

food and toiletries are needed at this time. Please donate into the boxes provided in both St Peter's and Our Lady of Lourdes Churches by Sunday 15th December. Thank you.

Give comfort and joy this Christmas with **Trócaire Gifts of Change**. To order by phone call 1800 408 408. www.trocaire.org

Come and See the Seminary Nativity Scene

The joy of Christmas shines through the darkness and cold of the winter. In preparation and celebration of Christ being born into the world, we would like to invite you to visit our nativity scene. Saturday 7th December & Saturday 14th December, 2.00pm -5.00pm.

Redemptoris Mater Armagh Archdiocesan Seminary, De la Salle Terrace, Dundalk, Co Louth, De La Salle Terrace, Dundalk, Co Louth, A91C5D6. There will be Christmas carols and an open house event. Refreshments will be provided. All are more than welcome to come along. Watch our invitation on You Tube. Info: email: seminary@redmatarmagh.org Tel 042 933 6584

Family Blessing for a Christmas Tree

God of all creation, we praise you for this tree

Which brings beauty and memories

And the promise of life to our home.

May your blessing be upon all who gather around this tree,

All who keep the Christmas festival by its lights.

We wait for the coming of the Christ,

The days of everlasting justice and peace.

You are our God, living and reigning for ever and ever, Amen.

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Pilgrimage to Rome 2025

Fr Paddy Rushe has organised a visit to Rome from 10th – 13th March to coincide with the 2025 Jubilee Year.

Flying from Dublin, 10kg bag included, transfers in Rome, B&B accommodation and tours. €829 pps. Deposit €250.

Contact: O'Hanrahan Travel, Monaghan, 047 81133 Email info@oht.ie



St Peter's Parish Medjugorje Pilgrimage Join us on this independent 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.

St Peter's Parish Christmas Card with Advent Confessions and Christmas Mass times is available at the back of both churches. Please take one.

St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area

Second Sunday of Advent

8th December 2024 (Sunday Cycle Year C)

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

Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery

St Peter's Church Sacristy

Our Lady of Lourdes Church Sacristy

041 983 8537

041 983 8239

041 983 1899

041 984 5355

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



Advent Vigil, - Hope & Healing Darkness into Light

“Heal me O Lord, and I will be healed; Save me and I will be saved” Jer 17:14

Adoration, Music & Reflections, Prayers of Healing, Anointing of the Sick.

Led by Deacons John Taaffe and Pat Butterly in Our Lady of Lourdes Church,

Wednesday 11th December, 7.30pm - 8.30pm.

Week of Prayer for Vocations 1st - 8th December 2024.

A led **Holy Hour** for Vocations to the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Armagh, with music and Benediction, will be held in Our Lady of Lourdes Church today Sunday 8th December at 3.00pm.

This year, we celebrate the Solemnity of **the Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary** tomorrow, Monday 9th December. It is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. Masses on Monday in St Peter's Church 8.30am & 10.30am and in Our Lady of Lourdes Church 10.00am & 7.30pm.

Young people from the Neocatechumenal Way in St Peter's Parish and the Archdiocese of Armagh are hoping to raise funds to attend the **Jubilee Year Youth Gathering** in Rome, 28th July – 3rd August 2025. Calendars and candles will be on sale after the Masses in Our Lady of Lourdes Church this weekend, 7th/8th December. Envelopes are also available for those wishing to donate at a later date. Thank you for your support.

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 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's next meeting takes place on Friday 13th December at 5.30pm in the Family Room, Our Lady of Lourdes Church. New members always welcome.

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 December: For Pilgrims of Hope. Let us pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

Feast Days this week

Monday 9th December The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Marriages

Congratulations to David Byrne & Claire Dyas and Frank Dempsey & Orlagh McHugh **who were married recently**



Deaths

We pray for the recently deceased Jennifer McGuirk, Brickfield, Trinity Gardens, Barbara Dyas, Anne Hoey, Peggy Donnelly, Alan Doyle, David Hanan, Julia Robinson, Jacqueline (Jackie) Skelly-Holdcroft, Raymond Wolfe, Fintan McGuinness, Bartle (Bernard) Crean. **May they rest in peace**

Parish Collection for the weekend of 30th November/1st December 2024

Loose €1,405 Envelopes €1,380 Tap to donate €422 Total €3,207

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

St Peter's Church Shop has a large range of Advent Calendars, Crib scenes, Christmas Cards, Christmas Mass Bouquets, and faith-based gifts in stock. Many thanks to the wonderful volunteers who give of their time in the shop.

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 14th 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



A Carol Service featuring the students of Our Lady College, Greenhills with guests Donal Lunny & Andy Irvine will take place in the Augustinian Church on Wednesday 18th December at 8.00pm. The Carol service entitled, **Peace, Love, Hope and Joy**, promises to be a night to remember. Tickets are: €12.00 per adult, €6.00 per child/OAP or family of 4 for €30.00. These may be purchased from Our Lady's Greenhills, the Augustinian Church shop, or by calling Fidelma on 087 612 9601

Christmas Appeal Once again St Peter's Parish is supporting **Drogheda Women's & Children's Refuge** and **Drogheda Homeless Aid** in their Christmas appeals. Items such as non-perishable