

**St Oliver Plunkett Sunday** takes place on 7th July. Procession of Relics from Holy Family Church at 3.00pm. Mass at 4.00pm in St Peter's Church. 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.

**Elder Abuse: Everyone's business** World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) is commemorated each year on 15<sup>th</sup> June to highlight one of the worst manifestations of ageism and inequality in our society, elder abuse. Elder abuse is any act that causes harm to an older person and can be carried out by someone they know and trust, such as a family member or friend or someone in a position of authority or by a stranger. If you are worried that a family member, a friend, a neighbour or colleague may be experiencing possible abuse, exploitation or neglect contact your nearest [HSE Safeguarding and Protection Team](#). Alternatively, contact your [local health centre](#), your GP, [public health nurse](#) or the [Garda Síochana](#) and talk to someone about what has been happening. You can also contact the HSE Information Line on 1800 700 700. Or, if confidentiality is required, phone the Garda confidential line on 1800 666 111. In an emergency, where a person is at immediate risk, you should contact the Garda Síochana or Emergency Services on 999 or 112.

**Cancer Prayer Support** for men and women who have or had cancer. Welcome all to a time of relaxation, meditation and prayer on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> June, 11.00am - 12.00noon followed by tea/coffee. "Bethany" House of Prayer, 34 Point Road, Dundalk. A91 WOC9 Tel. 042-933 1602 [bethanypointroad@gmail.com](mailto:bethanypointroad@gmail.com) for further information.

**St. Brigid 1500 – Family Fun Day**, Dundalk today, 16th June 2024. The Archdiocese of Armagh, in partnership with the parishes of Dundalk, will host a Family Fun Day in the grounds of St. Patrick's Church, Dundalk, today, from 3.00pm – 6.00pm. The family fun day is free of charge and will be followed by a procession to St. Nicholas' Church, Dundalk, for a special prayer service dedicated to St. Brigid. Please note that under 16s must be accompanied. The event is part of the Archdiocese of Armagh's year-long celebrations to mark the life and legacy of St. Brigid, on this the 1500th anniversary of her death. All are invited to attend.

**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, 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.

**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.scoilaoonghusa.com](http://www.scoilaoonghusa.com) Completed application forms to be returned to Scoil Aonghusa, Sunday's Gate, Drogheda A92 PY18. Contact details: 041 983 2531 [oifig.scoilaoonghusa@gmail.com](mailto:oifig.scoilaoonghusa@gmail.com)

**St Peter's Parish Newsletter**  
**St Oliver's Pastoral Area**  
**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*Day for Life*  
**16<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

<b>Canon Eugene Sweeney PP</b>	<b>St Peter's Parochial House</b>	<b>041 983 8537</b>
<b>Fr Aidan Murphy PE, AP</b>	<b>St Peter's Presbytery</b>	<b>041 983 8239</b>
<b>Fr Cleophas Lungu, Priest in Residence</b>	<b>Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery</b>	<b>041 983 1899</b>
<b>Fr Desmond Branigan CC</b>		
<b>Fr Piotr Wojtala CC</b>		
<b>Deacons: David Durrigan &amp; John Taaffe</b>		
	<b>St Peter's Church Sacristy</b>	<b>041 984 5355</b>
	<b>Our Lady of Lourdes Church Sacristy</b>	<b>041 983 1973</b>

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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

**Father's Day**

Happy Father's Day to all dads. We ask the Lord to bless all fathers and to assist and strengthen them in their wonderful and onerous vocation. May the Lord grant eternal rest to our deceased fathers.

**Day for Life** is marked today, Sunday 16th June, by parishes across Ireland and Britain on the theme: The Lord is my shepherd – Compassion and Hope at the End of Life. The Irish Bishops said: "This year's Day for Life message reminds us that Jesus did not send the sick away, rather he showed that life always has dignity and that there is no such a thing as a useless life. Catholics are called to defend this gift of life to its natural end and to protect vulnerable citizens from a culture that could pressure them into assisted suicide. In this way, all are encouraged to support people with the companionship of a listening ear, appropriate treatment, and the best of care, so that their last days can be times of grace, intimacy and love. We encourage the faithful to read the brief Day for Life message." [www.councilforlife.ie](http://www.councilforlife.ie)

**40 Hours Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

40 Hours Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for peace throughout the world and for vocations to the priesthood and religious life will take place in the St John Paul II room of Our Lady of Lourdes Church again this year, beginning on **Friday 21st June at 6.00am, and ending on Saturday 22nd June at 10.00pm**. Please come along. 10.00am morning Masses and Saturday 7.00pm Mass as usual.

The full schedule is as follows:  
 Friday – 6.00am, Exposition; 8.00am, Lauds / Morning Prayer; 12 noon, Angelus; 3.00pm, Divine Mercy Chaplet; 6.00pm, Angelus; 8.00pm, Vespers / Evening Prayer; 10.00pm, Compline / Night Prayer. Saturday - 12 midnight, Joyful Mysteries; 2.00am, Mysteries of Light; 3.00am,

Divine Mercy Chaplet; 4.00am, Sorrowful Mysteries; 6.00am, Glorious Mysteries; 8.00am, Lauds / Morning Prayer; 12 noon, Angelus; 3.00pm, Divine Mercy Chaplet; 6.00pm, Angelus; 8.00pm, Vespers / Evening Prayer; 9.45pm, Compline / Night Prayer; 10.00pm, conclusion.  
People of course may come at any stage of the 40 hours, and there will be lots of time for quiet and private prayer. Sign-up sheets for individual hours are available in both churches (Our Lady of Lourdes Church, foyer; St Peter's Church, front aisle seat.)

**Prayer for those doing Exams** Spirit of God, in a special way, be with all who are doing exams; Spirit of Wisdom, enlighten students to choose the correct questions; focus their minds so that they will be able to answer each question clearly & concisely; Spirit of God grant them peace of mind and calmness of soul; Holy Spirit of Peace and Wisdom come help us during exams and always.

#### **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.

**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.

**Parish Pastoral Council** meeting tomorrow evening Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June.

**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 8422 or 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 back up 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**

Thursday 20th June

The Irish Martyrs, Seventeen Irish martyrs, men and women, cleric and lay, put to death for the Catholic faith between 1579 and 1654. Beatified by Pope John Paul 11 in 1992.

#### **Baptisms**

**We welcome** Sadie Jane O'Brien *into the Christian community*

#### **Deaths**



**We pray for the recently deceased** Tess Hoey, North Road, Eugene McCarthy, May Campbell, Donal (Dan) McCann, Doreen Greene, Michael Mulroy, Rose Dillon, Dinah Reilly, Patsy Cook nee Smith, Anne Healy, Martin Dyas, Brian Bellew. **May they rest in peace.**

#### **Parish Collection for the weekend of 8<sup>th</sup> / 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

Loose €1,684 Envelopes €1,520 Tap to donate €405 Total €3,609

**St Peter's Pence** €910

**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 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)