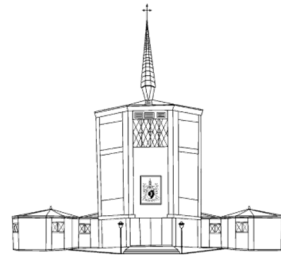


SAINT PAUL'S PARISH, SHANKILL



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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Download App Store or Google Play

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SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER 2024
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
GAUDETE OR REJOICE
SUNDAY



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
of the week before 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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Tuesday–Thursday 9.00am – 1.00pm and 1:45pm – 4.00 pm
Friday 9.00am–1.00pm and 1:30pm –2:30pm



ADORATION CHAPEL EDWARD STREET
Adoration 9.00am – 9.00pm

THE ANNUAL AIFREANN NA NOLLAIG

(Christmas Mass)
will take place in the Adoration Chapel, Edward Street at 8pm on Tuesday 17th December.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION

To date the total amount received from the Annual Christmas Appeal is **£10,367** from our two parishes.

May God reward you for the generosity you have shown. We appreciate the support you have given the Society.
May you God bless you and your families.

ANAM CARA, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Wednesday 18th December at 7.30pm in the Armagh City Hotel, Friary Road, Armagh. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance.

We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call **01 4045378** or email info@anamcara.ie

Thanks to everyone who took part in the **AGHAGALLON SANTA FUN RUN** which raised £8,718 for **Southern Area Hospice Services**. Thanks to Barry Shanks and Kevin McAlinden who have organised the event for 19 years and thanks to all the volunteers and people who donated prizes.

Looking for the perfect Christmas gift? Get your loved ones the gift that gives twice with our **SOUTHERN AREA HOSPICE** gift certificates! Also available are our teacher and classroom assistant gift certificates for that special teacher. With a minimum donation of just £5 you can help make a difference this Christmas. Available to purchase from the Hospice reception or by calling 028 3026 7711.



ST PAUL'S PARISH CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS

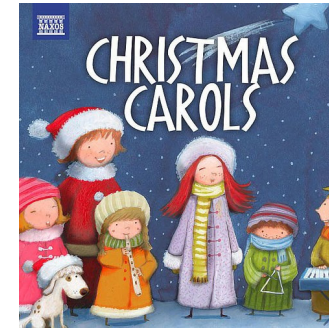
The Parish Christmas Card is now available at the Parish Office

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

PIPS INTERDENOMINATIONAL CHRISTMAS SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE, HOPE AND HEALING. This service, taking place on **Sunday, 15th December 2024, at 4:00 pm** at **Portadown Town Hall**, is dedicated to families and friends who have lost loved ones to suicide. The event will include a Memory Tree Ceremony and Candlelight Procession, providing a space of solace, remembrance, and hope for those in our community who need it most during the holiday season. Light refreshments will be served afterward, and everyone is welcome to attend.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY The collection of food and gifts for the Christmas hampers continues.

During Advent **THE ROSARY** will be recited following the 8am Mass on Mondays in St Peter's Church.



SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER AT 7.00PM - St Paul's Senior and Children's Choir

SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER AT 7.00PM - St Peter's Carol Service

MONDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2024 - St Francis Primary School Carol Service in St Paul's at 1.30pm

WEDNESDAY 18 DECEMBER AT 1.00PM - Ceara School Carol Service in St Paul's Church



PENITENTIAL SERVICES and ADVENT CONFESSIONS IN OUR PARISHES

Sunday 15 December 3.00 - 4.30pm - St Paul's Church
Tuesday 17 December 7.30 - 8.30pm - St Peter's Church
Wednesday 18 December 7.00 - 8.00pm - St Anthony's Church

CONFESSIONS - CHRISTMAS EVE TUESDAY 24TH DECEMBER 2024

St Peter's - 9.30 - 10.30am and
St Paul's 10.30 - 11.30am

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Tuesday 24th December 2024 6.00pm St Peter's and St Paul's Churches and 9.00pm St Peter's Church po pulsku

CHRISTMAS DAY

8.00am St Peter's
9.00am St Paul's
10.00am St Peter's (Polish)
10.30 am St Paul's
12 Noon - St Peter's

MASS TIMES FROM THURSDAY 26TH DECEMBER 2024 - TO SATURDAY 4TH JANUARY 2025

St Peter's 9.30am and St Paul's 10.30am
Normal Mass times will resume from Monday 6th January 2025.

