

St. Peter's Parish, Shankill

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BULLETIN

14th DECEMBER – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – Gaudete Sunday



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St Vincent De Paul – Ozanam Centre 3832 5725

Parish App: Parish 365 Download on the App Store or Google Play

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 9.30am, 6pm (Vigil)
Sunday 8am, 10am, (po polsku) & 12.00 noon
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 8am
Tuesday & Friday 8am & 7pm

ST PAUL'S CHURCH

Sunday: 9am & 10.30am
Monday–Friday: 10am
Saturday: 10.30 am & 7pm (Vigil)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

with Fr Jozef
Friday 6.00pm - 6.45pm

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

7th December - £4025.40

Standing Orders - £350.60 weekly

Donations – 1 X £1000, 1 X £240
£63 mite box & £25 loose

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.



We welcome the following children into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism

Oliver Gary Burns,
Derry Park Lane

Annie Teresa McCann,
Melrose Grove

Our prayers and good wishes are extended to their families

All parents wishing to have a child baptised in St Peter's Parish, must notify the Parish Office in person. One month's notice is required.

Baptisms take place on the first, third and fifth Sundays of the month @ 1.00pm

Christmas Masses

St. Peter's:

Vigil (Christmas Eve) 6:00, 8:00 (Po polsku)

Christmas Day 8:00, 10:00 (Po polsku), 12:00

St. Paul's:

Vigil (Christmas Eve) 6:00

Christmas Day 9:00, 10:30

St. Stephen's Day

St. Peter's 9:30, 10:30 (Po polsku)

St. Paul's 10:30

27th and 28th December

Usual weekend Mass times

Masses from 29th December to 3rd January

St. Peter's 9:30

St. Paul's 10:30



Please come along and join with the Choirs of **St Peter's & St Paul's** for their **CAROL SERVICE**

This Sunday 14th Dec @ 7pm

We shall prepare for the coming of Jesus through prayers, readings & Carols. A time to stop and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas.
Refreshments served afterwards in the Parish Hall

BLESSING FOR A CHRISTMAS CRIB

O God, out of your love for us you sent your dearly beloved Son to become man. You willed that he be born in a humble stable in order to give us an example of humility. We pray you now to bless this crib, a representative of the scene of his birth: may it draw us closer to him. By imitating his humility may we become a willing dwelling place our Lord.



CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS:

St Peter's

Tuesday 16th December 6:00
(Healing Mass follows at 7:00),

St Anthony's

Wednesday 17th December 7:00,

St Paul's

Monday 22nd December 7:00,

St. Peter's

Tuesday 23rd December 7:30
(after evening Mass),

The next **HEALING MASS** with anointing for Advent will take place on Tuesday 16th December in St Peter's Church commencing @ 6pm. There will be confessions, Adoration, Rosary with music, Benediction, Holy Mass, Confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Forever Our Children – Remembrance Service

A special remembrance service for all bereaved parents and families will take place on

Thursday 18th December at 7.30pm in St Peter's Chapel.

During the service, each child's name will be read aloud and held in prayer with soft festive music.

Names can be submitted online at: tinyurl.com/4ncs9bw2

All are welcome, regardless of faith or background.

With care, Little Forget Me Nots Trust & St Peter's Parish, Lurgan.

ANNIVERSARIES OVER CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR

Anniversaries and Month's Mind Notices that occur up to **Saturday 10th January 2026** should be left into the Parish Office on or before **Friday 19th December @ 12.00 noon** if they are to be included in the Bulletin over the Christmas/New Year holiday. *Please use the anniversary envelopes at the back of the Church.*

TRÓCAIRE CHRISTMAS GIFTS OF LOVE – On sale until Fri 19th Dec

Soap £3, Chicks £10, Menstrual dignity £10, Seeds and Tools £10, Solar Lamp £15, Emergency Water £20, School Lunches £20, School Kit £20, Emergency Food £35, Food & Nourishment £40, Goat £40, Help for Grandparents £40, Mental Health Lifeline £50, New Mother's Care Kit £50, Urgent Financial Aid £60, 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 & Farming tools £200, Christmas Cards £5 for pack of 12

DROMORE DIOCESAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Society's new Journal **Seanchas Dhroim Mór 2025** is now available in the Parish Offices. Of special interest to Lurgan readers will be articles on the **Dougher Graveyard Part2; Dean Michael McConville; Kieran Clendinning** plus another 18 articles. See our **Facebook page Seanchas Dhroim Mór** for the full list of contents. **PRICE £20 or two for £30**



Heavenly Father, heal my heart during this season of Advent. Help me to love more fully. To forgive more generously. To wait more patiently for Christmas, embracing each day and hour knowing the joy that awaits. In Your name I pray. Amen

LIGHT & LOVE PRAYER OF ST JOHN OF THE CROSS

Feast 14 December

'Mine are the heavens and mine is the earth. Mine are the nations, the just are mine, and mine, the inners. The angels are mine, and the Mother of God, and all things are mine, and God himself is mine and for me, because Christ is mine and all for me. What do you ask, then, and seek, my soul? Yours is all of this, and all is for you. Do not engage yourself in anything less or pay heed to the crumbs that fall from your Father's table. Go forth and exult in your glory! Hide yourself in it and rejoice and you will obtain the supplication of your heart.'

