

**St Peter's Parish, Drogheda  
Christmas 2024 / New Year 2025**

**Masses**

**Christmas Eve** – Tuesday morning 24<sup>th</sup> December

St Peter's Church 10.30 only

Our Lady of Lourdes Church 10.00am

**The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Christmas Eve / Vigil** Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December

Our Lady of Lourdes Church 4.00pm, 6.00pm, 8.00pm

St Peter's Church 5.00pm, 7.00pm, 9.00pm

**The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Christmas Day** Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December

St Peter's Church 8.00am, 11.00am

Our Lady of Lourdes Church 9.00am, 10.30am, 12.00 noon

**Weekdays: 26<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> December**

Our Lady of Lourdes Church 10.00am

St Peter's Church 10.30am (Tuesday also 7.30pm)

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph** – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December

St Peter's Church 6.15pm (Vigil), 8.00am, 11.00am

Our Lady of Lourdes Church 7.00pm (Vigil), 9.00am, 10.30am, 12.00noon

**Mary, The Holy Mother of God**, New Year's Day – Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> January

Our Lady of Lourdes Church 11.00am

St Peter's Church 12.00 noon

**The Epiphany of the Lord** - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January

St Peter's Church 8.30am, 10.30am

Our Lady of Lourdes Church 10.00am, 7.30pm

**CONFESSIONS**

**Penance Service – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December, Our Lady of Lourdes Church 7.30pm**

Christmas Eve - Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December

St Peter's Church 12.00 noon – 2.00pm

Our Lady of Lourdes Church 12.00 noon – 2.00pm

Throughout the Year

St Peter's Church, Wednesday & Saturday 12.30pm – 1.00pm

Both Churches, 30 minutes before Saturday Vigil Mass

**All Masses are streamed live by webcam, [www.sppd.ie](http://www.sppd.ie) or [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv)**

**COME AND JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF JESUS**

**St Peter's Parish Newsletter**

St Oliver's Pastoral Area

**Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday**

**15<sup>th</sup> December 2024 (Sunday Cycle Year C)**

Canon Eugene Sweeney PP

Fr Aidan Murphy PE, AP

Fr Cleophas Lungu, Priest in Residence

Fr Desmond Branigan CC

Fr Piotr Wojtala CC

Deacons: David Durrigan & John Taaffe

St Peter's Parochial House

St Peter's Presbytery

Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery

St Peter's Church Sacristy

Our Lady of Lourdes Church Sacristy

041 983 8537

041 983 8239

041 983 1899

041 984 5355

041 983 1973

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**Mass Times**

**St Peter's Church**

**Monday to Friday**

8.30am & 10.30am

Tuesday also

St Anthony's

Novena 7.30pm

**Saturday** 10.30am

Vigil 6.15pm

**Sunday** 8.00am &

11.00am

**Our Lady of**

**Lourdes Church**

**Monday to**

**Saturday** 10.00am

**Saturday** Vigil

7.00pm

**Sunday** 9.00am,

10.30am & 12noon

**St Peter's Church**

**Shop:** Monday to

Thursday 11.00am

– 2.00pm

Friday 11.00am -

3.00pm

Saturday 11.00am –

2.00pm

Email

[office@sppd.ie](mailto:office@sppd.ie)

**The Barbican**

St Peter's Parish

Centre

041-980 7416



**Third Sunday of Advent**

**Advent 2024 – Season of Hope and Preparation**

“We have now begun our Advent journey, a time of patient waiting and joyful hope. As we look forward to the celebration of Christmas 2024, we pray, and encourage all to pray, to the Lord for an end to wars across the globe and for justice and peace to reign in our uncertain world. We remember most of all the innocent, as they suffer most in terms of death, injury, hunger and displacement. The coming of Christ brought light into a darkened world, ‘a light that darkness could not overpower’ – and we earnestly pray for light at this time.”

*Extract, Statement of the Winter 2024 General Meeting of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference*

**Digital Advent calendar** on catholicbishops.ie 2024 marks the eleventh year of the digital Advent calendar, a popular resource for families, schools and parishes available on the homepage of catholicbishops.ie. During the 24 days of Advent, new content is available behind the calendar's digital doors. Every day online viewers can enjoy brief personal video reflections and prayers for this holy season.

**Congratulations** to Holy Family Parish, Ballsgrove, celebrating 50 years at this time.

**St Peter's Church Eucharistic Adoration** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St Peter's Church is as follows: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel; Wednesday in the main body of the church. Hours of Adoration, 11.00am – 4.00pm (Tuesday to 7.00pm).

