

Marriage

Congratulations to Charles Byrne & Lisa Byrne **on their recent wedding.**

Baptism

We welcome Saoirse Mary Joyce, Freya Cloak, Kai Cloak and Rafia Serena Reynolds **into the Christian community**

Deaths



We pray for the recently deceased Mary Flanagan, Pearse Park, Mary Marley, Prospect Avenue, Margaret (Rita) O'Brien, Liam Leech Terrace, Frank Murphy, Matson Lodge, Peter Keegan, Forest Park, Paul Kelly, Brookville, Helen Kelly, Glenview, Vera Brady, Killineer, Oliver Walsh, Newtown Meadows, Carmel Smith, Ascal a Dó, Yellowbatter, Jeremiah (Jerry) Healy, Sr Lucia Lynch MMM, Berni Moore, Bobby McDonnell, May O'Donnell. **May they rest in peace**

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th -25th January 2025

The guiding biblical text for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2025 comes from John 11:17-27. The theme for the week, "Do you believe this?" (v. 26), takes its cue from the dialogue between Jesus and Martha when Jesus visited the home of Martha and Mary in Bethany following the death of their brother, Lazarus.

50th Anniversary of the death of Mother Mary Martin

The Medical Missionaries of Mary will mark the 50th Anniversary of the death of Mother Mary Martin later this month. A celebration of the life of Mother Mary will be held on Saturday 25th January in The Auditorium, Beechgrove Convent, 2.00pm - 5.00pm. All are welcome. The Sisters will join us in Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Sunday 26th January at the 10.30am Mass for Mother Mary's 50th Anniversary Mass.

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

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.

Archdiocese of Armagh Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place 5th – 10th May 2025. Cost per person sharing €995.00, single room supplement €205.00. Further details and bookings please contact Cora on 087 261 0026 or dundalklourdescommittee@gmail.com

St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area
The Baptism of the Lord

12th January 2025

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 041 983 8537
St Peter's Presbytery 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
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St Peter's Parish
Centre
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Jubilee Year 2025, St Oliver Plunkett 400

Pope Francis has proclaimed 2025 as a Jubilee or Holy Year. First and foremost it marks the 2025th anniversary of the birth of Jesus. A Jubilee also proclaims a year of forgiveness and freedom for all. The motto of the 2025 Jubilee is Pilgrims of Hope inspired by the words of St Paul, "Hope does not disappoint" (Rom 5:5). We are delighted that marking the 400th anniversary of the birth of St Oliver Plunkett, Archbishop Eamon Martin has named St Peter's Church, Drogheda, as a Jubilee Church in the Archdiocese of Armagh, along with St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh. The Archbishop has asked that the following note be published in parish bulletins throughout the Archdiocese this weekend regarding Indulgences during this Jubilee Year of Hope:

Indulgences in the Jubilee Year

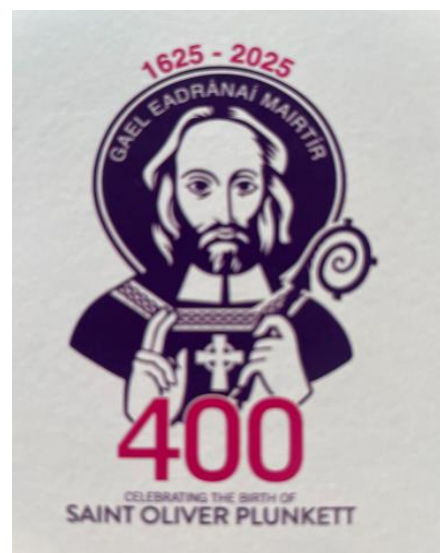
"Now the time has come for a new Jubilee, when once more the Holy Door will be flung open to invite everyone to an intense experience of the love of God" (Spes non confundit, 6). One of the great graces of the Jubilee Year lies in the opportunity it presents us for starting afresh, for conversion and restoration of our relationship with God. God in his mercy wants to forgive our sins. The Jubilee Year provides us with opportunities to be free from the consequences of sin - past and present - which leaves a mark on our lives. The Jubilee indulgence is offered to remove the punishments due to our having sinned and wounded our relationship with God. It is a way for us to begin afresh and restore our communion with God. We can also obtain the indulgence on behalf of the souls in purgatory.

The first step in obtaining the Jubilee indulgence is a desire for repentance and conversion. We undertake to detach our lives from sin - even venial sins. Secondly, as "pilgrims of hope" during this Holy Year, we undertake to receive devoutly the Sacrament of Penance and Holy Communion and to pray for the

Pope's intentions in one of the following ways:

1. By pilgrimage or visit to any sacred Jubilee site in Rome, the Holy Land; or to one of Ireland's National Pilgrimages at Knock, Lough Derg or Croagh Patrick; or to a designated local Jubilee Church - St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, St Peter's Church, Drogheda, or the Cathedral of St Patrick and St Colman, Newry; or to a similarly designated Jubilee site in another diocese. In each case we participate in the organised pilgrimage exercises, or make a "Jubilee visit", consisting of engaging in Eucharistic adoration, meditation and prayer, concluding with the Our Father, the Profession of Faith and invocations to Mary, the mother of God. Note: Those who for reasons of sickness, age, vital work or other reasons who cannot make such a pilgrimage visit, may obtain the Jubilee indulgence by uniting from their homes and offering up their sufferings or hardships in spirit with the faithful taking part in person.

2. By works of mercy and penance: visit someone in need or in difficulty (the sick, prisoners, lonely, elderly people, disabled people...); dedicate Friday to fasting or abstinence; support the defence and protection of life in all its phases; the cause of abandoned children, young people in difficulty, the needy or lonely elderly people, or migrants; volunteer in the community; make a charitable donation for the poor; participate in popular missions, spiritual exercises, or formation activities on the documents of the Second Vatican Council and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, held in a church or other suitable place.



Celebrating the Birth of St Oliver Plunkett 1625-2025

Glorious Martyr, Oliver, who willingly gave your life for your faith,
help us also to be strong in faith.
May we be loyal like you to the See of Peter.
By your intercession and example may all hatred and bitterness
be banished from the hearts of Irish men and women.
May the peace of Christ reign in our hearts,
as it did in your heart,
even at the moment of your death. Pray for us and for Ireland. Amen.

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.

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 January: For the right to an education. Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

Parish Collection for the weekends of

21st/22nd December 2024

Loose €1,666 Envelopes €1,200 Tap to donate €644 Total €3,510

28th/29th December 2024

Loose €1,405 Envelopes €2,480 Tap to donate €454 Total €4,339

4th/5th January 2025

Loose €1,230 Envelopes €1,065 Tap to donate €388 Total €2,683

The **2025 parish envelope year** commenced on **Sunday 5th January**. Anybody wishing to register for a box of weekly envelopes or who would like to contribute via standing order may leave one's name into the sacristy or the parish office.