benedict XVI (MM)

Margaret Sweeney, (née Gilmore), Prospect Way

SUNDAY 29 JANUARY 2023 9.00AM MASS

Gerry Canavan, formerly Manor Drive

SUNDAY 29 JANUARY 10.30AM MASS

Michael Locke (MM), Garland Heights

Mary Elizabeth Coleman, Waring Street

Harry and Josie McGarry, Manor Park

Frank McCann, Sperrin Drive

MONDAY 30 JANUARY 10.00AM

Bobby Maye, Silverwood Drive

Michael Breen, Loughview Terrace, Derrytrasna

Eamon McAvoy (Junior), England

Liam Magill, Mary Street

Paul Moran, Lisburn

TUESDAY 31 JANUARY 10.00AM

Sean McKendry (MM), Taghnevan

Bobby May, Silverwood Drive

William McCrory, Shankill Street

Michelle McNally, Albert Avenue

Pat Smyth, Brown Street

Seamus Leatham, Portadown Road

Susan McDonald, Manor Park

WEDNESDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2023 10.00AM

Conor McGeough (MM), Collingwood

Arthur Creaney, Silverwood Drive

Michael Magee, Ashwood

THURSDAY 2 FEBRUARY 10.00AM

Alison Doyle, Kilwilkie

William Corey, Ashdene Park

John Conway, Silverwood

FRIDAY 3 FEBRUARY 10.00AM

Ronan Lavery, Donegal/Antrim Road

Rosaleen Magennis, Manor Park

John Murphy, Tannaghmore West

Alice News, Woodville Avenue

Teresa Conway, Cafolla Gardens

Elizabeth Magee, Cafolla Gardens

Geraldine McCarron, Taghnevan

John and May Campbell, Bleary

Geraldine McCarron, Richmount Gardens

Vera and Arthur McAlinden, Shankill Street

SATURDAY 4 FEBRUARY 10.30AM

Donal Kerr (Junior), Drumlin Drive

Gerard McCluskey, The Palms

Patricia McShane, Glenholme Park

Maureen Blevins, Drumlin Drive

Margaret Magee, Edward Street

Jerome McCaughley, Kilvergan Road

Brenda and Pamela Percy, James Street

SATURDAY 4 FEBRUARY VIGIL MASS 7.00PM

Eddie and Clara McCann, Edward Street

Patrick Martin, Prospect Way

**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD,
AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.**

AMEN.