

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

Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome travelling from Dublin on 1st September for 4 nights. Spiritual Director Canon Benny Fee. The cost per person sharing is €1,099. (Single room supplement €65 per night). Price includes direct flight Dublin/Rome, 4 nights' accommodation in 4* hotel, bed & breakfast, transfers/tours in Italy by private coach. Religious programme organised with guide. If you wish to book or for further details, please contact Peggy in Clonoe Parish Office on 028 87 749184. Deposit of €350 per person required.

Lough Derg 2025 Pilgrimage Season info@loughderg.org

The Annual General Meeting of the **Drogheda COPD Support Group** takes place on Friday 11th April 2025, from 2.30pm until 4.00pm, in The Barbican Centre, Drogheda. For more details contact Peter McQuillan, Chairperson on 087-807 1138. Light refreshments will be served and all are welcome to attend.

Living Well is a free group programme for adults living with any long-term or chronic condition. It takes place over six weekly workshops (6 x 2.5 hours). It is delivered by trained leaders, most of whom are also living with a long-term health condition. Participants develop self-management skills and confidence to live well with their health conditions as well as meeting other people who live with long-term health conditions and learn from each other's experiences. An Upcoming Living Well Programme will be held in the Barbican, St Peter's parish Centre from Tuesday 6th May to Tuesday 10th June 2025, 10.30am – 1.00pm. To book your place contact: Aine McNamee – Living Well Co-ordinator aine.mcnamee@hse.ie / 041 685 0676 or 087 114 0371 or Elaine Duffy – Living Well Administrator elaine.duffy5@hse.ie / 041 686 0710 or 087 430 8735.

The annual **May Day Procession**, marking its Golden Jubilee in 2025, honouring Our Lady of Fatima and St Joseph the Worker will take place on Thursday, 1st May, assembling at Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 6.45pm, processing via Bóthar Brugha, George's Street, and West Street, to arrive at St Peter's Church for Mass at 7.30pm.

The Medical Missionaries of Mary (MMM) in Drogheda will host their inaugural **"Flowers, Food and Fun Festival"** in the Auditorium, Beechgrove, on Saturday 3rd May, 10.00am – 3.00pm featuring art and craft, ice cream, cakes and food truck vendors. Admission free. There will be talks and demos to help people grow their own food and learn more about sustainability. The Loving Life Children's choir will also perform. A great day out for families and people of all ages. Free parking will be available at the Our Lady of Lourdes church beside the venue.

The **Augustinians** have a new number. To contact the Augustinian Shop or Priory please use 041 213 6025. The old number is no longer in use.

St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area

Fifth Sunday of Lent

6th April 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
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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

Jubilee of the Sick and Healthcare Workers takes place this weekend, 5th – 6th April and is part of the celebrations for the Jubilee Year of Hope. This special occasion is an opportunity to recognise and support those who bear the cross of illness, as well as those who dedicate themselves to the care of the sick. It is a time for our parishes to offer prayerful solidarity, encouragement, and pastoral care to those who are ill and to those who care for them.

As Pope Francis constantly reminds us, healthcare must not become solely focused on economics and scientific advancements at the expense of the human dignity of the patient. Expanding pastoral care services in healthcare facilities across this island and ensuring palliative care for those at the end of life, are essential steps in upholding and defending human dignity.

As we journey together as 'Pilgrims of Hope' during this Jubilee Year, we are comforted by the knowledge that even in our weakest moments, we are not alone. God is near, offering His strength, His gifts, and His people to walk with us. Let us, in turn, become instruments of His hope and comfort, bringing light in any way we can to those who need it most.



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.

St Joseph's Young Priests' Society - Afternoon of Prayer for Vocations will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral Armagh, today, Sunday 6th April at 2.30pm, concluding with Mass at 5.30pm. All are welcome.

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.

St Vincent de Paul monthly church gate collection will be taken up this weekend.

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 April: For the use of the new technologies. Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times

Parish Collection for the weekend of

29th /30th March 2025

Loose €1,555 Envelopes €1,215 Tap to donate €495 Total €3,265

Baptism

We welcome Ashton Kelly ***into the Christian community***

Deaths



We pray for the recently deceased Donald (Donal) Floyd, St Laurence's Drive, Rhoda McDonnell, College Rise, Robert Black, Hand Street, Karl Vogelaar, Pauline O'Neill, Thomas Kerr, Ceta Leonard, Paddy Brady, Ann Burke, Clare Fitzpatrick, Anne Keegan. ***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

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

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. 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.

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

Trócaire: Trócaire boxes are available in the churches. This year, Trócaire's Lenten