

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 Oliver Plunkett Sunday** takes place on 7<sup>th</sup> July. Procession of Relics from Holy Family Church at 3.00pm. Mass at 4.00pm in St Peter's Church. Celebrant: Bishop Michael Router. Homilist: Rev. Conor McDonough, OP. Preparations are already underway for the 400th anniversary of the birth of St Oliver which will be marked next year.

**Cancer Prayer Support** for men and women who have or had cancer. Welcome all to a time of relaxation, meditation and prayer on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June, 11.00am - 12.00noon followed by tea/coffee. "Bethany" House of Prayer, 34 Point Road, Dundalk. A91 W0C9 Tel. 042-933 1602 [bethanypointroad@gmail.com](mailto:bethanypointroad@gmail.com) for further information.

**Lough Derg** Annual 3 Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg, 6th - 8th July. Bus departs from Drogheda, Monasterboice and Ardee. For more details contact Mary 086 403 2364 or Rose 086 845 8808.

**Rally for Life** 6<sup>th</sup> July 2024, 1.30pm, Parnell Square. Special guest coming to speak at the Rally of Life this year is Kaya Jones. Kaya shot to fame as a singer with the very popular band called the "Pussycat Dolls" and will share with this year's Rally for Life her story of loss due to abortion, her conversion and search for peace and redemption. [www.rallyforlife.net](http://www.rallyforlife.net)

**Archdiocese of Armagh Theology Programme** Do you want to learn more about your faith? Do you want more confidence to play a role in your parish? If you are interested, why not consider joining our Theology programme. The programme is accredited by St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth. There are no educational entry requirements, and completion of the course is based on submitted work and does not include sitting exams. Our Theology programme will be continuing this year, starting in late September. If you are interested and would like more information contact Milanda on 042 934 2954 or [milanda@parishandfamily.ie](mailto:milanda@parishandfamily.ie) (9.00am – 2.00pm). All are welcome.

**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](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)

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**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.**

## St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area  
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

Canon Eugene Sweeney PP	St Peter's Parochial House	041 983 8537
Fr Aidan Murphy PE, AP	St Peter's Presbytery	041 983 8239
Fr Cleophas Lungu, Priest in Residence		
Fr Desmond Branigan CC	Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery	041 983 1899
Fr Piotr Wojtala CC		
Deacons: David Durrigan & John Taaffe		
	St Peter's Church Sacristy	041 984 5355
	Our Lady of Lourdes Church Sacristy	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 –  
6.00pm

Masses broadcast live by  
webcam  
Email [office@sppd.ie](mailto:office@sppd.ie)

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

### Cemetery Sunday

**Cemetery Sunday** will take place as usual, on the last Sunday of June, this year 30th June, in St Peter's Cemetery at 3.00pm, and Newtown Cross Cemetery at 5.00pm. As always, people are invited to prepare family graves. Priests and deacons will bless the graves during the ceremonies.

Not everyone will be able to attend the annual Cemetery Sunday celebration. Some parishioners may prefer to make a private visit to the Cemetery later on the Sunday evening or during the week beginning Monday 1st July.

**A Garda Traffic Management Plan** will be in operation. Please comply with directions.

There will be a **Gate Collection** for the upkeep of the Cemetery. Please use the special envelope in your box (30th June) which can be put into the basket in the Cemetery or in the church. We rely on your support. Thank you.

**Masses at 11.00am and 12.00 noon** on Sunday 30th June will be offered for all those interred in our cemeteries.



**Lourdes Youth Choir Awards:** The Lourdes Youth Choir annual presentation of awards will be held on Tuesday 25th June at 7.00pm in the Lourdes Church. The choir will perform on the night. Everyone is welcome to attend

### Family Mass

The monthly Family Mass will be celebrated in Our Lady of Lourdes Church on the last Sunday of the month, next weekend, 30th June at 10.30am

**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 when exposition will not take place.



### Perpetual Adoration Chapel: Adorers are needed for the following hours:

Thursday 11.00am -12.00noon and 3.00pm-4.00pm.

Friday 1.00pm – 2.00pm

If you are willing to volunteer, please contact Breda 087 214 84  
Josie 087 771 0264.

**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

God First Youth Group is on its summer break. We look forward to meeting again on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 5.30pm in the Family Room of Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

**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  [Find us on Facebook](#) Visit our Parish X / Twitter account @PetersDrogheda

**Pope Francis' intention for June:** *For migrants fleeing their homes* We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

### Feast Days this Week

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June

The Nativity of St John the Baptist

Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles

St Peter, the rock on which the Church is built, died by crucifixion in Rome around 64. St Paul, Saul the Pharisee, who became the 'Apostle of the Gentiles', was martyred by beheading around 67. Both proclaim with their lives that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Communal blessing with the relics of St Peter and St Paul at 10.30am and 6.15pm Masses in St Peter's Church on the day.

### Deaths



**We pray for the recently deceased** Kenneth Ijomah, Bóthar Brugha, Tess Hoey, Eugene McCarthy, May Campbell, Donal (Dan) McCann, Doreen Greene, Michael Mulroy, Rose Dillon, Dinah Reilly. **May they rest in peace.**

### Parish Collection for the weekend of 15<sup>th</sup> / 16<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Loose €1,535 Envelopes €1,300 Tap to donate €357 Total €3,192

**Summer Dues** for the support of the priests of the parish will be collected over the coming few weeks. Many thanks for your support. Envelopes available in both churches.

**Drogheda Community Services** provide a one-to-one Bereavement Counselling Service at Dermot Kierans Centre, Scarlet Crescent, Drogheda. Counsellors are available during the