

will also be distributed along with the parish Christmas card. Many thanks to our distributors. We thank parishioners in a special way for your continued generosity. Anyone wishing to receive a weekly envelope or who would like to contribute via standing order is asked to contact the sacristy or any of the priests.

**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](mailto:info@droghedacsc.net)

**The Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal** invite you to a **Pro-Life Prayer Vigil**. Join us in praying a Eucharistic Holy Hour with led prayers for the protection of life, healing and conversion of hearts. Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Unborn, pray for us. Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 10.00am – 11.00am. Holy Hour followed by Mass in St Saviour's Church, Dominic Street, Dublin. Further information Franciscan Sisters 041 983 0441, [www.franciscansisterscfr.com/st-anthony](http://www.franciscansisterscfr.com/st-anthony)



### St Peter's Male Voice Choir "Keep It Christmas"

Musical Director Edward Holly. Compere Gerry Kelly. With international guests; Celine Byrne, Soprano, violinist Jennifer Murphy and a live band of some of Ireland's top musicians. A magical evening not to be missed! Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 8.00pm in St Peter's Church, West Street. Tickets €25, no booking fee, available from St Peter's Church Sacristy and Shop, Paddy Davis 087 201 9166, Liam Kelly 086 311 5114 or Credit Card purchase 087 220 7383. [www.eventbrite.ie](http://www.eventbrite.ie)

**St Peter's Parish Medjugorje Pilgrimage** Join us on this independent pilgrimage from 29<sup>th</sup> April to 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**North Drogheda Community Employment** St Peter's Parish scheme is currently recruiting a Cleaner for St Peter's Church and a Cleaner for Our Lady of Lourdes Church. These positions involve working 19.5 hours a week in accordance with North Drogheda policies, as directed by the supervisor. They are developmental positions, no experience necessary, with accredited training provided to support one's career. A change in Social Welfare rules any person signing on credits can avail of Community Employment. Please contact Geraldine or Laura on 041-984 3678 or at [northdroghedaceltd@gmail.com](mailto:northdroghedaceltd@gmail.com) for further information or to apply or contact your local Intreo office or Jobs Ireland.

**Crafty Traders' Christmas Craft Fair** in the Barbican Centre today, Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November, 12noon to 5.00pm. Raffles for brilliant prizes. Santa will drop by!

## St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

24<sup>th</sup> 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

041 983 8537  
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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

Email

[office@sppd.ie](mailto:office@sppd.ie)

**The Barbican**

St Peter's Parish

Centre

041-980 7416

### St. Peter's Parish Catholic Primary Education Forum

Parents, grandparents and guardians are invited to a meeting for parents of children preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.



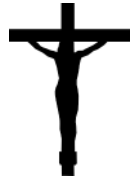
**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November**

**Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 8.00pm - 8.45pm**

This meeting will inform parents on how to help their son/daughter prepare for their Confirmation. This meeting is not suitable for children.

Our **Parish Family Mass** will be celebrated in Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 10.30am today Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

**Week of Prayer for Vocations** 1st - 8th December 2024. The Archdiocesan Vocations Commission invites parishes to join with them in a week of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood in the Archdiocese of Armagh. As we begin the new Church-year we pray that those called to serve the Church within the Archdiocese will answer with generous hearts, courage and zeal. Looking forward to the Jubilee Year of Hope we are reminded of Pope Francis' message for the 2024 World Day of Prayer for Vocations where he refers to priests as Pilgrims of Hope and Builders of Peace. A led Holy Hour for Vocations with music and Benediction will be held in Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 3.00pm. Armagh Diocesan Vocations Director is Fr Barry Matthews, Administrator 00 44 28 3752 2802, [barrymatthews@gmail.com](mailto:barrymatthews@gmail.com) [www.armaghpriest.com](http://www.armaghpriest.com)



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

**To be a people of hope!** the *Catholic Bishops' Statement for Election 2024 and Questions for Candidates* is available on catholicbisops.ie

**Key takeaways:** All eligible to vote should exercise their right to maximise the common good. Homelessness is unacceptable. The inability to acquire a home affects social cohesion and is a scandal. Politicians should lead by welcoming all immigrants who come with a willingness to contribute to our society. The deliberate taking of human-life undermines civilised society. Political parties must urgently address pollution, climate change and loss of biodiversity. The war in Gaza and the Middle East must stop now: Enough is Enough! Church-State structured dialogue is not functioning and in need of review

There is Hope! In this 2024 election message, we set out some of the principal areas for reflection as we seek to bring the values of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our national conversation. We do so respectfully. We do so, inspired by the vision that gives us hope, namely: the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**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 does not take place.

**All Masses are streamed live by webcam. [www.sppd.ie](http://www.sppd.ie) or [www.churchservices.tv](http://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 gate collection will be taken up next weekend.

**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](http://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](mailto:office@sppd.ie) or handed into the Parish Office by Wednesday evening each week.*

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

**Many thanks** to the family who, some time back, donated a beautiful statue of St Michael the Archangel to St Peter's Church. The statue will be blessed at the 6.15pm Saturday Mass next weekend 30th November, the First Sunday of Advent.

**Pope Francis' intention for November:** For Those who have lost a Child. Let us pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community, and may receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation.

**Feast days this week**

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November St Andrew, Apostle

#### Baptism

**We welcome** Kai John Scully and Rhea Amelia Halton *into the Christian community*

#### Deaths



**We pray for the recently deceased** Peggy Donnelly, Pearse Park, Alan Doyle, Brookville, David Hanan, Bredin Street, Julia Robinson, Bryanstown Village, Jacqueline (Jackie) Skelly-Holdcroft, Donore Road, formerly Mellifont Park, Raymond Wolfe, Glenmore Drive, Fintan McGuinness, Georgian Close, Bartle (Bernard) Crean, Sr Paula Mary George O.P., Christina Callaghan, Noel (Chum) Lynch. **May they rest in peace**

**Parish Collection for the weekend of 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

Loose €1,447 Envelopes €1,220 Tap to donate €425 Total €3,092

**Christmas Dues** will be collected in the coming weeks. The 2025 parish envelopes boxes