



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

OLD DROGHEDA SOCIETY Annual John Boyle O'Reilly School Saturday 16th November 2024, Registration 10.00am Governor's House, Millmount Quarter, Drogheda. This year's John Boyle O'Reilly School will examine the lives of two Heroes of Drogheda from two different eras in Drogheda's history - St. Oliver Plunkett from the seventeenth century and John Boyle O'Reilly from the nineteenth century, two men who contributed to the life of Drogheda in their day and who have much to say to us in Drogheda today. The speakers will be Tommy Burns, John McCullen and Brendan Matthews.

St Ita's Open Day: St Ita's Special School, Crushrod Avenue, Drogheda, Open Day on Tuesday 19th November 2024 10.00am – 12.00noon. Enquiries: Telephone 041 983 1303 or Email office@stitasspecialschool.ie

The **Medical Missionaries of Mary** will host a **Christmas Craft Fair** to benefit the MMM Missions in Africa and Brazil. Join us for a festive day of fun with handcrafted gifts and decorations on Saturday 23rd November in the Auditorium, MMM Convent, Beechgrove. Free parking at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. www.mmmworldwide.org
Follow us on:   Medical Missionaries of Mary

Pioneer Pledge for the month of the Holy Souls: A short-term pledge gives spiritual support and encouragement to people and their families who are living under a shadow of addiction. Contact the Pioneers on 01 805 4226 or via www.pioneers.ie/pray

Christmas at the Cathedral 2024, An opportunity to prepare for this Sacred Season, takes place in St Patrick's Cathedral Armagh on Thursday 12 December at 7:30pm. Featuring Malachi Cush, Eilis Fox, and Karl McGuckin together with the St Catherine's College Choir.
www.ticketsource.co.uk/christmasatthecathedral

St Peter's Parish Medjugorje Pilgrimage Join us on this private pilgrimage from 29th April to 6th May 2025. Early booking deposit of €50 to avail of prices from €545 for 7 nights, half board accommodation per person sharing, flights included. Daily programme with spiritual director and music ministry. Led by Fr Eugene Sweeney, PP, Deacons John Taaffe and Pat Butterly. Contact 089 615 2568 for further details.

LMFM Mass LMFM will record the 6.15pm Mass in St Peter's Church next Saturday evening 9th November. It will be broadcast on LMFM radio the following morning, Sunday 10th November, at 9.00am.

St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, Solemnity of St Malachy

3rd November 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

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Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery

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St Peter's Church Sacristy
Our Lady of Lourdes Church Sacristy

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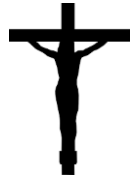
Mass Times
St Peter's Church
Monday to Friday
8.30am & 10.30am
Tuesday also
St Anthony's
Novena 7.30pm
Saturday 10.30am
Vigil 6.15pm
Sunday 8.00am &
11.00am
Our Lady of
Lourdes Church
Monday to
Saturday 10.00am
Saturday Vigil
7.00pm
Sunday 9.00am,
10.30am & 12noon
St Peter's Church
Shop: Monday to
Thursday 11.00am
– 2.00pm
Friday 11.00am -
3.00pm
Saturday 11.00am
– 2.00pm
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Pope Francis published his fourth Encyclical Letter on 24th October, entitled, **Dilexit Nos ("He loved us")**. The Encyclical Letter provides a spiritual treatment of 'the human and divine love of the heart of Jesus Christ'. The text can be found on the Vatican website, Pope Francis section. Archbishop Eamon has offered a video reflection on the text which can be viewed at armagharchdiocese.org. Prayers and reflections based on the Encyclical are available on www.pioneers.ie

November Remembrance of the Dead and Prayer for the Bereaved
Our parish celebration, November Remembrance of the Dead and Prayer for the Bereaved, will take place in Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Saturday 9th November at the 7.00pm Vigil Mass. The names of all those whose funerals have taken place in the Parish, and/or who have been buried in the Parish, in the past twelve months, will be read out. A candle will be lit for each of the deceased. As usual, the Mass may be viewed live by webcam, www.sppd.ie or www.churchservices.tv

Presentation Primary School is commemorating **50 years** at its current location on the Ballymakenny Road. A Mass of Thanksgiving will take place in Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Sunday 10th November at 10.30am to celebrate the contribution of the Presentation Sisters, pupils, and school staff throughout the last 50 years, and also to pray for our continuing role in the community into the future. We would like to invite all former and current pupils, staff and their families to join us.

St Vincent de Paul Church Gate Collection this weekend. Local needs are great at this time.



The rosary and prayers for all the faithful departed will be recited each day during the month of November in **St Peter's Cemetery** at 3.00pm, meeting at the Calvary memorial and then walking around the cemetery. All are welcome to attend and to remember their loved ones in prayer.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen. And may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Parish Pastoral Council meeting tomorrow evening, Monday 4th November.

St Peter's Church Eucharistic Adoration Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St Peter's Church is as follows: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel; Wednesday in the main body of the church. Hours of Adoration, 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.

Oasis of Peace Retreat Centre New Catholic Young Adult Group (18-35years). Join us for a relaxed meet up, first Sunday of each month, 1.00pm, Mellifont Abbey, Collon. Make new friends, enjoy an Italian coffee and cake. Live worship music, time to reflect, fun and faith, discuss some life issues like finding happiness, purpose in life, is God real. Contact Daryl or Deacon John Taaffe (089) 615 2568 www.apostlesoflove.ie

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.*

Assisted Dying Pastoral Letter, *Freedom to Live Fully, Until Death Comes* and a video ***Through the Valley***, both published by the Irish Bishops' Conference are available on irishbishops.ie.

Feast days this week

Sunday 3 rd November	St Malachy, bishop
Wednesday 6 th November	All the Saints of Ireland
Saturday 9 th November	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

St Malachy was born near Armagh in 1094. He became Vicar of Ceallach, the reforming Bishop of Armagh and he continued this work of reform as Bishop of Connor and later, as Bishop of Armagh. Earlier he had restored the monastery of Bangor and in 1142 founded the monastery of Mellifont, the first Cistercian house in Ireland. He had visited St Bernard at Clairvaux on a journey to and from Rome in 1139. He also introduced the Canons Regular into Ireland. He set out from Ireland in 1148 to meet the Pope but died on his way at Clairvaux, where he is buried in the abbey church.

Deaths



We pray for the recently deceased Christina Callaghan, Pearse Park, Noel Chum) Lynch, Shane Martin, Mary Loughran, Liam Sweeney, Eilish Gartland, Patrick Coyle. **May they rest in peace**

Parish Collection for the weekend of 26th / 27th October 2024
Loose €1,499 Envelopes €1,330 Tap to donate €554 Total €3,383

November Parish List of the Dead envelopes are available in both churches. All Masses throughout November will be offered for those whose names are on the 2024 List of the Dead, as well as monthly Masses in both St Peter's and Our Lady of Lourdes Churches, and other dedicated Masses. Please leave the envelopes in the secure box provided.