

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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Parish App: Parish365
Download App Store or Google Play

Saint Vincent de Paul, William Street:
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SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND ADULTS WHO REQUIRE PROTECTION:
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NOTICE

Father Maciej will be away to Poland from 7th January to 10th February 2024.

In his absence we welcome Father Kingsley to our parishes.

THE POPE'S INTENTION FOR JANUARY 2024

For The Gift of Diversity in The Church
Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community,

ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 7th January - The Baptism of the Lord - Jesus is anointed with the Spirit and his power. He is proclaimed Messiah. He now goes about doing good working the signs that make him known as the Servant to God. He is the one who brings good news to the poor and tells of salvation. Through our baptism each one of us is ordered to the life of Christ - Priest, Prophet and King - and the Father looks on us with favour.

Monday 8th January - Today we begin new books in the bible. We see the new beginnings in several people's lives and the mysterious hand of God's providing love. 'The time has come' for all these people to meet God's demands and to recognize his love. They will in time recognize the plan of God. But at these points of the story, how much courage and faith was needed to see through the tears and pain and to come to recognize the Good news.

Tuesday 9th January We praise the God of the unexpected, the one who upsets our human order of things, Against all expectation Hanna give birth to the boy child, Samuel. Jesus in his native Gaililee surprises all by the authority with which he acts.

Wednesday 10th January - The Gospel according to Mark is concerned with the manifestation of the crucified Messiah. Jesus is seen in the full activity of his mission. His destiny, his mission, is that given by the Father.

Thursday 11th January - They are to recognise the power of God and their dependence upon him. There was little hope left for the leper who came to Jesus but he understood his reliance on a God who would not reject him. It is in total weakness that we learn the power of God alone.

UPDATE ON ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The total to date is £23,174 That is fantastic. Our Conference is so grateful for your generous support. May the New Year bring many blessings to you and your families.

PRAYER SERVICE FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The week of prayer for Christian Unity this year is January 18th to 25th. There will be a special service held in the Jethro Centre, hosted by the Community Outreach Group and the Shankill Parish Church on Wednesday evening, January 24th at 7:30pm. Father Andrew McMahon will be the guest homilist. The theme this year is 'Love the Lord Your God... And Your Neighbour as Yourself'. Please mark your calendars, come and represent your parish. It is now more than ever we need to pray for our community and our world.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The sacrament of Reconciliation, or Confession, for me is a humbling experience. I simply have to recognize that I have faults. I have fault lines that run through me causing things to happen that I'd prefer not to happen. The sacrament is basically me handing all these matters over to God and asking for his grace as I live with my faults. The only thing about them is that they throw me back on God's love.

Alan Hilliard Dipping into Life (Messenger Publications)

'The sacraments are all to do with the physical celebration by which divine life penetrates our human histories.'
(James Alison, Knowing Jesus)

THANK YOU

A grateful thank you to Glan Na Gael for providing the boiler and tea pots to enable us to provide tea and biscuits to those who attended the Watch Hour Service on New Year's Eve night and also to the anonymous donor who provided the shortbread and biscuits.

HAVE YOU LOST A SHAWL?

A shawl was left behind after the Bunscoil Naomh Proinsias Carol Service recently. This can be picked up from the Sacristy.

POINTS TO PONDER

The baptism of Jesus immerses him in the life of the people. He joined the queue of people for John's baptism, wanting to share the joys and sorrows of his people. In the depths of the water he entered into the depths of his own humanity and the depths of his people.

We could say that Jesus has entered into that part of all of us which laughs and sings, dances and cries, feels for the sick and the suffering, desires the best for self and others; nothing human is foreign to him as he was baptize into the life of his people and the God of his ancestors.

To untie someone's sandal was a slave's task, but John feels unworthy ever to do that for Jesus, because he is so important. Next the Father reveals the identity of this seemingly ordinary man Jesus from Nazareth by declaring him to be his beloved son in whom he is well pleased. Next the Spirit descends on him like a dove. Lastly the heavens are rent open to indicate that Jesus belongs in the divine realm. Certainly, Mark does his best to help us as disciples to keep in mind the divine reality of Jesus: we will need this help as the story moves on.

