

St Peter’s Parish, Shankill

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BULLETIN

30th AUGUST 2026 – TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Or email safeguardingdirector@dromorediocese.org
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MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday 9.30am, 6pm (Vigil)
Sunday 8am, 10am (Polish) & 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
Friday 6.00pm - 6.45pm

OFERTORY COLLECTION
23rd August - £3798.97
Plus, Standing Orders £350.60 weekly
Donations – £25.00
Thank you for your continued support and generosity.


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 & fifth Sunday of each month

Thank you to everyone who helped at Cemetery Sunday last weekend and in particular the collectors and St Ronan’s College & Tannaghmore PS for opening their car parks.
We appreciate your support
A maroon blanket has been left into the Parish Office from an incident in the Cemetery last weekend when a lady took unwell. Someone very kindly offered a blanket to use as a cushion. If it belongs to you or someone you know please call into the office to pick it up.

MUSIC MINISTRY IN ST PETER’S CHURCH -ST PETER’S JUNIOR/FAMILY CHOIR
SATURDAY EVENING MASS 6.00PM
RETURNING ON SATURDAY 29TH AUGUST AT 5.30PM FOR A SHORT PRACTICE BEFORE MASS
ST PETER’S SENIOR CHOIR
SUNDAY MASS AT 12.00 - REHEARSALS WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER
A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO SING AS A SOLOIST/CANTOR, ENHANCE LITURGIES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR – EASTER, CHRISTMAS ETC AND PLAY A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT IN THE JUNIOR/FAMILY CHOIR.
‘THOSE WHO SING, PRAY TWICE...’ St Augustine
Your voice is a unique instrument that has the power to move souls and touch hearts
DID YOU KNOW THAT SINGING IN A CHOIR....
❖ ENHANCES THE LITURGY
❖ ENCOURAGES PRAYER
❖ CAN COMFORT MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION AND TRIGGER SPECIAL AND PRECIOUS MEMORIES
❖ STRENGTHENS THE IMMUNE SYSTEM
❖ IMPROVES YOUR POSTURE
❖ IMPROVES MEMORY SKILLS
❖ HELPS DEVELOP BREATHING AND LUNG CAPACITY
❖ PROMOTES LEARNING IN CHILDREN
❖ HELPS YOU FEEL GOOD
❖ IMPROVES MENTAL ALERTNESS
❖ LOWERS STRESS LEVELS
❖ LOWERS BLOOD PRESSURE
❖ RELAXES TENSION IN MUSCLES
❖ ENHANCES CONFIDENCE
❖ INCREASES YOUR CIRCLE OF FRIENDS
If you would like to join one of our choirs, please contact michelle (organist and choral director) before mass (Saturday 6.00pm or Sunday 12.00) or email michelle - michellegharte@yahoo.com

Dromore Diocese Youth Com in partnership with ALPHA are offering a training opportunity for all who want to find out more about ALPHA and to learn how to deliver the programme. This is open to Parishes, Parish groups, Youth Groups, Schools and others – all who have an interest in learning more about ALPHA to enabling young people, parents, and others to grow in faith. This event is free – our venue is Newry Parish Centre on Saturday 3rd Oct – 10 am to 4 pm – includes refreshments and lunch. Please see link to registration page below.
[Run Alpha – Catholic Context: Newry Tickets, Saturday, October 3, 10 AM-4 PM | Eventbrite](#)
Return to Studies Mass – Sunday 6th September in Newry Cathedral 5.30 -pm Mass– celebrated by Archbishop Eamon Martin – we welcome parents with primary school children, teenagers and young adults who are in further education or training – we welcome all, parents, grandparents and others to pray for our young people. Come early – all are very welcome,

BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER
Dear Lord, as our students begin a new year, I pray that you will keep them in your care. Send your Spirit to open their minds to all that is true and beautiful and good. Help them to see the gifts and talents you have given them and to use them well. Help them to grow in knowledge and wisdom. Help them to be kind to others and lead others to be kind to them. Give their teachers patience and understanding and help them teach what is just and true. Send your angels to guide and guard our children and to keep them from all harm. Open their young hearts to your presence and enfold them in your peace and protection. Hold them in the palm of your hand and bring them home safely at days end. Amen

Is Your Child Starting Year 8 this September? GIFT 1 is starting soon. GIFT stands for Growing In Faith Together - GIFT 1 is for Year 8 students. GIFT operates a bit like a faith-based youth club filled with fun and games that allow young people to tap into their faith journey alongside their peers and grow together. Register your child’s interest now by scanning the QR code or by the following link to secure a spot.



