SAINT PAUL'S PARISH, SHANKILL



SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER 2024 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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.

OUR PARISH CLERGY

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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

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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Monday 10:00am - 1:00pm and 1:45pm -4.00pm

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and 1:45pm – 4.00 pm Friday 9.00am-1.00pm and 1:30pm -2:30pm

PENITENTIAL SERVICES and ADVENT CONFESSIONS **IN OUR PARISHES**

Sunday 15 December Tuesday 17 December

LET EVERY HEART

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3.00 - 4.30pm - St Paul's Church 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 polsku

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 THURSDAY 26TH DECEMBER 2024 - TO SATURDAY 4th JANUARY 2025

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

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.

TEL: (028) 3832 3161

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

24-HOUR NUMBER FOR ALL

SICK CALLS AND

EMERGENCIES

Saint Vincent de Paul William Street:

(028) 3832 5725

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND **ADULTS WHO REQUIRE PROTECTION: Dromore Diocesan Designated Liaison Person**

Mr Stephen Sherry: 07301246329

Saint Paul's Parish Safeguarding Representative and Parish Sacristan. Telephone: 07563 293429



NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

The Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help will conclude on Monday 9th December at the 10.00am Mass in St Paul's Church

The Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help will conclude on Tuesday 10th December at the 8am and 7pm Masses in St Peter's Church.



BAPTISMS

With great joy and thanksgiving we welcome the following children into our parish community who were baptized recently in St Paul's.

Lola Fox Jude Michael Doualas Faidh May McGibbon

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.

TRÓCAIRE - CHRISTMAS GIFTS OF LOVE

A range of cards are available from the Parish Office from Monday 25 November.

Soap £5, Chicks £10, Seeds and Tools £10, Menstrual Dignity £10, Solar Lamp £15.

Emergency Water £20, School Lunches £20. School Kit £20.

Play for Healing £35 Food and Nourishment £40, Goat £40, Help for Grandparents £40,

Mental Health Lifeline £50, New Mother's Care Kit £50, Honey Bees £60, Protection from Climate Change £90, Water Systems £90. Women's Empowerment £90. A Just World £90, A Safe Home £125, Ox Plough and Farming Tools £200, A pack of 12 Christmas Cards £4.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

A SERVICE WITH A BLESSING FOR PARENTS EXPECTING NEW BABIES In St Paul's Church this Sunday 8th December 2024 at 3.00pm. The Relic of St Gerard Maiella will be available.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL collection will be on the weekend of December 7/8. A member of the SVP conference will speak at all the Masses this weekend

TANNAGHMORE Primary School CHRISTMAS FAIR AND OPEN DAY

Sunday 8th December 11am - 2pm Come along and join us for some festive fun. Visit Santa in his grotto. Craft Stalls, Music and Refreshments. Everyone welcome. Our P1 Open Day is on Wednesday 11th December from 1:30-3:30pm. All parents and children who will be starting P1 in September 2025 are welcome to visit our P1 staff, classrooms and school.

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.



CAROL SERVICES 2024

THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH GROUP sponsored Carol Service is in the Jethro Centre on Friday, December 6 at 7:30 pm. Come to pray and reflect the true meaning of Advent and Christmas with readings from Scripture, prayer and song. The collection will go to the local Food Bank this year. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Please bring your friends and family members.

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



DOWN'S & PROUD CHRISTMAS SINGING SHOWCASE

The children from Down's & Proud would like to invite you all to their Christmas Singing Showcase in St. Peter's Church on Sunday 8th December at 4.00pm. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the adjoining Parish Hall.

All are very welcome.



ST PAUL'S **PARISH CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS**

The Parish Christmas Card is now available at the Parish Office

CANTABILE Presents 'Carols by Candlelight' Special guests Maginn School of Dancing Cantabile Junior Musical Director, Kerrie Patterson Accompanist. Brian Greene in St Paul's Church, Sunday 8th December at 7.00pm Admission is free. voluntary donations in aid of St Vincent de Paul and

Lurgan Salvation Army

Aeon Festive Chocolate Box Live Christmas Draw Choose a chocolate for £5 and win a Spa Day for two at Le Jardin.

Other prizes include gift cards, hampers, vouchers etc. Tickets can be bought at Aeon Arts, Church Place

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Salvation is for all people. You don't have to be part of a particular ethnic group or nation. You can be a homeless person or a corporate CEO. Kings and queens, peasants and paupers, are all welcome in God's Kingdom. People of every race, generation, and tribe are all welcome. God's love is shown to all people. There is no entrance exam or need to perform certain good deeds. All people will see God's salvation and can enter in. Christmas is about the birth of a baby, but it is so much more. It is the birth of a Kingdom that is above every Kingdom, an opportunity for all people to be friends of God.

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

John Cromie, Dingwell Park Lelia Quine (née McKerr), Cherrytree Walk Sean Tucker Banbridge Road Laurencetown Winnie Foy, Ennis Tarry

SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER 10.30AM

Joseph McKenna (MM), Banbridge

Bill and Lydia Doyle. Brownlow Terrace Kenny McConaghy, Lough Road Charlotte McConville, Manor Drive/Arthur Street Brendan Gilmore, Dingwell Park

SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER VIGIL MASS 7.00PM **Brendan Toner (MM), Templar Court**

Madeline Doyle, Riverglade Manor Colm O'Hagan, Monbrief Walk Julia Mitchell. Annaloiste Road Gordon DeCarteret, Cafolla Gardens Mary McGlynn (née Forker), Maghery

SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER 9.00AM MASS

Mary McCorry, Glenavy Seamus Gallery, Killough Gardens John and Catherine Downey, Ardoyne, Belfast

SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER 10.30AM MASS Tommy Lynch, Edward Street

MONDAY 9 DECEMBER 10.00AM

Elizabeth (Lily) McShane, Shore Road Austin and Doreen Toman, Antrim Road

Henry O'Neill. Derrytrasna Vera McKinstry, Hawthorne Avenue Malachy Hogan, Gosselin Drive

John and Margaret McCann, Valley Lane, Waringstown **TUESDAY 10 DECEMBER 10.00AM**

Kathleen Magee, Hawthorne Avenue Thomas Hill, Magheralin Jane (Jeanie) Quinn, Prospect Way Donald McCorry, Victoria Street Place

WEDNESDAY 11 DECEMBER 10.00AM

Brendan Doran, Silverwood Drive Mary McConville, Silverwood Deirdre Boyd, Cafolla Gardens Conal Smyth, Taghnevan Drive Maureen Walsh Kinnego

THURSDAY 12 DECEMBER 10.00AM

Rose Skeffington, Garland Avenue Edward McCluskey, Shankill Street Lena May, Silverwood Drive **Edward Bell**

FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER 10.00AM Liz Maxwell. Manor Drive

SATURDAY 14 DECEMBER 10.30AM

Catherine Thornbury, Edward Street Colette McMahon, Old Portadown Road Jim Smyth, Thornleigh Phyllis Haddock, Cafolla Gardens

SATURDAY 14 DECEMBER 7PM (VIGIL MASS) **Gary Maginn (MM), Francis Street** Peadar Murray, (MM), Ailsbury Park

Jerome Doran, Silverwood Drive Maureen Walsh, Kinnego

Mary Smyth, Ulster Street Brian McShane, Conor Park

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.