Jesus' baptism gives us a window into a powerful religious moment. Jesus knows his identity. This imprint of the Spirit has sealed his life.



Let us be little burning lights that give light to all.

Let us make our society something beautiful for God!

Let us be little flames of love and concern, to wipe a tear and bring a smile!

Show each one something beautiful for God above. Something beautiful to show your love.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta



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

Joanne McGregor (née O'Hara) Charles Street
Marion Lyness (née Duff), Downshire Avenue
James (Jim) McCluskey, Downshire Avenue
Joe Doran, Wellington Street
Kathleen McConville, Kelly Gardens

MONTHS MINDS AND ANNIVERSARIES

SATURDAY 6 JANUARY 2023 (VIGIL) MASS
Liam Thornbury, Brett Drive
Gerard Doran, Monbrief Walk
Vera Toman, Elmwood Terrace

SUNDAY 7 JANUARY 2023 9.00AM MASS
Robert Black
John Creaney, Thornleigh

SUNDAY 7 JANUARY 10.30AM MASS
Danny McIntyre, Silverwood Drive

MONDAY 8 JANUARY 10.00AM
Daniel McDonald, formerly Arthur Street

TUESDAY 9 JANUARY 10.00AM
Kathleen Magee (MM), Hawthorne Avenue
Danny Heatley, Mary Street
Iris and Jim Brady, Parkview Street
Eileen Loughran, James Street
Joan McCann, Ulster Street

WEDNESDAY 10 JANUARY 10.00AM
Annie Haddock, Sloan Street
Sean Haughey, Waring Street
John Francis Green, Glenholme Park
Kathleen (Kitty) Lavery, Hawthorne Avenue
Basil Hoy, Ashwood
Paddy Mulholland, Hillcourt/Arthur Street

THURSDAY 11 JANUARY 10.00AM
Ann Murphy, College Close
William James Magee, Oakfield Terrace
Patrick and Sarah McGeown, Wheatfield Drive

FRIDAY 12 JANUARY 10.00AM
Rose Skeffington (MM), Garland Avenue
Gary Skeffington, Suffolk/Derry
Jimmy Loughran, Shankill Stret
Annie McKenna, Edward Street
Jim Ross, Bangor

SATURDAY 13 JANUARY 10.30AM
Joseph S Bartolome, USA
Joseph Corey, Ashdene Park
Oliver Headley, Killough Gardens
Jacqueline McGeown, Derrymacash
Charlie McShane, Charlestown Road

SATURDAY 13 JANUARY VIGIL MASS 7.00PM
Colm O'Hagan (MM), Monbrief Walk
Geraldine Muholland, Gilford Road
Peter and Kathleen McCaherty, Lisburn
William and Sarah Gallagher, Toomebridge

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!

SUNDAY 7 JANUARY 2024
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



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

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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.



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

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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

FOOD BANK

Happy New Year to everyone and thank you for your continued support and generosity for the local foodbank.

The door to the parish office area will be open daily from 9am until 12 Noon Monday to Friday for all donations to be dropped off.

Thank You!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 24 December 2023 - £2,427.30
Sunday 31 December 2023 - £2,018.24

Thank you for your continued generosity and support to your Parish and your Priests.

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK (CONT'D)

Friday 12th January - The people desiring a king will learn in a sad and painful way. Jesus came that we might have a greater vision, that we might make the better judgement.

Saturday 13th January - Blessed Virgin Mary and St Hilary, bishop and doctor of the Church - Was elected bishop of Potiers and distinguished himself by his stand against Arianism. In exile (356-59) by order of Emperor Constantius he used his time to write. His major works include De Trinitate, as study of the Trinity.



ADORATION CHAPEL

Edward Street
Private Prayer Only
Adoration:
9am - 7pm

LIFELINE CRISIS

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

Tel FREE on 0808 808 8000

YOUNG ADULTS

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES - 6TH TO 11TH AUGUST 2024 -

We welcome 18 to 30 year olds - a great opportunity to the faith, spirit and fun of a Lourdes Pilgrimage, volunteer to help in Lourdes and grow in faith with other likeminded young people - for more information email your name and mobile number to Frances at

youthdirector@dromorediocese.org