

**St Peter's Parish, Drogheda**  
**Christmas 2025 / New Year 2026**  
**Masses**

**Christmas Eve – Wednesday morning 24th December**

St Peter's Church 10.30 only

Our Lady of Lourdes Church 10.00am

**The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Christmas Eve / Vigil Wednesday 24th December**

Our Lady of Lourdes Church 4.00pm, 6.00pm, 8.00pm

St Peter's Church 5.00pm, 7.00pm, 9.00pm

**The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Christmas Day Thursday 25th December**

St Peter's Church 8.00am, 11.00am

Our Lady of Lourdes Church 9.00am, 10.30am, 12.00 noon

**Weekdays: 26th - 31st December**

Our Lady of Lourdes Church 10.00am

St Peter's Church 10.30am (Tuesday also 7.30pm)

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph – Sunday 28th December**

St Peter's Church 6.15pm (Vigil), 8.00am, 11.00am

Our Lady of Lourdes Church 7.00pm (Vigil), 9.00am, 10.30am, 12.00noon

**Mary, The Holy Mother of God, New Year's Day – Thursday, 1st January**

Our Lady of Lourdes Church 11.00am

St Peter's Church 12.00 noon

**The Epiphany of the Lord - Tuesday 6th January**

St Peter's Church 8.30am, 10.30am

Our Lady of Lourdes Church 7.30pm (Vigil), 10.00am

**CONFESSIONS**

**Penance Service – Monday 22nd December**, Our Lady of Lourdes Church 7.30pm

**Christmas Eve - Wednesday 24th December**

St Peter's Church 12.00 noon – 2.00pm

Our Lady of Lourdes Church 12.00 noon – 2.00pm

Throughout the Year

St Peter's Church, Wednesday & Saturday 12.30pm – 1.00pm

Both Churches, 30 minutes before Saturday Vigil Mass

**All Masses are streamed live by webcam, [www.sppd.ie](http://www.sppd.ie) or [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv)**

**Come and join us in celebrating the birth of Jesus.**

***St Peter's Parish Newsletter***

St Oliver's Pastoral Area

**Third Sunday of Advent**

Cycle A

**15<sup>th</sup> December 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

Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery

St Peter's Church Sacristy

Our Lady of Lourdes Church Sacristy

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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

**Closing of Jubilee Year** Archbishop Eamon Martin will offer a Mass of Thanksgiving to conclude the Jubilee Year in our diocese on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January at 5.30pm in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh. All are welcome.

The new publication '**Further Up and Deeper In**' by Fr. Paul Clayton-Lea is the continuation of the story of Belfast writer C. S. Lewis and his links with Co. Louth. It includes a unique account of Christmas, with Lewis and his brother Warnie in Oxford spent with Frank and Vera Henry from Dunleer, as well as details of the times and places where Lewis stayed in the 'wee county' in the 1940s & 50s and other stories. The book is now available in St. Peter's Parish shop, price €10. Fr Paul will be at Masses in the Parish this weekend, 13th/ 14th December, to promote his book.

**Safety Recall – Christmas Stars**, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Drogheda: For safety reasons, the Syro-Malabar Youth Movement, Drogheda, is recalling the Christmas Stars it distributed after 10.30am and 12 noon Masses in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Drogheda on Sunday 30th November, 2025. We ask anyone who received a star not to use it and to return it please to Our Lady of Lourdes Church sacristy where you will be refunded in full. We apologise for any inconvenience and appreciate your kindness to our young people. For further information please email [smymdrogheda@gmail.com](mailto:smymdrogheda@gmail.com) Syro-Malabar Youth Movement, Drogheda

**HaveYourSay about your Catholic School**

For Attention of Parents of children attending Primary Schools or who have yet to start. The Department of Education is currently conducting a Primary School Survey that will determine the future provision of Primary Schools

and crucially could lead to lasting changes in your school. In simple, direct terms, you are being asked if you want your school to stay a Catholic school or if you want that to change. Don't leave it to others, have your say before 16th December 2025. See - <https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-education/campaigns/primary-school-survey>

**St Peter's Parish Pastoral Council** meeting Monday evening 16th December.

**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 winter schedule. (Tuesday to 7.00pm).

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** in **Our Lady of Lourdes Church**, Sunday afternoon, 1.00pm – 4.00pm, except the First and Fourth Sunday of each month when exposition does not take place.

