Drogheda COPD Support Group meeting takes place on Friday 4th October, 2.30pm - 4.00pm, in The Barbican Centre, Drogheda. Members of An Garda Síochána will be on hand to deliver defibrillator training. Light refreshments are served and all are welcome to attend. Exercise classes, free of charge, take place every Monday (except Bank Holidays) from 12noon to 1.00pm in The Barbican Centre. You do not have to suffer with COPD to participate, all are welcome! For further details contact Peter (087 807 1138) or Oliver (083 415 6104).

St Joseph's Young Priests' Society annual Mass for Vocations to the Priesthood and religious life will be celebrated by Bishop Michael Router in St Catherine's Church, Ballapousta, Ardee on Sunday 6th October at 3.00pm. all are welcome.

Taizé Prayer All are welcome to Prayer Around the Cross in candlelight. A quiet and reflective time, with the music of Taizé. Friday 4th October 8.00pm -9.00pm. (followed by Tea/Coffee) "Bethany" 34 Point Road, Dundalk A91W0C 9

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, Hardman's Gardens, Drogheda, on Sunday 6th 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 17th October in St Patrick's Church, Dundalk at 7.00pm. Contact Sharon on 087 641 7334 or Email dunnesharon.pastoralcentre@gmail.com

Vocation Discernment Weekend 18th – **20**th **October 2024**, Monastery of St. Catherine of Siena, The Twenties, Drogheda A92 KR84 - Vocation Discernment Weekend (Dominican Contemplative life), 18th - 20th October 2024 (Other weekends by arrangement)- single women,age 18-35. Contact Sr. Mairead, 041 983 8524 or email sienavoc@gmail.com Website: www.dominicannuns.ie

North Drogheda Community Employment St. Peter's Parish scheme is currently recruiting for a Cleaner for St Peter's Church, a Cleaner for Our Lady of Lourdes Church and a Caretaker for the Special Olympics Hall. This position involves working 19.5 hours a week in accordance with North Drogheda policies, as directed by the supervisor. They are developmental positions with no experience necessary, with accredited training provided to support your career. Please contact Geraldine or Laura on 041-984 3678 or at northdroghedaceltd@gmail.com or your local Intreo office, or Jobs Ireland to apply.

Come along to the **Crafty Traders Market** in the Barbican today, Sunday 29th September from 12noon to 5.00pm.

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St Oliver's Pastoral Area
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
29th September 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

www.sppd.ie Email office@sppd.ie



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 **A Prayer Service** to mark the 45th anniversary of the visit of Pope John Paul II to Killineer will take place at the Pope's Cross monument this Sunday evening at 5.30pm. Many thanks to the locals who maintain the area around the Monument so well throughout the year.

Knights of St. Columbanus CK32 New Members Pilot Launch The local group of the Knights of St. Columbanus, CK32, is appealing for new members. It is a lay Catholic organisation which assists parishes and charitable organisations through faith support initiatives, both financial and via their commitment to 'Restore all things to Christ', and through work, projects and assistance. If you are interested in joining, members will be available to answer any questions you might have as you leave Our Lady of Lourdes Church 12.00 noon Mass today, Sunday 29th September.

Feast of St Thérèse of Lisieux Tuesday 1st October, is the Memorial of St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, better known as St Thérèse of Lisieux or the Little Flower. The feast will be marked in a special way at the 10.30am and 7.30pm Masses in St Peter's Church where roses will be blessed and a communal blessing of the congregation with the Saint's relic will be given.

Rosary and Benediction will recommence in St Peter's Church next Sunday 6th October at 5.00pm. Sunday evening devotions take place in the months dedicated to Our Lady, namely, October and May.

World Rosary Day Pope Francis has asked for a new prayer initiative as a

great symphony of prayer leading up to the Jubilee 2025. He has requested that all Catholics pray the Rosary at the same time at 7.00pm (local time) on Monday, 7th October, the feast of the Holy Rosary. People may join Knock Shrine online at this time at www.knockshrine.ie

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^{st} and 3^{rd} Friday of each month at 5.30pm to the Family Room in Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Next meeting Friday 4^{th} October.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 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.

St Vincent de Paul monthly church collections next 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 October: For a shared mission. We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

Friday 4th October 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.

First Saturday **Fatima Devotions**: St Peter's Church after the 10.30am Mass on Saturday. **Men's Rosary** on the first Saturday of each month at 12.00 noon in the Augustinian Church Garden, Shop Street.

Feast Days this week

Tuesday 1st October St Thérese of the Child Jesus, virgin and doctor of the Church St Francis of Assisi

Marriage

Congratulations to Daniel Mulligan & Michelle Fullam on their recent wedding.

Baptism

We welcome Sheá Colum McGinn, Kya Marie Carraher and Jackson Robert Martin Synnott **into the Christian community.**

Deaths

We pray for the recently deceased Geraldine (Gertie) Stowe, St Laurence's Drive, Jim Sullivan, Moneymore, Mary Robinson, Wheaton Hall, Mary Kerr, Townrath, Tommy Seery, Oldbridge formerly Yellowbatter, Mary O'Neill, Terry Carroll, Enda McDonnell, Frank Murphy, Sharon Lawless, Maureen Mackey. May they rest in peace

Parish Collection for the weekend of 21st/22nd September 2024
Loose €1,358 Envelopes €1,125 Tap to donate €452 Total €2,935
Collection for Sick & Retired Priests €1,000

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.