

### The Captain and the Saint - St Oliver Plunkett Art Exhibition

The artist, Fintan Tracey, is holding an exhibition of 24 prints (watercolours) from his book, The Captain and the Saint, which illustrated the life and story of St Oliver Plunkett, in the Barbican Centre, William St. Well worth seeing. Congratulations and thanks to a wonderful artist. Centre opens Monday – Friday, 9.00am to 9.00pm, Saturday, 9.30am - 2.30pm, Sunday 9.30am - 1.30pm.

**St Oliver Plunkett 400** An excellent Commemorative Book and a specially commissioned crafted lapel pin badge to mark the 400th anniversary, are now on sale for €5 each in St Peter's Church shop and both church sacristies.

**Drogheda Red Cross** Teddy Bears Enrolling New Members 4-9 Years old, First Aid Training, Health & Hygiene, Storytelling, Interactive Games etc. Saturdays 12noon-1.00pm Lourdes Community Yellowbatter Drogheda. Contact: 087 320 7447  
[youth.drogheda@irishredcross.com](mailto:youth.drogheda@irishredcross.com)

**Flowers & Fun Fest:** be hosted by the MMMs on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2025, 10.00am to 3.00pm at the Convent Auditorium. People are invited as art, craft or food vendors or to share their specific knowledge or talent about nature. Volunteers to help on the day or donate items are welcome. Please email [MMcraftfair@gmail.com](mailto:MMcraftfair@gmail.com). The deadline for signing up is 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2025.

**Scoil Aonghusa** – Applications for new Junior Infant pupils for September 2025 are now available from Scoil Aonghusa or on our website [www.scoilaonghusa.com](http://www.scoilaonghusa.com) Completed application forms to be returned to Scoil Aonghusa, Sunday's Gate, Drogheda A92 PY18. Contact details: 041 983 2531 [oifig.scoilaonghusa@gmail.com](mailto:oifig.scoilaonghusa@gmail.com)

**Trócaire:** Trócaire boxes are available in the churches. This year, Trócaire's Lenten campaign focuses on Guatemala, a country which is one of the least responsible for causing the climate crisis, yet is bearing the brunt of the consequences. Find out more at [trocaire.org](http://trocaire.org)

### Lent – Forms of Friday Penance

The following are suggested as ways of fulfilling Friday penance:

Abstaining from meat or some other food. Abstaining from alcoholic drink or smoking.

Making a special effort at involvement in family prayer.

Making a special effort to participate in

Mass on Fridays; Visiting the Blessed Sacrament; Making the Stations of the Cross;

Fasting from all food for a longer period of time than usual and perhaps giving what is saved to the needy; Helping the poor sick, old or lonely.

*Irish Catholic Bishop's Conference*

The **Augustinians** have a new number. To contact the Augustinian Shop or Priory please use 041 213 6025. The old number is no longer in use.

## St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area

### Fourth Sunday of Lent, Laetare Sunday

30<sup>th</sup> March 2025

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 041 983 8537  
St Peter's Presbytery 041 983 8239

Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery 041 983 1899

St Peter's Church Sacristy 041 984 5355  
Our Lady of Lourdes Church Sacristy 041 983 1973

[www.sppd.ie](http://www.sppd.ie)

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



### 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

### Mother's Day

We wish every blessing to all mothers as we celebrate Mother's Day today, and thank them for their love and sacrifice. We ask the Lord to grant eternal rest to our deceased mothers.

**Visit of Sacred Heart Statue** A nationwide initiative for the Jubilee Year called the Jubilee Sacred Heart Crusade of Love and Hope is taking place, inspired by the Holy Father's recent encyclical letter 'Dilexit Nos' (celebrating also the 350th Anniversary of the Sacred Heart revelations at Paray-le-Monial). Four pilgrim statues were blessed by Pope Francis at the Vatican in January to help rekindle faith in the love of Jesus in Ireland, represented in the Sacred Heart devotion, and to offer all a 'heart to heart' encounter with his most Sacred Heart. One of these statues will visit Our Lady of Lourdes Church this weekend, 29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> March. Special mention of the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be made at all Masses in Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March (7.00pm) and Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March (9.00am, 10.30am, 12 noon).

**LMFM** will broadcast Mass today, Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March from St Peter's Church at 9.00am.

The **Family Mass for March** will be celebrated in Our Lady of Lourdes Church this Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am.



**Stations of the Cross** in Our Lady of Lourdes Church each Sunday during Lent at 5.00pm, led by the priests and deacons of the Parish

**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.

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

**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.

**Confessions** are held as follows:

St Peter's Church, Wednesdays and Saturdays, 12.30–1.00pm; Saturday evening in both churches 30 minutes before the Vigil Mass.

**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.

**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 Vincent de Paul** monthly church gate collection will be taken up this weekend.

**SVP March** gate collection at Our Lady of Lourdes Church amounted to €899. Many thanks.

**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](mailto:office@sppd.ie) or handed into the Parish Office by Wednesday evening each week.*

**God First St Peter's Youth Group** for teenagers 13-17 years old meets on the second and fourth Friday of each month in the Family Room of Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Come along to encounter God, make new friends and have fun.

**Pope Francis' intention for March:** For families in crisis: Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April is the **First Friday** of the month. The clergy will visit the sick in accordance with Government and diocesan norms, but only after consultation with the person concerned or their family. Please contact the parish office, either sacristy or any priest if you or your loved one would like a visit.

The **Divine Mercy Chaplet** is recited after the 10.00am Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes Church each First Friday.

The monthly Mass in honour of the **Sacred Heart** (Pioneer Association) will be celebrated on Friday at 10.30am in St Peter's Church.

First Saturday **Fatima Devotions** in St Peter's Church after the 10.30am Mass on Saturday. **Men's Rosary** on the first Saturday of each month at 12.00noon in the Augustinian Church Garden, Shop Street.

#### **Parish Collection for the weekend of**

22<sup>nd</sup> / 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025

Loose €1,621 Envelopes €1,277 Tap to donate €475 Total €3,373

**St Patrick's Day** Migrants' Collection €835

#### **Baptism**

**We welcome** Carolina Golost, Nancy Jeanette Kane, Karla Anne Kane & Gerry Oliver Hill Kane **into the Christian community**

#### **Deaths**

**We pray for the recently deceased**

Karl Vogelaar, Oulster Lane, Pauline O'Neill, Thomas Kerr, Ceta Leonard, Paddy Brady, Ann Burke, Clare Fitzpatrick, Anne Keegan, Thomas Carolan, Anthony Burke. **May they rest in peace.**



**Drogheda Community Services** provide a one-to-one Bereavement Counselling Service at Dermot Kierans Centre, Scarlet Crescent, Drogheda. Counsellors are available during the day and evenings. This is a free service. To make an appointment please call 041 983 6084 or email [info@droghedacsc.net](mailto:info@droghedacsc.net)

**St Joseph's Young Priests' Society - Afternoon of Prayer for Vocations** will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral Armagh, on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm, concluding with Mass at 5.30pm. All are welcome.

**Ignatian Spiritual Exercises for Men** - Friday 2nd May to Monday 5th May (bank holiday) in An Tobar Retreat Centre, Ardbraccan, Navan, C15 T884. Cost €190 - includes all meals and en-suite single rooms. Contact 087 348 2148 or [iveireland@ive.org](mailto:iveireland@ive.org)