https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSezIBkGqiKcT8EQPM6kTpGDES_y6a243Ik399cR1yN-icScvQ/viewform?usp=send_form


Now entering its third year, A Year of Ignatian Prayer offers a spacious, immersive journey into Ignatian spirituality. Whether you are already familiar with Ignatian Spirituality or encountering it for the first time, the programme invites you to deepen your relationship with God, grow in interior freedom and cultivate a more attentive, discerning way of living. The year will unfold through ten in-person days at the Belfast Jesuit Centre, supported by seven online integrative Practice Pause Points to help you weave the pieces of each session into daily life. Across the programme we'll explore:
• St Ignace: A Man For Our Times
• Images of God
• Approaches to Prayer: Lectio Divina, Ignatian Contemplation, the Examen, Journaling
• Finding God in all Things
• Paying Attention to Feelings: Consolation/Desolation
• Discernment
• God Calls Me
• What next?
This list offers a flavour rather than a full syllabus. Throughout, the emphasis will be on practice, experience and integration, discovering how Ignatian spirituality can take root in the rhythms of everyday life.
Scan here to register or visit our website

Suggested donation: £200 - £280
Bursaries available
Belfast Jesuit Centre - 193-195 Donegall Street - Belfast BT1 2EL
www.belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk bjc@jesuit.ie 0770 631 6319

SS PETER & PAUL CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL
Bible Study 7pm
Sharing the Word: Every first Thursday of the month
Bring your Bible & Rosary.
“For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them” (Matthew 18:20). each month @ 7.00pm
The Upper Room, Sacristy, St Peter’s
For enquiries contact Fr Kingsley Parochial House 3834 9338

Dear God,
We pray for all the students who have received exam results at this time. Be with them in their joy and in their sadness, remind them that they are loved and valued and that their lives can never be reduced to a grade on a paper. For they are precious in your sight, and you walk with them now and always navigating the next steps whether the results are positive or disappointing. Amen.

GAELIC LEAGUE
Registration night for new term will be on Monday 31st August @7 -8.30pm in Gael Aras Ailf Ui Mhuiri. Beginners only need to register. Teachers will contact returnees.

FOOD BANK REMINDER
The following is what the foodbank are running low on; Soup, tinned meat, noodles, chocolate, crisps, soap, hair shampoo, toothpaste, sanitary products, toilet rolls.
Any donations can be left at the back of St Peter’s Church under the stairs leading up to the Choir.
Thank you for your support

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
Gerald McManus, Kelly Gardens

MONTH’S MIND
Tuesday 1st September
Sean McAlernon, Lurgantarry

ANNIVERSARIES
Sunday 30th August
Frank Creaney, Kilmaine Street
Mary Greene, Kiln Lane, Derrymacash
Annemarie Coleman, Wolfisland Terrace
Peggy Irwin, New Jersey

Monday 31st August
Patricia (Pat) Lavery, Furlong Avenue

Tuesday 1st September
Bernie Brown, Oakleigh Manor
Eilish Breen, Brownlow Terrace
Gerald O’Neill, Filbin Crescent
Angela Maginn, Shore Road
Isa McGibbon, Castor Bay Road

Wednesday 2nd September
Geraldine McKenna, Knockramer Meadows
George Fox, Church Walk

Thursday 3rd September
Josephine O’Hara, Thornleigh
Margaret Fox, Wellington Street
Edward Coleman, Victoria Street

Friday 4th September
James Dolan, Filbin Crescent
Gerald Jordan, Wynnehill
Mary Martin, New Street
Kathleen Hill, Magheralin
Emily Fox nee Monteith, Meadowbrook
Mary Graham, Lenaderg/Banbridge

Saturday 5th September
Mary E McConaghy, Brownlow Terrace
Eileen Kay, Liverpool
Denis Gallery, Clifden/Antrim Road
Ann McAuley nee Moore, Armagh/Ardmore
Paul Mallon, Cypress Gardens
Kevin McGeown, Lake Street
Martin Molloy, Glenholme Park
Thomas McDonald, Clara Street

Eternal rest grant onto them O Lord

Requests for Anniversaries and Month’s Mind notices should be left into the Parish Office on or before 12 noon on the Wednesday of the week before if they are to be included in the Bulletin.
The minimum diocesan stipend is £10.
As we have a booking system, anniversaries can be booked in advance till the end of the year.
Please use the anniversary envelopes at the back of the Church

PARISH OFFICE
Will be closed tomorrow, Monday 31st August for the Bank Holiday and will re-open on Tuesday 1st September @ 10.00am