**Venerable Matt Talbot Mass:** Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart. Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes Church Sean Mc Dermott Street Dublin, 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 at 3.00pm. All are welcome to join us.

A **Prayer Service** to mark the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the visit of Pope John Paul II to Killineer will take place at the Pope's Cross monument on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 5.30pm.

**Do you want to learn more about your Faith** and develop more confidence around your baptismal calling? If you are interested, why not consider joining the Diocesan 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. There are no formal exams. Our Theology Programme will start this year on 28<sup>th</sup> September. The closing date for applications is 26<sup>th</sup> September. The application form is available on the diocesan website

https://www.armagharchdiocese.org/diocesan-theology-programme-2/.

When completed, please send to milandaoprfm@gmail.com as soon as possible. For more information, please contact Milanda at 00353 42 934 2954 (9.00am-2.00pm Monday to Friday).

## **Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital - Service of Remembrance**

Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda, Women and Children services annual service of remembrance for families affected by pregnancy, infant and child loss. The service will take place in MMM Auditorium, Hardmans Gardens, Drogheda, on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 3.00pm. All welcome.

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic? "How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, Your God reigns!" Isaiah 52:7. An Information evening will be held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October in St Patrick's Church, Dundalk at 7.00pm. Contact Sharon on 087 641 7334 or Email dunnesharon.pastoralcentre@gmail.com

Catholic Marriage Encounter Weekend Experience 8<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> November 2024: For married couples who want something more in their marriage - more fun, spontaneity, excitement, communication, understanding, romance, intimacy, passion, and joy. Next Marriage Enrichment Weekend is 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024 Venue Focolare Centre, Prosperous, Co Kildare Online booking only: www.marriageencounter.ie

**Experience Boyne TradFest** in Drogheda from 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024, celebrating the best of traditional Irish music with recitals, sessions, workshops, and more! Don't miss the highlight concert on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 8.00pm in St. Augustine's Church, featuring 'TG4 Composer of the Year' Michael Rooney (harp) and award-winning flutist June McCormack, joined by Music Generation Louth Harp Ensemble and traditional singers An Chéad Ghlúin Eile. Tickets €18/€12. Visit www.boynetradfest.ie for more information.

# St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

15<sup>th</sup> September 2024

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** 

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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 -2.00pm Email office@sppd.ie The Barbican

St Peter's Parish Centre 041 980 7416

### St Patrick's Cathedral Annual Collection

St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh which opened in 1873 stands as an icon of faith and hope. The Archdiocese of Armagh / St Patrick's Archdiocesan Trust Ltd have agreed that an Annual Collection for 'St Patrick's Cathedral Restoration' be taken up on the third Sunday of September in all parishes in the Archdiocese of Armagh, which this year falls today, Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September. Please use the spare envelope at the back of your box or simply write "Cathedral" on any envelope. Donations will ensure the ongoing restoration and maintenance of our Diocesan Cathedral and that it remains a centre of hope and prayer for generations to come.

A series of talks for young teens and adults by the **Neocatechumenal Way** on Wednesdays and Sundays in the Stables, Augustinian Church, at 7.30pm, continues this evening and on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September.

**Season of Creation 2024** continues until 4th October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. This year's theme is "To Hope and Act with Creation".

Sisters of Mercy Webinar 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024: The Climate Crisis — what can we do? You are invited to a Webinar facilitated by Jane Mellett of Trócaire on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 pm. To register for this webinar, click the following link https://bit.ly/3XDKJct and enter your name and address

*Creation Meeting*: As we continue to appreciate God's beautiful Creation and our care for it, we remember our recent plant swap and

what a lovely occasion it was. Such a variety of plants were brought along. Thank you to all of you. Is now a good moment to meet and share our ideas about Creation and its care in our parish and town? Sharing our experiences about our gardens, yes, what about our hedgerows, wild fruits and nuts, our small birds, their habitat, other well-loved hobbies, we will never run out of ideas. You are invited to come to the reception door of our house MMM, next door to Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm. I would hope to share ideas so we might do something with them in the New Year. Parents, please bring your teenagers. Sr Ruth MMM, 089 465 1819.

**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).

**God First, St. Peter's Youth Group** is back after the summer break. Teens aged 13-17 are invited to come along on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month at 5.30pm to the Family Room in Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Our next meeting will be held on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

**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.

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

**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

**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

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

**Pope Francis' intention for September:** For the Cry of the Earth: We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the earth and of victims of natural disasters and climatic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

### **Feast Days this week**

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September

St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

### **Baptisms**

We welcome Hannah Maelie Vargas and Macy Lara Reay Toner into the Christian community.



#### **Deaths**

We pray for the recently deceased Enda McDonnell, Chord Road, Frank Murphy, Brookville, Sharon Lawless, Maureen Mackey, Breen Brady, Catherine (Kitty) Hoey, Paddy Byrne. May they rest in peace

Parish Collection for the weekend of 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> September 2024 Loose €1,754 Envelopes €1,445 Tap to donate €450 Total €3,649

**Autumn Dues** for the support of the Priests of the Parish will be collected over the coming weeks. Many thanks for your great generosity, and to our collectors.

There will be a second envelope next weekend for the **Sick and Retired Priests** of the Archdiocese of Armagh which has some 30 priests who are retired, in nursing homes or on long-term sick-leave. We thank you sincerely for your continued generosity towards our sick and retired priests.

**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 <a href="mailto:info@droghedacsc.net">info@droghedacsc.net</a>

**Bethany House of Prayer**,34 Point Road, Dundalk A91 WOC 9 Welcome to our Prayer Meeting every Monday night at 8.00pm.