LURGAN LOURDES COMMITTEE

Dromore Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage

15th to 20th May 2026

5 Nights Full Board -£890pp

We are now taking applications for Assisted Pilgrims
Anyone who would like to be considered

Please contact Rosemary (Secretary) 077 9631 0214
Or any Committee Member

Prayer to St Nicholas

O good St Nicholas, you who are the joy of the children, put in my heart the spirit of childhood, which the gospel speaks, and teach me to seed happiness around me. St Nicholas open my faith to the mystery of God made man. You good bishop and shepherd, help me to find my place in the Church and inspire the Church to be faithful to the gospel. O good St Nicholas, patron of children, sailors and the helpless, watch over those who pray to Jesus, your Lord and theirs, as well as over those who humble themselves before you. Bring us all in reverence to the Holy Child of Bethlehem where true joy and peace are found. Amen

2026 TOURS

Easter in Mayo

dept Mon 06 April
1nt Carrick on Shannon
3nts Westport Woods
inc local Tours & entertainment
£489 ss £45
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Summer in Nottingham

dept Sun 16 Aug
5 nts Warner Leisure
full entertainment & tours
£679 ss £50
Call: Noel 079 5547 5650 or Gerard 3832 4741

St Peter's Parish now accepts ONLINE DONATIONS

Just scan the QR code with your phone camera to donate.



Or visit

<https://donate.mydona.com/st-peters-parish-lurgan>.

Scan the QR code. Enter your amount. Input your card details. Please do not forget to Gift Aid



RECENTLY DECEASED

William (Willie) Knox, Drumnamore Avenue
Agnes Clarke, Lake Street/Craigavon
Patrick Thornbury, Ashdene Park
Kelly-Marie Faulkner, Richmount Gardens
Gerald Magill, Iveagh Care Home

ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday 14th December

Mary Smyth, Ulster Street
Martin Campbell, Brett Park/Knock Eden
Lily Murphy, Shankill
Margaret McCann, Derrymacash
Francis McKeown, Church Walk
Sinead McNally, Lurgan/Dublin
James King, Donnelly Gardens
Francie Nelson, Wellington Street
Andria Morgan, Enniskeen
Pat McCann, Allenhill Park
Henry Keelips, Drumellan
Elisa Dillon, New York
Vincent Moore, Highmoss, Derrytrasna

Monday 15th December

Tom McDonald, North Circular Road
Mary Rose Haddock, Brownlow Terrace
Brian Griffin, Cheshire Mews/Cherrytree Walk
Baby Mason James Marshall, Lurgantarry

Tuesday 16th December

Baby Penny McKavanagh, Belvedere Manor
Fr. Joseph Carter, Stevenson Park
Eileen Doherty, Antrim Road
Vera McKavanagh, Castor Bay Road
Patricia McConville, Lake Street
Rita Mulholland, Silverwood Drive
Sheila Lavery, Wellington Street
Margaret Corbet, Church Walk
Godfrey Martin, New Street

Wednesday 17th December

Seamus McCorry, Edward Street/Oakleigh Fold
Charlotte McCrory, Kilwilke Road
Anne McCarron, Forest Glade
George Hatchell, Silverwood Drive
Mary Ellen Haughey, Kilmaine Street
Hugh McCorry, Glenavy
Patrick Lennon, Francis Street
Elizabeth Leonard, New York

Thursday 18th December

Mary McAlernon, Grattan Street
Natalie McNally, Silverwood
Jane Shanks, Dingwell Park
Elizabeth Mackle, Shore Road
Mary McLaughlin, Desmond Avenue

Friday 19th December

William (Billy) McManus, Soye Gardens
Ellen & Bob McCorry, Tannaghmore North Road
James & Margaret Geary, Clara Street
Nathan Worsford, Oakridge
Kathleen Kerr, Portadown
Dermot McStay, Kilmore Hill Road

Saturday 20th December

Brendan Gordon, Deeny Drive
Stephen Lyness, Beeches, Portadown
Aidan Courtney, Cottage Walk
William Martin, St Winifred's Terrace
Fiona Phillips nee Cassidy, Forest Glade/Finaghy

Eternal rest grant onto them O Lord