



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.

ST. PAUL'S PARISH, SHANKILL

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
2 FEBRUARY 2020

Canon Liam Stevenson, PP
Fr. Jozef Wozniak, S.Chr
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Our Parish Deacon
(028) 3832 3161



SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH

OUR MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday

Vigil 7:00p.m. (Saturday)
9:00a.m., 10:30a.m. and 12:00noon.

Monday 10:00a.m.
Saturday: 10:30a.m.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation
Evening before First Fridays:
6:15 to 6:50p.m.

Saturdays:
11.00a.m. to 11:30a.m.
6:15p.m. to 6:50p.m.

Saint Paul's Parish Office
Parish Secretary – Patricia McCann
(028) 3832 1289

Office Hours
Monday, Tuesday
Thursday and Friday
9.30a.m. to 12.30a.m.
Wednesday 1.00p.m. to 4:30p.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please join us in the Adoration Chapel, Edward Street. 9.00am to 9.00pm



PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 26th January £2410.56
Many thanks for your huge generosity!

Please note that anyone wishing to arrange Anniversary Masses here in Saint Paul's Church; should now contact Fionnuala in the Sacristy before or after any Parish Mass. Anniversaries that are to be included in the following Sunday's bulletin must be registered before Wednesday at 1.00p.m.

2020 Parish Calendars are now available at the back of both Churches.

Please take one for your home, for those who are sick and housebound, and those who for their own personal reasons don't practice their faith in our parish Church on a weekly basis.



SAINT PETER'S CHURCH

OUR MASS SCHEDULE

Sundays:

Vigil 6:00p.m. (Saturday)
8:00a.m., 10:00a.m.,
11:00a.m. (po polsku) and 12:15p.m.

Monday to Friday: 8:00a.m.
Monday and Wednesday: 10:30a.m.
Tuesday and Friday: 7:00p.m.
Saturday: 9:30a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Friday: 6:15p.m. to 6:50p.m.
Saturday: 5:15p.m. to 5:50p.m.

Saint Peter's Parish Office
Parish Secretary – Marie Brady
(028) 3832 3161

Office Hours
Monday 10.00a.m. – 1.00p.m.
1:45p.m. – 4.00p.m.
Tuesday to Thursday
9.00a.m. to 1.00 p.m.
1:45 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.
Friday 9.00a.m. to 1.00p.m.
1:30p.m. to 2:30p.m.

BAPTISMS

With much joy we welcome
Kainan Henry of Drumlin Drive
Aiden Leonard Dalmeida of Geddis Avenue
Hallie Lelia Curran of Carrickvale Avenue,
Tess (Sarah) McKeag of Riverglade Manor
Ethan Paul Francis Martin
of Carrigart Crescent
into our parish community!
We offer our warmest congratulations, prayers and support to them and to the members of their families.

New Rotas for Ministers of the Word (Readers) are now available for collection from the Sacristy here at Saint Paul's Church.

Parishioners' wishing to donate items to the Food Bank at Saint Paul's Church are asked to leave them with Fionnuala in the Church Sacristy.

Parish Sacristan: Fionnuala Hamill

(028) 3832 1289

Parish Website: www.lurganparish.com

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

Ms Fionnuala Hamill. Tel. 028 3832 1289

** Emergency number for all sick calls

(weekends included) Tel: (028) 3832 3161 **

ARE YOU CONSIDERING MARRIAGE??

ACCORD MARRIAGE CARE, NEWRY invites you to a MASS OF COMMITMENT to be held in Newry Cathedral on SATURDAY 15th FEBRUARY at 6.00p.m. Please join us in seeking God's blessing for your future together...

SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP

Following last week's Sunday of the Word of God, there seems definite interest in getting together to learn more about Scripture. We aim to run a Bible Study and Prayer Group for 7 weeks in Saint Peter's on Monday mornings, beginning mid-February. If you are interested and would like to join, please telephone the parish office and leave your name. **More details next week.**

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE

PARISHES OF NORTHERN IRELAND
Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on 24 February - £399.00 per person sharing. Price includes return bus transfer to Knock, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with breakfast lunch and dinner (full board). All entertainment and excursions included. Lunches on days out. Wheelchair accessible rooms. Single room supplement £40.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

YOUTH PILGRIMAGES 2020!

Are you 18 to 30 years old? Might you be interested in joining a Diocesan pilgrimage to **Lourdes** (12th to 17th May) or the **Camino de Santiago, Spain**, for 18 to 35 year olds (19th – 25th July). An information meeting with regards to the Camino walk will be held on Sunday 9th of February at 2.00p.m. in Newry Parish Centre (the Mall - beside the First Trust Bank). **Choose your pilgrimage!** A great way to get to know likeminded people, to travel and to grow in faith in a new way. To secure your place forward a deposit of £200 to the Diocesan Youth Office, 39 - 41 Hill Street, Newry, BT341AT. Cheque payable to the Diocese of Dromore Trust - Youth. For more information e mail: dromorey@btconnect.com or telephone Frances 028 3083 3898.

