

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.

The January **Family Mass** will be celebrated in Our Lady of Lourdes Church next Sunday 26th January at 10.30am.

Parish Collection for the weekend of

11th/12th January 2025

Loose €1,401 Envelopes €1,355 Tap to donate €405 Total €3,161

There is a second envelope this weekend, 18th -19th January, for the **Sick and Retired Priests** of the Armagh Diocese. There are currently thirty retired priests in the Archdiocese, some continuing to help out in parishes, other in nursing homes or on long-term sick-leave. We thank you sincerely for your continued generosity to our sick and retired priests.

The **2025 parish envelope year** has commenced. 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.

Deaths



We pray for the recently deceased Una Reynolds, formerly Greenlanes, Jimmy Coyle, Yellowbatter, Sr M Monica Prendergast, MMM, Beechgrove, Tracy Verblis, Francis Street, Rosaleen Reilly, Brookville, Mary Flanagan, Mary Marley, Margaret (Rita) O'Brien, Frank Murphy, Peter Keegan, Paul Kelly, Helen Kelly, Vera Brady, Oliver Walsh, Carmel Smith, Jeremiah (Jerry) Healy, Sr Lucia Lynch MMM, Berni Moore, Bobby McDonnell. **May they rest in peace**

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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

19th 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
St Peter's Presbytery

041 983 8537
041 983 8239

Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery

041 983 1899

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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The Barbican

St Peter's Parish
Centre

041-980 7416

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

This year of 2025, in addition to being a Jubilee Year based on the theme 'Pilgrims of Hope', is also the 1700th anniversary of the first Ecumenical Council of the Church, the Council of Nicaea, held in 325. It was that Council which gave us the Nicene Creed, the one we profess on most Sundays and other Solemnities. Fittingly, the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity this year is "Do you believe this?", based on the Gospel of John 11:17-27 and Martha's confession of faith to Jesus.

Catholic Schools Week 2025 Sunday 19th January to Saturday 25th January.

This year's theme "**Catholic Schools: Alive in Christ**".

"Christ is alive! He is our hope, and in a wonderful way he brings youth to our world, and everything he touches becomes young, new, full of life. The very first words, then, that I would like to say to every young Christian are these: Christ is alive and he wants you to be alive!" – Pope Francis, Christus Vivit, Section 1.

Thank you to the principals, teachers, staff, chairs and Board of Management members of the eight excellent Catholic schools – five national, two secondary, and one national/secondary - in St Peter's Parish. We are very fortunate indeed. Sincere gratitude to Presentation, St Brigid's & St Patrick's, St Joseph's CBS, St Oliver's and Scoil Aonghusa at primary level, to Our Lady's College, Greenhills and St Joseph's CBS at post-primary level, and to St Ita's at both primary and secondary level, for all that they bring so generously and competently bring to the youth and the wider Drogheda community.

We pray for and support our local Catholic schools so that, together with us, the parish community, they will be alive with the joy and hope that is Christ.

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 next weekend. 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.

Next weekend, January 25th /26th, seminarians from **Redemptoris Mater Seminary** in Dundalk, will be present at Masses in the Parish. They will give a brief introduction to themselves and life in the seminary, as well as offer St Brigid prayer cards and Crosses for donation.

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.



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.

God First St Peter's Youth Group for teenagers 13-17 years old, meets on the second and fourth Friday of each month in the Family Room of Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Come along to encounter God, make new friends and have fun.

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.*

First Friday Visits

Those who would like a First Friday visit from a priest for themselves or for a loved one should contact any of the priests of the parish, or give the details (name, address and telephone number) to the sacristy, or by email to the Parish, office@sppd.ie

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.

Feast days this week

Saturday 25th January The Conversion of St Paul, Apostle

The monthly Mass in honour of **St Oliver Plunkett** will be celebrated next Saturday in St Peter's Church at 6.15pm.

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