

St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area
Fifth Sunday of Easter
3rd May 2026

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 Sacristy 041 983 1973



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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



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



Rosary and Benediction will be held in St Peter's Church, West St, at 5.00pm each Sunday in May, commencing today 3rd May, in honour of Our Lady.

Tomorrow (Monday) is a Bank Holiday.

There will be no 8.30am Mass in St Peter's. Mass at 10.00am in Our Lady of Lourdes Church and 10.30am in St Peter's as usual.

Ordinations to the Priesthood

We pray for Deacons Gabriel Neal, California, Paul O'Reilly, Cork and Jacek Tuskiewicz, Poland, all from the Neo Catechumenal Way / Redemptoris Mater Seminary, Dundalk, who will be ordained priests by Archbishop Eamon for the Archdiocese of Armagh in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh on Saturday May 9th at 3.00pm. All are welcome. Ad multos annos.

Vocations to Armagh Diocesan Priesthood

Fr Barry Matthews, Adm & the Vocations Commission are inviting men discerning a Vocation to Diocesan Priesthood in the Archdiocese of Armagh to join them in the Synod Hall, St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh on Saturday 23rd May at 3.00pm.

St Elizabeth Convent of Minsk, Belarus, will once again visit St Peter's Parish, on Monday 11th & Tuesday 12th May, at the three morning Masses. They sell various religious and secular articles produced with love and prayer in the convent's workshops. The convent provides spiritual and social help to the sick and the suffering. Since its establishment the sisters have been patronizing 200 orphaned children with psychophysical needs. They also run a recovery shelter for 200 men (homeless, drug or alcohol addicts, ex-prisoners and the less able), as well as a rehabilitation facility for women. More than twenty workshops and studios operate under the aegis of the Sisters, including sewing and embroidery shops, candle workshop, wood-carving, stone and blacksmith workshops and many more. St Elizabeth Convent bears the name of the holy Martyr, Grand Princess Elisabeth. It was founded in 1999 and currently counts some one hundred nuns.

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

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 – 5.00pm (Tuesday to 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.

Our Lady of Lourdes Praesidium Legion of Mary meets in the Stables Meeting Room (Augustinian Church) on Wednesday each week at 4.45pm. All are welcome.

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

Baptism

We welcome Páidí Fitzpatrick, Shay John Leech Millie Mae Dyas Robinson *into the Christian community*

Parish Collection for the weekend of 25th /26th April 2026

Loose €1,663 Envelopes €1,188
Tap to Donate €342 Total €3,193

Vocations Sunday €805



Deaths

We pray for the recently deceased Angela Dunne, Trinity Street, Christopher Gregan, Bredin Street, Kathleen Meade, Brookville, Rita Kenny, Marian Close, Paul Russell, Patrick Ferry, Brendan Rothwell, Malachy Reilly, Angela Millar, Anne Wynne, Joe Synnott, Phil Conyngham, Patricia Hoek, Dessie Murray. **May they rest in peace.**

Drogheda Community Services provide a one-to-one Bereavement Counselling Service at Dermot Kierans Centre, Scarlet Crescent, Drogheda. To make an appointment for this free service please call 041 983 6084 or email info@droghedacsc.net

Cemetery Sunday 2026 will take place as usual on the last Sunday of June, which falls this year on Sunday 28th June. St Peter's Cemetery at 3.00pm and Newtown Cross at 5.00pm.

St Peter's Parish, Drogheda seeks a new Director for the **Lourdes Youth Choir**. Suggestions in this regard or expressions of interest should be made to the Parish Office / Parish Priest. Email office@sppd.ie Tel 041 983 8537

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

Annual Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Sunday 31st May 2026

Coach departs from Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 7.45am sharp, cost €30. To book contact Damien 083 350 4551, Jacqueline 086 160 7287 or St Peter's Church Sacristy/Shop.

Pilgrimage to Rome and Umbria 27th July – 4th August 2026: A nine-day pilgrimage led by Canon Michael Toner (Lower Creggan Parish) and Fr Paul Murphy (Kilmore Parish, ex St Peter's) to Rome and Umbria. Cost €1395 includes flights, accommodation, most dinners, coaching and all tours. Visiting the towns of Assisi, Orvieto and Spoleto. Mass at the tomb of St Carlo Acutis. For more information email: info@myriam.ie or call 057 935 5050 during office hours.

Pilgrimage to Lisieux 18th-21st September staying in a beautiful hotel across the road from the Carmel of St Therese. Cost €795 includes flights, coach, full religious programme, all dinners, and some lunches. Please phone 057 935 5050 or email info@myriam.ie

ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG/NI is currently recruiting volunteers to train as facilitators to support couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Closing date for receipt of application forms to be included in Selections for this year is Friday 29th May 2026. Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to marriagepreparation@accord.ie www.accord.ie

An **Ignite Ireland** day conference, with special guest speaker Scott Hahn will take place in Dublin on Saturday, 23rd May. Scott Hahn is a well-known writer and broadcaster, and is a much sought after speaker. For information and to book your ticket, go to: www.dominicans.ie