

**Drogheda Red Cross Teddy Bears** Enrolling new members, 4-9 Years old, First Aid Training, Health & Hygiene, Storytelling, Interactive Games etc. Saturdays 12noon-1.00pm, Lourdes Community, Yellowbatter Drogheda. Contact: 087 320 7447/  
[youth.drogheda@irishredcross.com](mailto:youth.drogheda@irishredcross.com)

**Flowers & Fun Fest** will be hosted by the MMMs on Saturday 3rd May 2025, 10.00am to 3.00pm at the Convent Auditorium, Hardman's Gardens. People are invited as art, craft or food vendors or to share their specific knowledge or talent about nature. Volunteers to help on the day or donate items are welcome. Please email [MMcraftfair@gmail.com](mailto:MMcraftfair@gmail.com). The deadline for signing up is 3rd April, 2025.

Copies of the Information Leaflet of the Archdiocese of Armagh, **Diocesan Levies and the Parish: Central Diocesan Fund and Education Fund**, are available at the back of the churches. Please take one.

**Triduum of Prayer for Vocations** from St Patrick's Day to the Solemnity of St Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 20 March. Prayer for vocations of St Joseph's Young Priests' Society, in union with the branch in St Peter's Parish, will be recited at all Masses.

**Visit of Sacred Heart Statue** A nationwide initiative for the Jubilee Year called the **Jubilee Sacred Heart Crusade of Love and Hope** is taking place, inspired by the Holy Father's recent encyclical letter 'Dilexit Nos' (celebrating also the 350th Anniversary of the Sacred Heart revelations at Paray-le-Monial). Four pilgrim statues were blessed by Pope Francis at the Vatican in January to help rekindle faith in the love of Jesus in Ireland, represented in the Sacred Heart devotion, and to offer all a 'heart to heart' encounter with his most Sacred Heart. One of these statues will visit Our Lady of Lourdes Church on the weekend of 28 - 30 March. More details next weekend.

**St Peter's Parish, Drogheda wishes to appoint a Sacristan** (permanent part-time.) 13 hours per week (Saturday and Sunday). Duties and responsibilities include the smooth running of Our Lady of Lourdes Church at all times and assistance at liturgical events, as required. Candidates must be trustworthy, reliable, have good organisational skills and be able to work using their own initiative, as well as being part of a team. Ideally, they will have related previous experience although this is not essential as all necessary training will be provided. A full job description and application form shall be provided upon request to The Secretary, St Peter's Parish, 9 Fair St, Drogheda, Co. Louth, A92 T6WY. Tel 041 983 8537 (please leave a message). E [office@sppd.ie](mailto:office@sppd.ie). The closing date for submission of completed applications is 12.00 noon on Monday 24th March, 2025. This post is subject to vetting. Applicants will be required to provide evidence that they have the right to work in the Republic of Ireland. The Parish of St Peter, Drogheda is an Equal Opportunities Employer.

## St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area

### Second Sunday of Lent

16<sup>th</sup> March 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](mailto:office@sppd.ie)

**The Barbican**  
St Peter's Parish  
Centre  
041-980 7416



**Monday 17th March, is St Patrick's Day, a Holy day of obligation.**

**Mass times as follows:**

**Our Lady of Lourdes Church:** 9.00am, 10.30am, 7.00pm.

**St Peter's Church:** 8.00am and 11.00am.  
11.00am Mass will be bilingual – Irish and English.

There is a special envelope in your weekly envelope box for St Patrick's Day to support the pastoral care of Irish emigrants abroad. The **Emigrants Collection** is aimed at creating an awareness of the plight of the Irish abroad. Since 1957, the Irish Church continues to identify projects and offers essential support to provide pastoral and practical outreach to the most marginalised and vulnerable groups of Irish emigrants in Britain, America, Australia and elsewhere, where many struggle greatly.



**Stations of the Cross** in Our Lady of Lourdes Church each Sunday during Lent at 5.00pm, led by the priests and deacons of the Parish.

**Trócaire:** Trócaire boxes are available in the churches. Trócaire is the overseas development agency of the Catholic Church in Ireland. This year, Trócaire's Lenten campaign focuses on Guatemala, a country which is one of the least responsible for causing the climate crisis, yet is bearing the brunt of the consequences. We tell this story through, Ilma, Julio and their family. Find out more at [trocaire.org](http://trocaire.org)

**Padre Pio Novena** will take place at 7.05pm on Thurs 20th March in St Mary's Church, followed by Holy Mass at 7.30pm and blessing of the Relics.

**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).

**Adorers are needed** for the following hours: Monday 12noon - 1.00pm. Friday 1.00pm - 2.00pm & 3.00pm - 4.00pm. Please contact Breda on 087 214 8422 or Josie 087 771 0264.

**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](http://www.sppd.ie) or [www.churchservices.tv](http://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](mailto:office@sppd.ie) or handed into the Parish Office by Wednesday evening each week.*

### **Parish Collection for the weekend of**

8<sup>th</sup> /9<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Loose €1,900 Envelopes €1,335 Tap to donate €591 Total €3,826

The priests of the parish are grateful for your support and thank you for the **Spring Dues** which are being collected from now to St Patrick's weekend. Many thanks to our loyal Dues Collectors. Dues envelopes also available in both churches.

### **Baptism**

**We welcome** Finnian Perrem *into the Christian community*

### **Deaths**

**We pray for the recently deceased** Thomas Kerr, Maple Drive, Ceta Leonard, Upper Magdalene Street, Paddy Brady, Nun's Walk, Ann Burke, Clare Fitzpatrick, Anne Keegan, Thomas Carolan, Anthony Burke, Olive Dempsey, Dorota Kucharska, Mary Boyle, Kieran Kelly, William (Billy) Cummins. **May they rest in peace.**

**Light the Fire** 17th March, St Patrick's Day. 5:00pm - Vespers on Hill of Slane followed by Rosary Procession. 6.15pm. - Mass in St Patrick's Church, Slane, celebrated by Papal Nuncio Archbishop Montemayor and Bishop Deenihan, Eucharistic Adoration following.

**Scoil Aonghusa** – Applications for new Junior Infant pupils for September 2025 are now available from Scoil Aonghusa or on our website [www.scoilaonghusa.com](http://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](mailto:oifig.scoilaonghusa@gmail.com)

**St Oliver Plunkett 400** An excellent Commemorative Book and a specially commissioned crafted lapel pin badge are now on sale for €5 each in St Peter's Church shop and both church sacristies. Both book and pin will be made available after Masses next weekend.

**Synodal Pathway:** In preparation for the October 2025 National Pre-Synodal Assembly in Kilkenny, and the Armagh Diocesan Synodal Congress on Youth, Family and Faith in March 2026, parishioners are invited to a **St Oliver's Pastoral Area Consultation** in the Barbican Centre, William St on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. This is to discern key priorities for action - for mission - drawing on the 17 themes\* that emerged in Ireland during the universal synodal consultation process, helping the Church to discern its mission in contemporary Ireland. All are welcome. \*Baptism, catechesis, education, faith formation, youth, liturgy, women, clergy, lay ministry, co-responsibility, abuse, sexuality and LGBTQ+ issues, culture, belonging, family, ecumenism, covid-19.

**Dominican Contemplative Monastic Weekend** 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> March for young single women (18-35), discerning a vocation. Contact: Sr. Mairéad O.P. [sienavoc@gmail.com](mailto:sienavoc@gmail.com) Tel 041 983 8524, Monastery of St. Catherine of Siena, The Twenties, Drogheda.