NEW YEAR'S EVE WATCH NIGHT SERVICE - St Paul's 11.00pm to 12.15am - Everyone is warmly invited for a cup of tea afterwards.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Joy is not passive. It is active, current and we have agency to create it ourselves. We don't have to wait for it to tap us on the shoulder. Some practical advice I share is:

- If suffering is 'like velcro'. Negative experiences are apparently 2.5 times as impactful as positive experiences. Perhaps the key, then, is to actively look at joyful experiences 2.5 times more than negative ones?
- Scientists have tested bloods and found that acts of kindness have a demonstrable positive effect on health.
- Desmond Tutu tells us that living from compassion and gratitude is the start.
- Joy is spontaneous and natural. Find the spark of joy in every situation. We can take ourselves too seriously.



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

Kathleen Christina (Chris) Hanna
formerly Hawthorne Drive, Bleary

SATURDAY 14 DECEMBER 10.30AM
Catherine Thornbury, Edward Street
Colette McMahon, Old Portadown Road
Jim Smyth, Thornleigh
Phyllis Haddock, Cafolla Gardens

SATURDAY 14 DECEMBER VIGIL MASS 7.00PM

Gary Maginn (MM), Francis Street
Peadar Murray (MM), Ailsbury Park
William Toland (MM), Church Walk

Jerome Doran, Silverwood Drive
Maureen Walsh, Kinnego
Mary Smyth, Ulster Street
Brian McShane, Conor Park
Eileen Mulholland, Ulster Street
George and May Dennis, London
Maureen Moriarity, London
Tommy and Eileen McCrory, London

SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER 9.00AM MASS

Don Lavery, Magheralin
Carmel Conlon, Blair Park
Molly Williamson, Portadown

SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER 10.30AM MASS

Dermot Green, Island View, Kinnego
Sinead McNally, Dublin/Headington Avenue
Joseph Burns, Beechcourt

MONDAY 16 DECEMBER 10.00AM

Godfrey Martin, formerly New Street
Sheila McCluskey, Woodville Street

TUESDAY 17 DECEMBER 10.00AM

Francis Jordan, Cypress Gardens
Hugh McCorry, Glenavy
Joseph Haddock, Sloan Street
Theresa McDonald, Francis Street
John (Jack) McAvoey, Derrymacash
Margaret Hoye, Manor Drive
Odhran O'Neill, Forest Glade
Ailish Black, Portadown

WEDNESDAY 18 DECEMBER 10.00AM

Brendan May, Elmwood Terrace
Jennie Shanks, Dingwell Park
Ellen and Frank McKenna, Edward Street
Brian O'Hagan, Drumbeg North

THURSDAY 19 DECEMBER 10.00AM

Josephine and Brian Curran, Beaumont Square
Bernadette Conway, Hawthorne Avenue
Jean English, Leeds

FRIDAY 20 DECEMBER 10.00AM

Ernest McCarron, McDonalds Terrace, Magheralin
William Martin, formerly Francis Street
Kathleen Hanratty, Ashwood

SATURDAY 21 DECEMBER 10.30AM

Shauna O'Neill (née McEvoy), Ailsbury Park
Angela Jordan, Cypress Gardens
Peter Loughran, Rampart Street
Eleanor Adams, Downshire Avenue

SATURDAY 21 DECEMBER 7PM (VIGIL MASS)

Billy Jordan, Portadown

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD.

PLEASE NOTE:

Anniversaries and Month's Mind Notices that occur up to Saturday 11th January 2025 should be left into the Parish Office on or before Wednesday 18th December at 12.00 noon if they are to be included in the Bulletin over the Christmas/New Year holiday.