Lady of Lourdes Church at 7.45am. Cost €25. Spiritual Director Fr Piotr Wojtala, CC. Booking available from Damien 083 350 4551 or Jacqueline 086 160 7287. Early booking advisable.

Carmel Boyle, local and international singer/songwriter, spiritual director and retreat facilitator, will launch three new albums under the title, 'Songs for the Everyday Mystic', on May 19th at 4.00 pm in the MMM Auditorium, Hardman's Garden, Drogheda. Carmel who has recorded more than a dozen albums, will sing a selection of songs from her new albums, inspired by Christian mystics. Admission is free. Booking is essential. Tel./ Text 0876240071 or email: carmelboylecroi@gmail.com www.ancroi.ie or www.carmelboylemusic.com

Postgraduate and Mission & Ministries Programmes at St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth. Programme applications close from 30th June to 30th August for different programmes. Visit sppu.ie/courses for more information.

March for Life: Monday 6th May in Dublin at 2.00pm. The Pro-Life movement asks people to gather on the University Church side of St Stephen's Green. A massive turn out at the March for Life will send a strong message to voters about the importance of voting pro-life on election day.

Lough Derg Annual One Day Retreat Monday 6th May. For further details contact Mary 086 403 2364/041 685 1754 or Rose 086 845 8808/041 982 2504. Bus departs Drogheda, Monasterboice, Ardee.

Lough Derg 2024 Pilgrimage Season May to 15th August 2024. Further details from 071 986 1518 or info@loughderg.org

St Peter's Male Voice Choir presents Keep it Country. Conductor Edward Holly, Compere Gerry Kelly, with special guests: Dawn, Claire Regan and Jennifer Murphy in the Barbican Centre on Saturday 18th May at 8.00pm. Tickets €25 (no Booking fee) available from the Barbican, Paddy Davis 087 201 9166, Donal Black 086 812 9495. Credit card purchase 041 982 9124 or 087 220 7383.

Scoil Aonghusa – Drogheda's Gaelscoil since 1981. Applications for new Junior Infant pupils for September 2024 are now available from Scoil Aonghusa or on our website 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

Items for the Parish Newsletter, may be emailed to office@sppd.ie or handed into the Parish Office by Wednesday evening each week.

St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area

Sixth Sunday of Easter 5th May 2024

Canon Eugene Sweeney PP St Peter's Parochial House 041-9838537 Fr Aidan Murphy PE,AP St Peter's Presbytery 041-9838239

Fr Cleophas Lunga, Priest in Residence

Fr Desmond Branigan CC Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery 041-9831899

Fr Piotr Wojtala CČ

Deacons David Durrigan & John Taaffe

St Peter's Church Sacristy 041-9845355 Our Lady of Lourdes Church Sacristy 041-9831973

www.sppd.ie Email office@sppd.ie X@PetersDrogheda





Masses will be broadcast live by webcam

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



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 - 6.00pm. Email office@sppd.ie

The Barbican.

St Peter's Parish Centre 041 980 7416

Tomorrow Monday is a Bank Holiday.

Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 10.00am and in St Peter's Church at 10.30am (No 8.30am Mass)

Devotions Rosary, Exposition and Benediction in St Peter's Church this Sunday at 5.00pm in honour of Our Blessed Mother.

Eucharistic Adoration: The Syro-Malabar community will have an afternoon Mass each first Sunday of the month in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, beginning today, Sunday 5th May.

Therefore, from now on there will be no afternoon Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the First Sunday of the month in Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

Eucharistic Adoration Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St Peter's Church is as follows:

Monday and Friday in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the main body of the church. Hours of Adoration are Monday to Friday, 11.00am – 4.00pm, (Tuesday to 7.00pm).

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Sunday afternoon, 1.00pm – 4.00pm, except the First Sunday of each month.



Perpetual Adoration Chapel: Adorers are needed for the following hours: Friday 12.00noon – 1.00pm and 1.00pm-2,00pm. If you are willing to volunteer, please contact Breda 087 214 8422 or Josie 087 771 0264.

Cemetery Sunday 2024

Cemetery Sunday will take place as usual in St Peter's Parish on the last Sunday of June, this year, Sunday 30th June, in St Peter's Cemetery at 3.00pm, and in Newtown Cross Cemetery at 5.00pm.

Ministers of the Word and Eucharist

Anyone who would like to be become a Minister of the Word or Eucharist in either St Peter's or Our Lady of Lourdes Church should please give their names and contact details to any of the priests or sacristans. We welcome more people to partake in these important ministries.

All Masses are streamed live by webcam. www.sppd.ie or www.churchservices.tv (Drogheda).

God First St Peter's Youth Group for teenagers 13-17 years old, meets on the first and third 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.

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.



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

Anniversaries and Month's Minds may be given in person or telephoned to St Peter's Church 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.

SVP monthly collection this Sunday, 5th May. Local needs are great at this time.

The **Parish Newsletter** is available at the back of the churches throughout the week. Also see church noticeboards, parish website and Visit our Parish X / Twitter account @PetersDrogheda

Pope Francis' intention for May: For the formation of religious and seminarians: We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

Baptisms

We welcome Cara Kathleen O'Reilly Butler and Ayden Naiju into the Christian community.

Deaths

We pray for the recently deceased Austin Byrne, Trinity Gardens, Gerry Cluskey, Harmony Heights, Eoin Maughan, Dublin, Breda Daly, Marion Mooney, Kay McDonnell, Dessie Hand, Jimmy Black, Julia Maguire, Patrick Joseph Kane, Dom Hoey. May they rest in peace.



Parish Collection for the weekend of 27th/ 28th April 2024 Loose €1,290 Envelopes €1,385 Tap to donate €395 Total €3,070.

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

Employment: Would you like to work part-time or full-time? Are you unemployed due to accident, illness, injury, disability or in recovery from depression. We can help you seek employment. For further information on this service please contact EmployAbility Service Louth. Phone Number 042-938 6718 or 087-638 6885 Support your local blood clinic!

Youth Synodal Gathering 9th May 2024 at 7.00pm

The Diocesan Pastoral Team would like to extend an invitation to young people between the ages of 18 and 35, and young families, to a synodal gathering to discuss issues relating to the Church and to faith. The main question discussed on the night will be: How can you imagine the life of your parish where you as a young person are welcomed and included, and your gifts and talents are appreciated and used? It will be held in the Confraternity Room in St. Patrick's Church, Dundalk at 7.00pm on the 9th May. Please note those younger than 18 who wish to come must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

The Annual Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock, led by Archbishop Eamon Martin, will take place on Trinity Sunday 26th May. A coach will leave from Our