

Drogheda Floral Art invites you to join them for an Autumnal Demonstration, with the talented Sharon O’Sullivan, in the Boyne Valley Hotel on Tuesday 10th September at 8.00pm. Sit back and learn tips and tricks from Sharon as she creates beautiful seasonal flower displays that you can then try at home! We look forward to seeing you there.

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 8th -10th 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 8th - 10th 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.

From the writings of St John Chrysostom, Feast 13th September,
Bishop and doctor of the Church, patron saint of preachers.

If you cannot find Christ in the beggar at the Church door,
you will not find him in the Chalice.
Prayer is the place of refuge for every worry, a foundation for cheerfulness,
a source of constant happiness, a protection against sadness.
Happiness can only be achieved by looking inward and learning to enjoy
whatever life has, and this requires transforming greed into gratitude.
When we teach our children to be good, to be gentle and forgiving (all these are
attributes of God) to be generous, to love their fellow human beings,
to regard this present age as nothing,
we instil virtue in their souls and reveal the image of God within them.
Why not learn to enjoy the little things, there are so many of them.

St Peter’s Parish Newsletter

St Oliver’s Pastoral Area
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8th 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

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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

“Do not be afraid, open wide the doors to Christ” (St John Paul II)
A series of talks for young teens and adults by the Neocatechumenal Way Wednesday and Sunday in the upper room in "The Stables", beside the Augustinian Church at 7.30pm, will start on Wednesday 11th September.

Come and Listen: Members of the Neo Catechumenal Way will speak at all Masses this weekend.

Next Saturday, 14th September, is **the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**. We will venerate the Relic of the True Cross after the 10.30am Mass in St Peter’s Church.

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 next Sunday 15th 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.

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”.

We hope that the following resources will help you and your parish community to celebrate the Season of Creation 2024. These resources are compiled by the Laudato Si' Working Group of the Irish Bishop's Conference & Trócaire. You can find further resources on the international Season of Creation website: www.seasonofcreation.org

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 1st and 3rd Friday of each month at 5.00pm to the Family Room in 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, 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 14th September

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Baptisms

We welcome Axel Jack Hallissey and James Thanattawan O'Neill **into the Christian community.**

Deaths



We pray for the recently deceased Maureen Mackey, Brookville, Breen Brady, Catherine (Kitty) Hoey, Paddy Byrne, Sean Harmon, May Meehan, Gerard (Gerry) Hill. **May they rest in peace.**

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

Loose €1,414 Envelopes €1,405 Tap to donate €563 Total €3,382

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

Bethany House of Prayer, 34 Point Road, Dundalk A91 WOC 9 Welcome to our Prayer Meeting on Monday 9th September and every Monday night at 8.00pm

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