**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:** Please contact the sacristies to arrange 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 -12noon. 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.

**God First, St Peter's Youth Group** Teens aged 13 – 17 are invited to come along on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month, 6.00pm – 8.00pm in the Family Room in Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

**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.

**November SVP church gate collection** at Our Lady of Lourdes Church was €1160.10  
Grateful thanks to all contributors.

***Parish Collection for the weekend of 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> December 2025***

Loose €1,703 Envelopes €1,150 Tap to Donate €605 Total €3,358

**Christmas Dues** will be collected in the coming weeks. The **2026 parish envelopes boxes** will also be distributed and the parish Christmas card. Many thanks to our distributors. We thank parishioners in a special way for your continued generosity. Anyone wishing to receive a weekly envelope or who would like to contribute via standing order is asked to contact the sacristy or any of the priests.

**Advent Holy Hour**, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with led music and prayer by the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal will be held on Saturday 20th December in St Mary's Church, 7.00pm-8.00pm, followed by a cup of tea in St Mary's Pastoral Centre. All are welcome.



**Deaths**

***We pray for the recently deceased*** George Floyd, Tenure formerly Pearse Park, Rita McAuley, North Road, Ciaran O'Rourke, Moneymore, Teresa Lidster, Yellowbatter, John Donnelly, Leontia Kierans, Susan McGuigan, John Grant, Lynda Cowley, Ronan Quigley, Josephine Kiernan, Owen Brannigan. ***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](mailto:info@droghedacsc.net)

**St Peter's Church Shop** has a large range of **Advent Calendars**, Crib scenes, **Christmas Cards**, Christmas Mass Bouquets, and faith-based gifts in stock. Many thanks to our wonderful volunteers.

Once again St Peter's Parish is supporting **Drogheda Women's & Children's Refuge** and **Drogheda Homeless Aid** in their Christmas appeals. Items such as non-perishable food and toiletries are needed at this time. Please donate into the boxes provided in both St Peter's and Our Lady of Lourdes Churches by Wednesday 17th December.

**International Christmas Food & Music Festival.** Ardee Parish Centre, Saturday 20th December 12.30pm to 6.30pm. A Fundraiser event for Armagh Diocesan Redemptoris Mater Seminary in Dundalk. Tickets for the event and for the raffle are available in the sacristy. €15 adults, €10 students, children go free. Come and join us.

As we approach the Christmas season, the **Drogheda Area of Society of St Vincent de Paul** (SVP) is reaching out for your support. At this challenging time of year for many local families, your generosity can make a real difference. We ask you to consider making a financial contribution to help us provide food, warmth and assistance to those in need within our community. Every donation, big or small, helps bring comfort and hope to families who are struggling. To make a donation: By cheque: SVP Drogheda Area (SVP Office, 2, Magdalene Street, Drogheda, Co Louth). By Direct Debit/Bank Transfer SVP Xmas Fund. Currency Euro. Bank AIB. A/C No 3614 6687 IBAN IE46 AIBK 9320 9436 1466 87 Bic AIBKIE2D.

***Are you or someone you know, living with a long-term health condition?***

If so, then you may be interested in the 'Living Well Programme'. Living Well is a FREE, 6week self-management group programme for adults living with long term health conditions. Spaces on the programme in the Barbican Centre, Drogheda are available, starting Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January, 10.30am – 1.00pm for 6 weeks. To book your place please contact Aine 041 685 0676 / 087 114 0371, Elaine 041 686 0710 / 087 430 8735.