

The Captain and the Saint - St Oliver Plunkett Art Exhibition

The artist, Fintan Tracey, is holding an exhibition of 24 prints (watercolours) from his book, The Captain and the Saint, which illustrated the life and story of St Oliver Plunkett, in the Barbican Centre, William St. Well worth seeing. Congratulations and thanks to a wonderful artist. Centre opens Monday – Friday, 9.00am to 9.00pm, Saturday, 9.30am - 2.30pm, Sunday 9.30am - 1.30pm.

St Oliver Plunkett 400 An excellent Commemorative Book and a specially commissioned crafted lapel pin badge to mark the 400th anniversary, are now on sale for €5 each in St Peter's Church shop and both church sacristies and after all Masses this weekend.

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

Flowers & Fun Fest: be hosted by the MMMs on Saturday 3rd May 2025, 10.00am to 3.00pm at the Convent Auditorium. 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. The deadline for signing up is 3rd April, 2025.

Scoil Aonghusa – 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

St Peter's Parish, Drogheda wishes to appoint a Sacristan (permanent part-time) 13hours 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 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.

Trócaire: Trócaire boxes are available in the churches. 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. Find out more at trocaire.org

St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area

Third Sunday of Lent

23rd 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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Email office@sppd.ie



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

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 24th 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. There will be a PowerPoint presentation followed by group discussion. 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.



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.

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 28th –

30th March. Special mention of the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be made at all Masses in Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Saturday 29th March (10.00am and 7.00pm) and Sunday 30th March (9.00am, 10.30am, 12 noon). There will be a guided Holy Hour on Saturday 29th March at 4.00pm.

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.*

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.

Pope Francis' intention for March: For families in crisis: Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

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

The **Family Mass** for March will be celebrated in Our Lady of Lourdes Church next Sunday 30th March at 10.30am.

Parish Collection for the weekend of
15th/16th March 2025

Loose €1,842 Envelopes €1,155 Tap to donate €481 Total €3,478

Baptism

We welcome Ben Joseph Pereira Ryan, Marleigh Marie Michelle McEntegart and Cillian Ronan Kelly **into the Christian community**

Deaths



We pray for the recently deceased Pauline O'Neill, Scarlet Street, Thomas Kerr, Ceta Leonard, Paddy Brady, Ann Burke, Clare Fitzpatrick, Anne Keegan, Thomas Carolan, Anthony Burke, Olive Dempsey, Dorota Kucharska.
May they rest in peace.

St Joseph's Young Priests' Society

The society's **monthly meeting** will be held in Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery on Thursday 27th March at 10.30am. New members and supporters are invited to attend. Contact Margaret on 086 602 4982 for further information.

An **Afternoon of Prayer for Vocations** will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral Armagh, on Sunday 6th April at 2.30pm, concluding with Mass at 5.30pm. All are welcome.

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

Ignatian Spiritual Exercises for Men - Friday 2nd May to Monday 5th May (bank holiday) in An Tobar Retreat Centre, Ardbraccan, Navan, C15 T884. Cost €190 - includes all meals and en-suite single rooms. Contact 087 348 2148 or iveireland@ive.org