

Baptism

We welcome Eabha O'Rourke and Mollie Hamilton Boylan *into the Christian community*

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.

"Opening the Bible": A free six-part video introduction to the Bible for those interested in Scripture, and those unsure where to begin. Available at: www.tarsuscriptureschool.ie

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

Scoil Aonghusa – Drogheda's Gaelscoil since 1981. Applications for new Junior Infant pupils for September 2025 are now available from Scoil Aonghusa or on our website www.scoilaonghusa.com Completed application forms to be returned to Scoil Aonghusa, Sunday's Gate, Drogheda A92 PY18. Contact details: 041 983 2531
oifig.scoilaonghusa@gmail.com

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

Conclusion of the Celebration of St. Brigid 1500 An Evening of Music and Reflection to conclude the 'Year of St. Brigid' will take place in St. Gerard's Hall, Dundalk, Co. Louth, A91 F3FC, on Thursday 13th February 2025 from 7.00 – 9.00pm. Guest speakers: Marjorie Doherty, Pastoral Care, St. John of God Services, Sr. Briega O'Hare OSC, member of the Poor Clare Sisters, Faughart, Carmel Boyle, singer, songwriter and spiritual practitioner. Music will be provided by Leah and Shauna Marron, harpists, and the Ring of Gullion Comhaltas Group, Forkhill/Mullaghbawn. Light refreshments will be provided on arrival. The event is free but there will be an opportunity on the night to make a donation in aid of Women's Aid, Dundalk.

Louth Local Development: Join our Team. Community Health workers. Primary Healthcare for Travellers Project in Drogheda. Part-time position, 12 hours per week. No experience necessary as full paid training provided. If interested please contact Teresa Comiskey at 087 001 7553.

Aisteoirí na Bóinne presents The Booby Trap by Jane Hilliard in the Droichead Arts Centre, 11th – 15th February, 8.00pm. Tickets available online from Droichead Arts Centre. €15.00 All proceeds go towards various charities.

St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9th February 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

041 984 5355

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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



Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes,

World Day of the Sick, Tuesday 11th February.

The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes will be celebrated in Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Tuesday 11th February, at the 10.00am Mass. Bishop Michael Ruter will celebrate the Mass and preach. As it is World Day of the Sick, individual anointing of the sick will take place at the Mass, with a number of priests anointing. Special Lourdes candles will be available in Our Lady of Lourdes Church (€2 each or 3 for €5). The candles may be used in one's home, or left in the basket provided in the Church. Candles will be lit at the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes on the feast day for your intentions. Pope Francis, in his message Feast for 2025 World Day of the Sick, reminds us that in this Jubilee Year we are pilgrims of hope and that God remains close to those who are suffering in three particular ways: through encounter, gift and sharing.

Launch of St Oliver Plunkett 400

2025 marks the 400th anniversary of the birth of St Oliver Plunkett, martyred Archbishop of Armagh, whose head we are privileged to preserve and honour in St Peter's Church. We hope to celebrate this auspicious occasion in a fitting manner throughout the year. The launch will be held at St Peter's Church, West St on Wednesday 12th February at 11.00am. Archbishop Eamon Martin, Cllr Paddy McQuillan, Mayor of Drogheda and other invited guests will be in attendance. We hope to begin on the steps of the Church and move then to St Oliver's Shrine for a short service. Fr Paul Clayton-Lea will launch the beautifully produced St Oliver Plunkett 400 Commemorative Book. Children from

St Oliver's National School, Ballymakenny Road, will sing and take part in the liturgy. Archbishop Eamon will launch a beautiful resource for primary schools on St Oliver, prepared by St Oliver's NS for sharing throughout the Archdiocese. The day will also offer an opportunity to mark the designation of St Peter's Church as a Jubilee church of pilgrimage in this Jubilee Year of Hope proclaimed by Pope Francis. All are welcome.

St. Oliver Jubilee Walk - 2025

During a period of persecution which necessitated St. Oliver moving to a more secure location, he wrote: "Snow mixed with big hailstones was falling, a cutting wind was blowing into our faces... finally after frequent danger of being suffocated in the snowdrifts, we arrived at the house of a poor gentleman... God be praised that He gave us the grace to suffer for the chair of Peter and on the day dedicated to chair founded upon the rock which, I hope, will in the long run break the violence of these tempestuous waves."

Commencing at 2.30pm on Saturday 22nd February, feast of the Chair of St Peter, at the house where St. Oliver resided at Doctor's Quarters (Map ref. 54.144553, - 6.465519) and following a short talk and blessing of the water in the nearby St. Oliver's Well, the Jubilee Pilgrims will walk two and a half miles via Daly's Bridge and Milltown to the church at Lislea. Vespers will be recited at 5.00pm, just as St. Oliver would have prayed on his arrival at the safe house, all those years ago.

For further information: email: tobroin@gmail.com

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).



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.

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.

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 February: For vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

Feast days this week

Tuesday 11th February World day of the Sick
Friday 14th February Ss Cyril, monk and Methodius, Bishop, Patrons of Europe

Parish Collection for the weekend of

1st / 2nd February 2025

Loose €1,031 Envelopes €1,439 Tap to donate €665 Total €3,135

There is a **second envelope** next weekend 15th / 16th February, for the national services offered by the **Irish Bishops' Conference**, which include Pastoral Renewal and Youth Ministry; Catholic Education; Marriage, Family, Migrants & Pastoral Care; National Safeguarding of Children services; Communications; Worship & Faith Development. The Bishops Conference also has various social outreaches, including a Drugs Initiative and support for Irish prisoners overseas.

Deaths



We pray for the recently deceased Sr Ursula Cott, MMM, Beechgrove, Sr Pauline Mary Dean, MMM, Beechgrove, Mary (May) McArdle, Kathleen Fay, Eileen Byrne, Alice Carroll, Ursula Fagan, Paddy Smith, Una Reynolds, Jimmy Coyle, Sr M Monica Prendergast, MMM, Tracy Verblis, Rosaleen Reilly, Mary Flanagan, Mary Marley. **May they rest in peace.**