OLD STYLE IRISH DANCING FOR ADULTS

Lurgan Town Hall - Beginners welcome.
2 levels each Wednesday.
Tel: 0778 873 0429
Facebook: stepwithanette

JETHRO CENTRE ACTIVITIES WALKING FOOTBALL FOR MEN

Every Tuesday morning 9.30a.m. to 10.30a.m.
Do something different in 2020, come along and give it a go.

FEAST DAYS 2020

Monday 3rd February – From being a healer of bodily ailments, **Saint Blaise** became a physician of souls, then retired for a time to a cavern where he remained in prayer. As Bishop of Sebastea, in historical Armenia (modern Sivas, Turkey) Blaise instructed his people as much by his example as by his words. According to the Acts, while Blaise was being taken into custody, a distraught mother, whose only child was choking on a fishbone, threw herself at his feet and implored his intercession. Touched at her grief, he offered up his prayers, and the child was cured. Consequently, Saint Blaise is invoked for protection against injuries and illnesses of the throat.

Monday 3rd February – Saint Ansgar was Archbishop of Hamburg-Bremen in the northern part of the Kingdom of the East Franks. Ansgar became known as the "Apostle of the North" and because of his travels the See of Hamburg received the missionary mandate to bring Christianity to Northern Europe.

Wednesday 5th February – Saint Agatha was born at Catania in Sicily, and was martyred in approximately 251. She is the Patron Saint of breast cancer patients, martyrs, wet nurses, bell-founders and bakers.

Thursday 6th February– Saints Paul Miki and Companions. Paulo Miki was born into a wealthy Japanese family. He joined the Jesuits and became a well-known and successful preacher gaining numerous converts. He preached his last sermon from the cross. Crucified alongside him were Joan Soan (de Gotó) and Santiago Kisai, also from the Society of Jesus; along with twenty-three other clergy and laity, all of whom were canonized by Pope Pius IX in 1862.

Friday 7th February – Saint Méel helped evangelize Ireland while supporting himself through manual labour. Patrick appointed Méel as one of the earliest Irish bishops and head of the Diocese of Ardagh. He accepted Saint Brigid of Kildare's profession as a nun, and served as her mentor while she was in Ardagh.

Saturday 8th February – Saint Jerome Emiliani was an Italian humanitarian, founder of the Somaschi Fathers. He was canonized in 1767 and is the Patron Saint of orphans.

Saturday 8th February - Saint Josephine Bakhita was kidnapped as a child and sold into slavery in Sudan and Italy. Once she asserted herself and refused to be enslaved, Josephine became a Canossian sister and dedicated her life to sharing her testament of deliverance from slavery and comforting the poor and suffering. She died in 1947 and was declared a Saint by Pope John Paul 11 in 2000. As Catholics, we believe in the dignity of every human life and vehemently oppose human trafficking and modern-day slavery as it contravenes basic human dignity.

As Pope Francis has stated: "Human trafficking is an open wound on the body of contemporary society, a scourge upon the body of Christ."

There are an estimated 40.3million victims of human trafficking worldwide. Every country in the world is affected by human trafficking. Migrants and refugees are particularly vulnerable.

Although sex trafficking remains a serious problem, foreign victims are more often found in situations of labour trafficking.

In addition to working to eradicate human trafficking, our nation should ensure that victims have the services and support they need to heal, find affordable housing, earn a living wage, and obtain self-sufficiency.

Today (the feast day of Saint Josephine Bakhita) is the World Day of Prayer, Reflection and Action Against Human Trafficking.

Tuesday 11th February is the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Mass will be celebrated in Saint Peter's at 7.00p.m. followed by a Candlelight Procession to the Grotto in Kilwilke. Candles will be available beforehand.

WALK THE CAMINO DE SANTIAGO FOR YOUR LOCAL HOSPICE.

The Southern Area Hospice is delighted to announce that they will be taking a group of walkers to complete this once in a lifetime expedition from 23rd to 30th May 2020. If you would like to join us on this journey please phone Amy in Fundraising on (028) 3025 1333 or email mckeowna@southernareahospiceservices.org for more information. If you can, try to come along to our information night in Hospice on Thursday 30th January at 7.00p.m.

MEDJUGORJE (FULL RELIGIOUS) PILGRIMAGE 2020

7-night package, departing from Belfast 23rd and returning 30th May. Air-conditioned accommodation with full breakfast and dinner included. Price: £589.00. For more information or for booking contact Kathy at 0773 434 5181 or Margie at 0773 866 3937.

HOSPITALITÉ OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES DIOCESE OF DROMORE '50TH JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE' 12TH MAY TO 17TH MAY 2020

If you are interested in travelling as a Pilgrim; please contact any member of the parish Lourdes Committee as soon as possible. The pilgrim fare will cost £660.00. Every Tuesday after the 10.00a.m. Mass a member of the Lourdes Committee will be in attendance to answer any queries parishioners" may have.

