

St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

1st September 2024

Canon Eugene Sweeney PP

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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

Season of Creation 2024 begins today, Sunday 1st September and concludes on October 4th – the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, the Patron of Ecology. The theme for 2024 is: To hope and act with Creation, rooted in the Pauline image of the earth as a mother groaning as in childbirth (Rom 8:22).

We had a very successful Plant Swop/Give Away last Sunday after the 10.30am and 12 noon Masses in Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Thanks to Sr Ruth Percival, MMM and team for spearheading this wonderful initiative.

Centenary of St Oliver Plunkett Church in Blackrock 29th August- 1st September 2024. A festival of flowers, marking the centenary of St Oliver Plunkett Church, Blackrock, Dundalk will conclude today, Sunday 1st September, 2.00pm – 6.00pm.

The St Peter's Church **8.30am daily Mass**, Monday - Friday, returns tomorrow, Monday 2nd September after the summer.

St Oliver Pilgrimage to Germany, 30th August – 3rd September 2024. Best wishes to Bishop Router, Fr Sweeney and all pilgrims visiting Lamspringe and Hildesheim at present, participating in the annual St. Oliver procession and celebrations. After his martyrdom at Tyburn, St Oliver's body was interred in the large abbey church in Lamspringe. The four major shrines dedicated to St Oliver are Drogheda and Oldcastle in Ireland, Downside Abbey, in Somerset, England and Lamspringe in

Germany. Parishioners have remained loyal to his memory over the centuries and a major relic of St Oliver is carried in procession through the streets of Lamspringe on the last Saturday of August every year. St Oliver is a patron of the diocese of Hildesheim. Many thanks to Tommy and Damien of St Oliver Plunkett Peace and Reconciliation Group for organising this pilgrimage. We celebrate the 400th anniversary of the birth of St Oliver in 2025.

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 reconvenes on Friday 6th September 2024 at 5.30pm in the Family Room of Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

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, today September, 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 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.



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.

St Vincent de Paul August Church Gate Collection was €931.10. Many thanks to all who contributed. **St Vincent de Paul** church gate collections for September, this weekend. 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, 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.

Friday 6th September is the **first Friday** of the month. The clergy will visit the sick in accordance with Government and diocesan norms, but only after consultation with the person concerned or their family. Please contact the parish office, either sacristy or any priest if you or your loved one would like a visit.

The **Divine Mercy Chaplet** is recited after the 10.00am Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes Church each First Friday.

The monthly Mass in honour of the **Sacred Heart** (Pioneer Association) will be celebrated on Friday at 10.30am in St Peter's Church.

Weddings

Congratulations to Keith Gorman & Karen Lynch, Gareth Keegan & Gráinne Corbett and Michael Edwards & Angelina Camargo ***on their recent marriages.***

Baptisms

We welcome Noah Costello, Kaelan Margaret Carmel Gorman, Jaylen Regan, Jamie Regan, Jordan Regan, Jaxon Marke Faherty Durnin, Oyinkansola Davina Egbeyeye, Jasmine Romana Polonska, Páidí Gerard Heslin, Calvin Thomas Gorevan, Phoebe Devlin, Zoe Devlin, Cameron Archer Koulis, Fiadh Rose Leonard, Freya Evans, Shéa Frances Kelly, Jackson James Foran Bruton and Tristan Patrick Foran Bruton ***into the Christian community.***

Deaths

We pray for the recently deceased Breen Brady, Catherine (Kitty) Hoey, Paddy Byrne, Sean Harmon, May Meehan, Gerard (Gerry) Hill, Michael McDonagh, Bredeen Quinn, Stephen Scully, Sigytas Kancauskas, Billy Tiernan, Zara Murphy, Mary Hughes, Una Kerr, Agatha Leahy, Declan Keegan, Jeanette Heeney, Joe McDermott, Eileen Power, Gerard Gibney, Tom Lappin, Eileen Reynolds, Pat Jein.

May they rest in peace.



Parish Collection for the weekend of 24th /25th August 2024

Loose €1,833 Envelopes €1,190 Tap to donate €500 Total €3,523

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.

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

Archdiocese of Armagh Theology 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. Starting in late September. All are welcome. The provision of formal theology programmes is a key objective in the Synodal Process and it is hoped every pastoral area could provide two to three candidates for the programme. The closing date for applications is 6th September, See <https://www.armagharchdiocese.org/diocesan-theology-programme-2/> for more information and application form, or contact Milanda on 042 934 2954 or milanda@parishandfamily.ie (9.00am – 2.00pm).

Alzheimer Society of Ireland Family Carer Training Course: Insights into Dementia – Informing and Empowering Family Carers. The Alzheimer Society of Ireland is running a short course soon in Tredagh Lodge Day Centre, Drogheda. Topics include Understanding Dementia, Communication, Personal Care, Safety in the Home, Changes in Behaviour, Food & Nutrition, the Caring Role. For more information and an application form, please email: familycarertraining@alzheimer.ie or phone 1800 341 341. The course runs for one evening per week, 7.00 - 9.30pm, for 7 weeks starting on Thursday 12th September until Thursday 24th October inclusive.

Catholic Marriage Encounter Weekend Experience 8-10 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 - 10 November 2024 Venue Focolare Centre, Prosperous, Co Kildare Online booking only: www.marriageencounter.ie

Experience Boyne TradFest in Drogheda from 20th-22nd September 2024, celebrating the best of traditional Irish music with recitals, sessions, workshops, and more! Don't miss the highlight concert on Saturday 21st 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.

