

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

**Blended Learning – Higher Diploma/Diploma in Pastoral Liturgy** Programmes suitable for those interested in a better understanding of the liturgical life of the Church. Have a query. Contact our admissions team. Email cmmadmissions@spcm.ie Tel 01 708 4778.

**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.

**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.

The Archdiocese of Armagh with St Patrick's Parish, Dundalk and K Allen Events will host a Family Fun Day as part of **St Brigid's 1500** celebrations on Sunday 16th June from 3.00pm-6.00pm at St Patrick's Church, Roden Place, Dundalk.

**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



**St Anthony's Novena**  
St Peter's Church


Wednesday 5th June – Thursday 13th June 2024  
Preacher: Fr Anthony Jukes OFM, Killarney Friary.  
Masses 10.30am & 7.30pm daily, except  
Saturday 8th June, 10.30am & 6.15pm  
Sunday 9th June Mass at 11.00am, Holy Hour at 7.30pm  
Thursday 13th June: Blessing of lilies at both Masses.  
Blessing of children 4.00pm.  
Closing Mass at 7.30pm.

*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

**The Ascension of the Lord**  
**World Communications Day**  
**12th 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 CC		
Deacons David Durrigan & John Taaffe		
	St Peter's Church Sacristy	041-9845355
	Our Lady of Lourdes Church Sacristy	041-9831973
	Email office@sppd.ie	
	X@PetersDrogheda	

www.sppd.ie



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  
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 - 6.00pm.  
Email office@sppd.ie

**The Barbican,**  
St Peter's Parish Centre  
041 980 7416

**First Communion Congratulations**



Congratulations to the children of Presentation Primary who made their First Communion on Friday last. Many thanks to the teachers who prepared the children so well for the beautiful liturgy. We also express our gratitude to the parents, school principal and clergy.

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

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**We send** good wishes to all travelling on the Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes today, Sunday. Please bring our prayers and petitions to Our Lady's Shrine.

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**Armagh Central Diocesan Fund**

There is a second envelope next weekend, 19th May, for the Armagh Central Diocesan Fund. This envelope goes towards the running of the Diocesan Curia in Armagh, its safeguarding and youth offices, and the Diocesan Pastoral Office and its initiatives, including the Synodal Way.

**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](http://www.sppd.ie) or [www.churchservices.tv](http://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.

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.

### Feast days this Week


Tuesday 14th May

St Matthias, Apostle

### Baptisms

**We welcome** Sophia Ava Kaguako and Emery Jenson Rosales **into the Christian community.**

### Deaths

**We pray for the recently deceased** Austin Byrne, Gerry Cluskey, Eoin Maughan, Breda Daly, Marion Mooney, Kay McDonnell, Dessie Hand, Jimmy Black, Julia Maguire. **May they rest in peace.** 

### Parish Collection for the weekend of 4th/ 5th May 2024

Loose €1,262 Envelopes €1,600 Tap to donate €402 **Total** €3,264

**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)

**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

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 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.

**Drogheda & District Floral Art** will hold its AGM at 7.30pm in the Boyne Valley Hotel on Tuesday 14th May. All members are encouraged to attend. A talk and presentation on garden plants and their association with our local historic houses will be given by John McCullen, local historian and author at 8.30pm. Everyone welcome.

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