A Valentine's Day Céili and Old Time Dance will take place in The Mitchel's Hut, Derrymore, Aghagallon, BT67 0BP on Friday 14th February 2020 at 9.30p.m. The entrance fee is £5.00 which includes supper. Music by Raymond Loney as always! Come and share the love! Everyone is very welcome!

The Cross Community Befriending Group will meet today, Sunday 2nd February 2020 (and on the first Sunday of each month) at 3.00pm at Brownlow Community Hub to help combat loneliness for those who feel isolated at home due to illness, disability, bereavement, depression etc. Carers are also very welcome to come along. It's a great opportunity to meet new friends and catch up with old friends. Refreshments will of course be served, and there will be music with a live band. Transport is available if requested. Please phone any of the numbers below for further information: **Collette:** 0747 019 8180 **Michael:** 0787 605 7550 **Mary:** 0784 098 5576

'The Friendly Club' in Clan na Gael Community Hall (a social group for all of us older people who enjoy celebrating and making the most out of life) meets every Thursday from 10:30a.m. to 12:30p.m. £2.00 per week. Everyone welcome!

'Clan Na Gael Well-Being Committee' will host a 3-hour workshop about Dementia on Wednesday 12th February 2020 from 10.00a.m. to 1.00p.m. (light refreshments are included). The workshop is not specifically for carers or family members of dementia sufferers, but is open to everyone. It will be delivered by the Alzheimer's Society. Please note that early booking is essential.

Community Strength and Balance Classes will take place in Clan Na Gael Community Hall, Francis Street Lurgan from 26th February to 18th March - 10.00a.m. to 11.00a.m. (admission free).

Men Only 'Chi me' Classes will take place in Clan Na Gael Community Hall, Francis Street, Lurgan from 21st April to 12th May - 9:30a.m. to 10:30a.m. (admission will be free – pen the dates in your diary lads!!!). For more information about any of these events, or for bookings, please contact Eileen on 0772 517 9863



RECENTLY DECEASED

As parishioners' we offer our sincere sympathies, prayer and support the family members of:
James Baalam, formerly Beaumont Square
Hugh Doris, Aghagallon
Aidan McKeown, Blegary Road
Margaret McKerr (nee Galllowsy)
Mullangar, formerly Taghnevan
May they rest in Peace!

PARISH ANNIVERSARIES

SATURDAY 1ST FEBRUARY (Vigil Mass at 7.00pm)
Margaret Sweeney (nee Gilmore), Prospect Way
Aidan McConville, Glenholme Park
Margaret Burke, Garymore
SUNDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 9.00a.m.
William Corey, Ashdene Park
John & Mary Campbell, Blegary
John Conway, Silverwood
SUNDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 10.30a.m.
Alison Doyle, Kilwilkie Road
Catherine Downey, Belfast
William Downey, USA
SUNDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 12.00 noon
Patrick Martin, Prospect Way
Henry Dickson, Oakfield Terrace
Thomas Larkham, Manor Park
Amelia and Sean Woods, Derrynoose
MONDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 10.00a.m
Veronica and Arthur McAlinden, Shankill Street
Rosaleen Magennis, Manor Park
Teresa Conway, Cafolla Gardens
Elizabeth Magee, Shankill Street
John Murphy, Tannaghmore West Road
Margaret Philomena Doherty, Woodville Street
Ita McStraw, Killough Gardens
TUESDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 10.00a.m.
Rosina Campbell, Innisfail Walk
Margaret Magee, Edward Street
Stephen McCann, James Street
Kevin Cassidy, Beaumont Square
Maureen Blevins, Drumlin Drive
Donal Kerr (Junior), Drumlin Drive
Nora McConville, Edward Street
WEDNESDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 10.00a.m.
Jeannie Devine, Ashwood
Sammy Mitchell, Brown Street
May Lynch, Edward Street
Joe Devine, Taghnevan Close
Francis Quinn, Rampart Street
Paul McAreavey, Ashgrove park
THURSDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 10.00a.m.
Charles McIntyre, Ashwood
Patrick Lawless, Portadown
FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 10.00a.m.
Elizabeth Betty Cassells, Killough Gardens
Dermot Shanks, Oakfield Terrace
SATURDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 10.30a.m.
Sister Carmel Mulligan, Convent of Mercy
Roy Ganley (Senior)

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

The National Divine Mercy Conference will take place on Friday, 21st, Saturday, 22nd and Sunday, 23rd February 2020 in the RDS., Dublin. THEME: 'Deliver us from evil' - (Matthew 6:13) Tickets are available online at www.divinemercyconference.com As always, Friday evening is free of charge. The speakers this year include: Archbishop Eamon Martin D.D., Archbishop Diarmuid Martin D.D., Maria Steen (Author), Father Pat Collins C.M. (Author), Father Peter Glas (Poland), Fr Brendan Walsh S.C.A. All enquiries should telephone: 00 353 86 066 9203. More details will follow at www.divinemercyconference.com