

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.

Prayer of St Teresa of Avila 1515-1582, Memorial Tuesday 15th October.

Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you, all things will pass away.

God never changes; patience obtains all things, whoever has God lacks nothing.

God alone suffices. Amen.

Marriage

Congratulations to Conor Galligan and Roslyn Kelly **on their recent wedding**

Baptism

We welcome Tadgh Dylan Kelly Cleary **into the Christian community.**

Deaths



We pray for the recently deceased Peter Fuller, Geraldine (Gertie) Stowe, Brian Maughan Sr., Jim Sullivan, Mary Robinson, Mary Kerr, Tommy Seery, Mary O'Neill, Terry Carroll, Enda McDonnell, Frank Murphy. **May they rest in peace**

Parish Collection for the weekend of 5th / 6th October 2024

Loose €1,357 Envelopes €1,300 Tap to donate €427 Total €3,084

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 – 20th 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

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. Social Welfare rules have changed, anyone over 55 and in receipt of credits, can avail of community employment now and it may enhance one's pension. Please contact Geraldine or Laura on 041-984 3678 or at northdroghedaceltd@gmail.com or your local Intreo office, or Jobs Ireland to apply or for further information.

St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

13th October 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

St Peter's Parochial House
St Peter's Presbytery

041 983 8537

041 983 8239

Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery

041 983 1899

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

St Peter's Parish Retreat Day

St Peter's Parish Pastoral Council invites parishioners to join them on a Retreat Day Away at the Oasis of Peace Centre, Mellifont Abbey, Collon on Saturday, 19th October, 11.00am - 5.00pm. Group prayer and quiet Eucharistic time. Experience God's love, healing, joy and peace. Beautiful walks, meet other parishioners. Led by Deacon John Taaffe and team. Lunch included. Donation on day. Transport available as required. Places limited. Book in either sacristy in person, or by telephone, 041 984 5355 (Monday - Saturday, 9.30am -12.30pm).

The Sisters of Our Lady of Apostles will visit Our Lady of Lourdes Church this weekend, 12th - 13th October, as part of the Archdiocese of Armagh 2024 **Mission Awareness in Parishes**, and St Peter's Church on 26th - 27th October. Sr Mary Usifoh, OLA will speak at Masses and leave a mite box at the church entrances.

St Patrick's Church, Dundalk, Archdiocese of Armagh, St Bernadette Relic Pilgrimage Ireland

Sunday 20th October 2024:

10.00am Greeting of the Relics (at St Malachy's Friary Church, Dundalk to accompany the relics to St Patrick's Church, Dundalk).

10:45am Reception of the Relics at St Patrick's Church, Dundalk

11.00am Sunday Mass with the relics and water gesture

12.00noon – 4.00pm Rosary with meditations on the hour & Confession (with visiting choirs)

6.00pm Marian Procession with Torchlight (from St Nicholas' Church,

Dundalk to St Patrick's Church

6:30pm Solemn Evening Prayer (with Anointing of the Sick).

8.00pm – 10.00pm Rosary with meditations on the hour (with visiting choirs).

11.00pm Solemn Night Prayer & Benediction Monday 21st October 2024

8.00am Solemn Morning Prayer (for departure of the relics to the Cathedral of Christ the King, Mullingar.

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Catholic Bishops' Pastoral Letter welcoming migrants to Ireland

Today, Sunday 13th October 2024, the Bishops of Ireland have published a pastoral letter – *A Hundred Thousand Welcomes?* – to welcome migrants to Ireland. As Christians, we have a responsibility to respond to the key question of immigration across our island, and the world. This fundamental question asks, "Who is my neighbour?" and to answer this we are informed by the parable of the Good Samaritan (*Luke 10:29-37*). In the light of the Gospel and Catholic Social Teaching, our bishops offer this reflection on what hospitality for migrant people means in contemporary Ireland.

Mindful that migration has been a central part of our history, the Pastoral Letter provides a space to us as 'migrant pilgrim people' to contemplate the causes of migration, the gifts that migrants bring to our Church and our country, the economic and social issues we all face in Ireland, and the importance of *encounter* in building a true sense of belonging in every parish and community

A short video on the Pastoral Letter and its text in short and long form, are available on CatholicBishops.ie or you can scan the QR Code opposite to access this content.

Copies of the Pastoral Letter are available at the back of the churches.

Rosary and Benediction will be held in St Peter's Church each Sunday during October at 5.00pm. Sunday evening devotions take place in the months dedicated to Our Lady, namely, October and May. Mission Sunday

Next **Sunday 20th October, is Mission Sunday**. There is a second envelope. The proceeds of the collection for Mission Sunday support young fledgling Churches worldwide including many Irish-founded missionary societies overseas. This includes building new faith communities, church buildings and parish centres, as well as providing assistance for priests and sisters, lay catechists, and assisting in the effort to alleviate poverty. The theme this year, chosen by Pope Francis, is rooted in the Gospel of Matthew: "Go and Invite Everyone to the Banquet" (22:9)

St Peter's Parish Pastoral Council Meeting tomorrow, Monday 14th October.



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, 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.

God First, St. Peter's Youth Group meet-ups have moved to the second and fourth Friday of each month at 5.30pm in the Family Room of Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

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.*

Feast days this week

Friday 18th October

St Luke, Evangelist