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Our Lady of Lourdes Church**, Sunday afternoon, 1.00pm – 4.00pm, except the First Sunday of each month when exposition does not take place.

**Anniversaries and Month's Minds** may be given in person or telephoned to St Peter's Sacristy, 041 984 5355, Monday – Saturday, 9.00am -1.00pm or Our Lady of Lourdes Church Sacristy, 041 983 1973, Monday – Saturday, 9.30am -12.30pm. Mass Stipend may be given via credit / debit card by telephone.

**Baptisms:** Parents should please contact the sacristies to rearrange dates or to register. Our Lady of Lourdes Church every Saturday at 5.00pm. Register at Our Lady of Lourdes Church Sacristy, Thursday - Saturday, 9.30am –12 noon. Tel 041 983 1973. St Peter's Church every Sunday at 12.15pm. Register at St Peter's Church Sacristy, Monday - Saturday, 9.00am -1.00pm. Tel 041 984 5355.

**St Vincent de Paul** (Freephone 1800 67 77 77) continues to be ready to help anyone in need. **Samaritans** (supporting those in emotional distress 24/7) Freephone number 116 123. **Aware** 1800 80 48 48. **Drogheda River Rescue Emergency** 089 250 5562.

**St Peter's Church Shop** has a large range of Advent Calendars, Crib scenes, Christmas Cards, Christmas Mass Bouquets, and faith-based gifts in stock. Many thanks to the wonderful volunteers who give of their time in the shop.

**The Parish Newsletter** is available at the back of the churches throughout the week. Also see church noticeboards, parish website, Facebook, X and Instagram. *Items for the Parish Newsletter, may be emailed to office@sppd.ie or handed into the Parish Office by Wednesday evening each week.*

**Pope Francis' intention for December:** For Pilgrims of Hope. Let us pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

**Parish Collection for the weekend of 7th /8th December 2024**

Loose €1,630 Envelopes €1,150 Tap to donate €572 Total €3,352

Christmas Dues will be collected in the coming weeks. The 2025 parish envelopes boxes will also be distributed along with the parish Christmas card. Many thanks to our distributors. We thank parishioners in a special way for your continued generosity. Anyone wishing to receive a weekly envelope or who would like to contribute via standing order is asked to contact the sacristy or any of the priests.

**Baptism**

**We welcome** Céili Niamh Brodigan and Pippa Jane White *into the Christian community*

**Deaths**



**We pray for the recently deceased** Elizabeth (Ena) O'Hare, Colledge Rise, Annmarie Reynolds, Jennifer McGuirk, Barbara Dyas, Anne Hoey, Peggy Donnelly, Alan Doyle, David Hanan, Julia Robinson, Jacqueline (Jackie) Skelly-Holdcroft, Raymond Wolfe, Fintan McGuinness. **May they rest in peace**

**Christmas Carol Service** in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh today 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 5.30pm, with St Patrick's Cathedral Choir.

**A Carol Service** featuring the students of Our Lady College, Greenhills with guests Donal Lunny & Andy Irvine will take place in the Augustinian Church on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 8.00pm. The Carol service entitled, **Peace, Love, Hope and Joy**, promises to be a night to remember. Tickets are: €12.00 per adult, €6.00 per child/OAP or family of 4 for €30.00. These may be purchased from Our Lady's Greenhills, the Augustinian Church shop, or by calling Fidelma on 087 612 9601

**Christmas Appeal** Once again St Peter's Parish is supporting **Drogheda Women's & Children's Refuge** and **Drogheda Homeless Aid** in their Christmas appeals. Items such as non-perishable food and toiletries are needed at this time. Please donate into the boxes provided in both St Peter's and Our Lady of Lourdes Churches by Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you.

Give comfort and joy this Christmas with **Trócaire Gifts of Change**. To order by phone call 1800 408 408. [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org)

**St Peter's Parish Medjugorje Pilgrimage** Join us on this independent pilgrimage from 29<sup>th</sup> April to 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025. Early booking deposit of €50 to avail of prices from €545 for 7 nights, half board accommodation per person sharing, flights included. Daily programme with spiritual director and music ministry. Led by Fr Eugene Sweeney, PP, Deacons John Taaffe and Pat Butterly. Contact 089 615 2568 for further details.

**Pilgrimage to Rome 2025**

Fr Paddy Rushe has organised a visit to Rome from 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> March to coincide with the 2025 Jubilee Year.

Flying from Dublin, 10kg bag included, transfers in Rome, B&B accommodation and tours. €829 pps. Deposit €250.

Contact: O'Hanrahan Travel, Monaghan, 047 81133 Email [info@oht.ie](mailto:info@oht.ie)

