St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

25th October 2026

Canon Eugene Sweeney PP	**St Peter's Parochial House**	**041 983 8537**
Fr Aidan Murphy PE, AP	**St Peter's Presbytery**	**041 983 8239**
Fr Cleophas Lungu, Priest in Residenc		
Fr Desmond Branigan CC	**Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery**	**041 983 1899**
Fr Piotr Wojtala CC		
Deacons: David Durrigan & John Taaffe		
	St Peter's Church Sacristy	**041 984 5355**
	Our Lady of Lourdes Sacristy	**041 983 1973**

www.sppd.ie Email office@sppd.ie



St Peter's Church
Monday to Friday
8.30am & 10.30am
Tuesday St. Anthony's Novena
7.30pm
Saturday 10.30am
Vigil 6.15pm
Sunday 8.00am & 11.00am
Confessions: Wednesday & Saturday 12.30pm-1.00pm. Also 30 minutes before Saturday Vigil Mass



Our Lady of Lourdes Church
Monday to Saturday 10.00am
Saturday Vigil 7.00pm
Sunday 9.00am, 10.30am & 12noon
Confessions 30 minutes before Saturday Vigil Mass
St Peter's Church Shop:
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday 11.00am – 1.00pm
Tuesday & Friday 11.00am - 3.00pm

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

The monthly **Family Mass** is celebrated today, Sunday 25th October, at 10.30am in Our Lady of Lourdes Church. All welcome.



Rosary and Benediction in St Peter's Church for the month of October concludes this Sunday at 5.00pm. Benediction will recommence in May 2027.

Tomorrow, Monday 26th October is a **Bank Holiday.** There will be no 8.30am Mass in St Peter's Church. Mass as usual in Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 10.00am and in St Peter's Church at 10.30am.

St Peter's and Our Lady of Lourdes Churches will close at **4.00pm** from Monday 26th October for the winter months.

Ordination to the Diaconate

We pray for Davide Mastrolinardi from Italy and the Redemptoris Mater Seminary, Dundalk, who was ordained Deacon for the Archdiocese of Armagh on Saturday 24th October 2026 in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh.



Commencing on Sunday 1st November, the rosary and prayers for all the faithful departed will be recited each day during the month of November in **St Peter's Cemetery at 3.00pm**, meeting at the Calvary memorial and then walking around the cemetery. All are welcome to attend to remember their loved ones in prayer.

November Parish List of the Dead

Envelopes are available in both churches. All Masses on Monday 2nd November, Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day), will be offered for those whose names are on the 2026 List of the Dead, as well as Masses throughout November, monthly Masses in both St Peter's and Our Lady of Lourdes Churches, and other dedicated Masses. Please leave the envelopes in the secure box provided or in the Sunday basket.

November Remembrance of the Dead

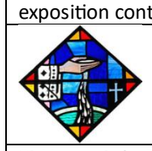
Our parish celebration will take place in Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Saturday 7th November at the 7.00pm Vigil Mass. The names of all those whose funerals have taken place in the Parish, and/or who have been buried in the Parish, in the past twelve months, will be read out. A candle will be lit for each of the deceased.

Hospital Visitation: Anyone wishing to have their loved one visited in hospital or on a monthly First Friday visit should please contact the Parish Office office@sppd.ie or either of the church sacristies.

We continue to pray for **Pope Leo's** recovery. May the Lord grant him a return to good health to lead the Church.

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 except for Tuesday, when exposition continues until 7.00pm.

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.

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 collections next weekend. Local needs are great at this time.

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

Feast days this week
Wednesday 28th October SS Simon and Jude, Apostles

Baptisms

We welcome Seoidin Stevie Nugent ***into the Christian community***

Deaths



We pray for the recently deceased
James McEntee, Brookville, Tony Harty, The Twenties, Peter Floody, Hardmans Gardens, Martin Keeley, Bernadette Thornton, Ronan Kilmurry, Margaret Murphy, Sr M Joseph Anne Kelly MMM, Mary Brodigan, Olive Brady, Jim Reynolds, Rita Gallagher. ***May they rest in peace.***

Vocations' Society of St Joseph formerly St Joseph's Young Priests' Society will hold its Annual General Meeting in Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery on Thursday 29th October at 10.30am. New members are always welcome. Contact Margaret on 086 602 4982 for further information

SportUile - is running a beginner friendly three-week Intro to Pitch & Putt programme (Females 18+) at Holy Family Community Centre, Ballsgrove, Drogheda, on Thursday 5th, 12th, & 19th November 2026. Time: 10.00am – 11:00am Cost: €5 for 3 weeks, no experience needed. All equipment provided. It's a great opportunity to try something new in a relaxed and social setting. Limited places – booking essential. Contact Sean: seandoherty@meathcoco.ie or 087 433 8378.

Parish Collection for the weekend of 17th/18th October 2026
Loose €1,851 Envelopes €1,300 Tap to Donate €817
Total €3,968
Mission Sunday Collection €890

House Blessing: Anyone wishing to have their house blessed by a priest should please contact the Parish Office, office@sppd.ie or either of the church sacristies.

The **Irish Cancer Society** is seeking compassionate volunteers to join our pool of drivers. Volunteer drivers bring patients undergoing chemotherapy to the hospital and back home again after their treatment. Gifting your time means that cancer patients have comfortable (one on one) transport to attend appointments for their lifesaving treatment. If you can spare 2 days per month, have a valid driving licence, and a safe, reliable vehicle, you are the perfect candidate to make a significant difference. The Irish Cancer Society will provide you with training before you start as a driver for us. Your generosity not only eases the journey for many during a challenging time but also offers comfort and support when it's most needed. For more information on how to become a volunteer driver, please contact Monica or Emily at volunteer@irishcancer.ie

Tusla Louth is recruiting foster carers urgently for children in the Louth area. We endeavour to keep children in their schools, clubs and local communities and need your support to make this happen. If you are interested in receiving more information, please contact the fostering team on 1800 226 771 and we will be happy to discuss your enquiry.

Aras Mhuire Nursing Facility, Beechgrove Drogheda offers Long-Term Care, Respite, Convalescence & Palliative Care. It is owned and managed by The Medical Missionaries of Mary and is fully HIQA compliant. We have vacancies at present and are open to admissions. Please email your enquiries to nursemanager@arasmhuire.com

'Remember that nothing is small in the eyes of God. Do all that you do with love'. ***St Therese of Lisieux***

'We have been called to heal wounds, to unite what has fallen apart and to bring home those who have lost their way' ***St Francis of Assisi***

'I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day'. ***Pope Francis***