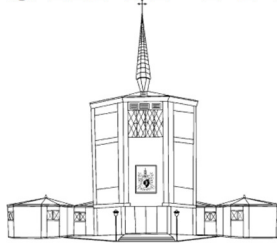


SAINT PAUL'S PARISH, SHANKILL



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.

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

**SECOND SUNDAY OF
ADVENT**

6 DECEMBER 2020

Our Parish Deacon: Rev Kevin Devine (028) 3832 3161



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.**



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



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.

Soap £5, Chicks £7, Solar Lamps and Seeds and Tools £10, School Lunches £15, School Kit £20, Grandparents £40, Goats £40, Honey Bees £55, Trees £75, Water £85. A pack of 12 Christmas Cards £4.

Cards will be available from the Parish Office when we re-open to visitors.

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

Thank You

Bottled Holy Water

The Knights of Columbanus would like to extend their thanks to the parishioners for the generous donations received when they distributed bottled holy water at the Church. The amount raised from both St Peter's and St Paul's was an amazing £727.45. This money will be used towards erecting the Shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes in St Paul's.



FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Virtual Masses for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be held on Monday evening (Vigil) at 7.00pm and 10.00am morning Mass in St Paul's.

Virtual Masses will be said at 8.00am and 7.00pm on Tuesday 8th December in St Peter's



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.

SVP ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL and SVP GIFT AND FOOD APPEAL

A member of the St Vincent DePaul team will speak at the Masses on the weekend of 12-13th December 2020 about the Annual Christmas Appeal.

This year we cannot put up notices, or a Giving Tree in the churches 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. We have confirmed this with the Food Bank. 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. Please continue to leave your donations at the Parish Office. Gift vouchers can be left at the Sacristy.

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



ADORATION CHAPEL
Edward Street
Private Prayer only
Adoration 10am – 7pm



**St Paul's Parish
Christmas Mass
Bouquets**

The Parish Christmas Card will be available for sale for £3 when the office reopens to visitors.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE:

New Covid-19 restrictions from the NI Assembly require the closure of churches from Friday 27 November for two weeks.

Only weddings and funerals may take place, with only family and close friends in attendance and limited to 25 people, with social distancing observed in the Church. Face Masks are mandatory for all attending the Church. Baptisms are postponed until after the current 'stay at home' restrictions are lifted.

St Paul's Church will be open each week day Monday to Saturday for Private Prayer from 11.00am to 3.00pm. St Peter's Church will be open each day from 8.30am until 6.00pm.

Masses continue as normal and can 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 Candle Room and toilet facilities will remain closed at this time.

The Parish Offices are closed to visitors but still taking phone calls and e-mails for anniversaries and any other business.

Offertory envelopes and donations can be left into the sacristy with Fionnuala, at Father Colum's house or 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.

We apologise for the inconvenience and disruption that these changes bring about for all of us - but be aware that they have been introduced in line with medical advice as very necessary measures to ensure our utmost safety and wellbeing. Please note that they will be reviewed on a very regular basis in line with daily updated advice; restrictions will be relaxed as soon as public health measures allow.

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 at home, PRAY with us and BE NOT AFRAID



Advent is much more than preparing for Christmas Reason for Love

The world can be a wonderful place. It can also be a cold place, causing us to tremble in the shadows of what is wild and wintry. All around us there are contrasts; between those who cheer and those who jeer; between generosity and greed, love and lust, care and uncaring, between the magnificent and the mean.

This candle reminds us that God's love is the reason He sent Jesus to this world. Christ is the way of salvation. This Candle of Love is light in a spirit of anticipation, of preparation, of longing. There is a yearning in the hearts of everyone for deliverance from the sins of the world. We are thankful that the love of God frees us from those sins.

The Son of God became Human.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

When we cannot attend Mass, we can still make an Act of Spiritual Communion, in which we express our faith in Christ and in His Presence in the Eucharist and ask him to unite Himself with us. The basic elements of an Act of Spiritual Communion are an Act of Faith, an Act of Love, a desire to receive Christ and an invitation to Him to come into your heart.

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.



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

Anthony (AD) Baylis, Lurgantarry
Francie Gorman, Lisburn
Winnie Farrell, Ashwood

May they rest in Peace

PARISH ANNIVERSARIES

SATURDAY 5 DECEMBER (Vigil Mass)
No Anniversaries

SUNDAY 6 DECEMBER 9.00AM MASS

Angela Breen, Ulster Street
Ellen Markey, Whitecross
Downey Family, Belfast

SUNDAY 6 DECEMBER 10.30AM MASS

Peggy Kingham, formerly Edward Street
Brendan Gilmore, Dingwell Park
Kathleen Green, Taghnevan
Madeline Doyle, Riverglade Manor
Ita McKee, Beechcourt

MONDAY 7 DECEMBER

Bill and Lydia Doyle, Brownlow Terrace
Charlotte McConville, Manor Drive

TUESDAY 8 DECEMBER

Patrick (Patsy) Leonard, Filbin Crescent
Mary McGlynn, Maghera
Tommy Lynch, Edward Street

WEDNESDAY 9 DECEMBER

Austin and Doreen Toman, Antrim Road
Vera McKinsty, Hawthorne Avenue
Malachy Hogan, Gosselin Drive
Sharon McMahan, Conor Park

THURSDAY 10 DECEMBER

Jane (Jeanie) Quinn, Prospect Way
Sheelagh Gorman (née McCaughley)
Lisburn (formerly Silverwood Drive)
Thomas Hill, Magheralin
Donald McCorry, Victoria Street Place

FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER

Julia Mitchell, Annaloiste Road
Mary McConville, Silverwood Drive
Brendan Doran, Silverwood Drive
Elizabeth Doran, Grattan Street
Carol Smyth, Taghnevan Drive
Deirdre Boyd, Cafolla Gardens
Kathleen, Frank and Noel McAlinden, Taghnevan

SATURDAY 12 DECEMBER

Edward McCluskey, Shankill Street
Edward Bell, Cherrytree Walk
Lena May, Silverwood Drive

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!

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

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!