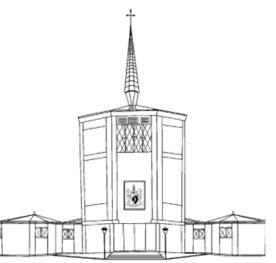


SAINT PAUL'S PARISH, SHANKILL

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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SUNDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2026
FEAST OF ST BRIGID,
ABBESS, SECONDARY
PATRON OF IRELAND



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

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Office Hours
Monday to Friday 9.00am to 12.30pm

Requests for Anniversaries and Month's Mind notices should be left into the Parish Office on or before 12 noon on the Wednesday prior to the week before if they are to be included in the Bulletin.

The minimum diocesan stipend is £10. ENVELOPES ARE PROVIDED AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH WHICH WE WOULD ASK YOU TO PLEASE USE.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Once Brendan the Navigator stood on a cliff top watching two whales engaging in fierce combat. Suddenly, the smaller whale, in a human voice, cried out for help, not to Brendan but to Brigid, who was not even present. Immediately, the combat ceased. Brendan was puzzled as to why he had been ignored. 'Do you always think about God? Asked Brigid, when the two met. 'Yes replied Brendan, except at times when my boat is caught in a storm at sea and I have to concentrate on keeping it afloat. 'That's the explanation,' Brigid answered. 'From the moment I first knew Gd, I have never let him out of my mind, and I never shall.'

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OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday 25 January 2026 £2,195.51
Thank you for your continued generosity to your Parish and your Priests.

24-HOUR NUMBER FOR ALL SICK CALLS AND EMERGENCIES

TEL: (028) 3832 3161
TEL: (028) 38321289

Parish web: www.lurganparish.com

Facebook: @lurganparish

Parish App: Parish365

Download App Store or Google Play

Saint Vincent de Paul

William Street:
(028) 3832 5725

"Volunteers needed. Please give your time"

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND ADULTS WHO REQUIRE PROTECTION:

Dromore Diocesan

Designated Liaison Person

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Saint Paul's Parish Safeguarding Representative and Parish Sacristan.

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION FEBRUARY 2026

For children with incurable diseases.

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

Intercom February 2026

ADORATION CHAPEL EDWARD STREET Adoration 9am to 9pm

FEAST DAYS DURING THIS WEEK

Monday 2 February - The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord - also known as Candlemas day, the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, or the Feast of the Holy Encounter, is a Christian feast day commemorating the presentation of Jesus at the Temple by Joseph and Mary.

This feast is a remembrance of the Lord and Mary, mother of the Lord. With candles in their hands, the people go out to meet the Lord and to acclaim him like Simeon, who recognized Christ as 'a light to reveal God to the nations'. **Tuesday 3 February - St Blaise, Bishop and Martyr and St Ansgar, Bishop:** St Blaise died 315, bishop of Sebaste, martyred in Armenia. Tradition states that he was a physician before becoming a bishop. Since the eighth century he has been venerated as patron of those who suffer from disease of the throat.

St Ansgar, a Frenchman who became Archbishop of Hamburg in the ninth century and preached the gospel in Denmark and Sweden. Apostle of Scandinavia, Patron of Denmark.

Thursday 5 February - St Agatha, Virgin and Martyr died a martyr for the faith at Catania in Sicily in the third century. Patron of bell-founders.

Friday 6 February - Ss Paul Miki and Companions - martyred at Nagasaki, Japan in 1597. The six Franciscans, seventeen Franciscan Teriatiaries and three Jesuits died suspended on crosses.

Saturday 7 February - St Mel Bishop
Ardagh and Clonmacnoise - He is said to have been a Briton who came to Ireland with Patrick, with whom he worked until he was ordained in Ardagh. One of the earliest Irish Saints and gave the religious veil to Brigid,

Liturgical Calendar for Ireland 2026



LÁ FHÉILE BRÍDE CELEBRATING ST BRIGID'S FEAST DAY



BLESSING OF SAINT BRIGID'S CROSSES

Father of all creation and Lord of Light, you have given us life and entrusted your creation to use it and to care for it.

May these crosses be a sign of our sharing the Paschal Mystery of your Son and a sign of your protection of our lives, our land and its creatures through Brigid's intercession during the coming year and always. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Intercom February 2026

The Knights of St Columbanus will be distributing St Brigid's Crosses after all the Masses this weekend at St Paul's and St Peter's Churches.

All donations greatly received. Many thanks

TUESDAY 3RD FEBRUARY - FEAST OF ST BLAISE

Blessing of throats will take place after all Masses on Tuesday



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

Gerry Casey, Brownlow Terrace

Ernie Coulter, Newry

Baby Ayda Foy, Downshire Avenue

Gerald McGeown, Donnelly Gardens

Pauline Treanor, Craigavon

SATURDAY 31 JANUARY 2026 10.30AM

Michelle McNally, Albert Terrace

Bobby May, Silverwood Drive

Susan McDonald, Manor Park

Seamus Leathem, Portadown Road

Pat Smyth, Brown Street

SATURDAY 31 JANUARY 2026 7.00PM VIGIL

Margaret Sweeny (Gilmore), Prospect Way

SUNDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2026 9.00AM

No Anniversaries

SUNDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2026 10.30AM

Michael Magee Ashwood

Mairead Murphy, Rostrevor

MONDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2026 10.00AM

Alison Doyle, Kilwilkie Road

William Corey, Ashdene Park

TUESDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2026 10.00AM

John Murphy, Tannaghmore West

Vera and Arthur McAlinden, Shankill Street

Geraldine McCarron, Richmount Gardens

Alice News, Woodville Avenue

Teresa Conway, Cafolla Gardens

Elizabeth Magee, Shankill

Rosaleen Magennis, Manor Park

Catherine and John Downey, Ardoyle, Belfast

John Conway, Silverwood

John and May Campbell, Bleary

Ita McStraw, Killough Gardens

WEDNESDAY 4 FEBRUARY 10.00AM

Eddie and Clara McCann, Edward Street

Margaret Magee, Edward Street

Arthur Creaney, Silverwood Drive

Donal Kerr (Junior), Drumlin Drive

John McAlinden, The Palms, Ballinelly

Maureen Blevins, Drumlin Drive

Kathleen McGrath, Loughbrickland Road, Gilford

THURSDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2026 10.00AM

Jean Devine, Ashwood

Sammy Mitchell, Brown Street

May Lynch, Edward Street

Bridie Potter, Kent

Frank Quinn, Rampart Street

FRIDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2026 10.00AM

Charlie McIntyre, Ashwood

Patsy McKerr, Donnelly Gardens

Patrick (Pat) Lawless, Portadown

SATURDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2026 10.30AM

Dermot Shanks, Oakfield Terrace

Elizabeth (Betty) Cassells, Killough Gardens

SATURDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2026 7.00PM VIGIL

Patricia McShane, Glenholme Park

Mary Leathem, North Street

St Paul's Parish now accepts **ONLINE DONATIONS**
Just scan the QR code with your phone camera to donate



Or visit

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

PLEASE NOTE

Anyone wishing to put an item/s on the Notice Boards at the back of the Chapel please contact the Parish Office for permission prior to doing so.

Thank You

THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH GROUP

is sponsoring a presentation on Church of Ireland, Shankill Parish, Lurgan

'Through the Years'

Speaker, Denis Johnston

Wednesday 18 February at 7:30pm in the Jethro Center, Flush Place.

All are welcome.

Refreshments served.