

St Peter's Parish Schools

Common Applications and Enrolment Timeline System Junior Infants September 2025

Presentation Primary School, St Brigid's & St Patrick's NS., St Joseph's CBS, St Oliver's NS., (all co-ed, i.e. boys and girls). Parents/Guardians may obtain an application form and explanatory notes from any participating school and from local creches (also available online from schools). *Wednesday 5th February 2025*: Closing date for completed applications to be in at 12.00 noon at school of first choice, including birth certificate and proof of address, dated within three months of application (e.g. utility bill).

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. Briege 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.

Volunteers needed in Drogheda Library for **Age Action's** free one-to-one digital literacy classes for older people with basic or no computer/smart device experience. Time commitment two hours per week for five weeks. Training and volunteer support provided. Contact us on 0818 911 109 or volunteering@ageaction.ie

Drogheda COPD Support Group monthly meeting takes place in the Barbican Centre on Monday 3rd February 2025, from 2.30pm until 4.00pm. Light refreshments are served and all are welcome to attend. Exercise classes take place every Monday (with the exception of Bank Holidays) from 12.00noon to 1.00pm in The Barbican Centre, Drogheda. The classes are free of charge, you do not have to suffer with COPD to participate, all are welcome! For further details contact Peter (087 807 1138) or Oliver (083 415 6104).

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

The Presentation of the Lord

2nd 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 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
Email
office@sppd.ie
The Barbican
St Peter's Parish
Centre
041-980 7416

Today, Sunday 2nd February is the **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, Candlemas Day** and **World Day for Consecrated Life**. Blessing of candles at all Masses. We thank the Lord for the great witness of the Augustinians, the Medical Missionaries of Mary, and the Dominican Contemplatives in our parish. We also remember all deceased Religious who served in Drogheda, and those living, who are now based elsewhere.

Tomorrow Monday is a **Bank Holiday**. Mass at 10.00am in Our Lady of Lourdes Church and 10.30am in St Peter's Church. Monday 3rd February is also the **Feast of St Blaise**. Communal and individual blessing of throats at both morning Masses.

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. The day will also offer an opportunity to mark the designation of St Peter's Church as a Jubilee church of



of pilgrimage in this Jubilee Year of Hope proclaimed by Pope Francis. All are welcome.

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. As it is World Day of the Sick, individual anointing of the sick will take place at the Mass. Special Lourdes candles will be available in Our Lady of Lourdes Church (€2 each or 3 for €5). These candles may be used in your 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.

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, today Sunday 2nd February, 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.

St Vincent de Paul monthly church collection this weekend. Local needs are great at this time.

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.

Friday 7th February is the **First Friday** of the month. The clergy will visit the sick in accordance with Government and diocesan norms, but only after consultation with the person concerned or their family. Please contact the parish office, either sacristy or any priest if you or your loved one would like a visit.

The **Divine Mercy Chaplet** is recited after the 10.00am Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes Church each First Friday.

The monthly Mass in honour of the **Sacred Heart** (Pioneer Association) will be celebrated on Friday at 10.30am in St Peter's Church.

First Saturday **Fatima Devotions** in St Peter's Church after the 10.30am Mass on Saturday.

Men's Rosary on the first Saturday of each month at 12.00noon in the Augustinian Church Garden, Shop Street.

The church gate collection next weekend 8th/9th February will be held by the **Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Association.**

Parish Collection for the weekend of
25th/26th January 2025

Loose €1,060 Envelopes €1,402 Tap to donate €378 Total €2,840

Baptism

We welcome Jan Enko Mikulic and Maria Elena Xavier Shehu **into the Christian community.**

Deaths



We pray for the recently deceased Mary (May) McArdle, Flanagan's Terrace, Kathleen Fay, Brookville, 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, Margaret (Rita) O'Brien, Frank Murphy, Peter Keegan, Paul Kelly, Helen Kelly. **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