

St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
14th June 2026

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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



Farewell to Jackie Walshe

After over 35 years as Director of the Lourdes Youth Choir, Jackie Walshe is calling it a day. The Lourdes Youth Choir, under Jackie's leadership, has truly distinguished itself. The standard of music from the vibrant Choir on Sundays in Our Lady of Lourdes Church is exceptional. Jackie's last time leading the Choir will be at the 10.30am Mass today, Sunday 14th June. We will have an opportunity to say a formal farewell and thank you to Jackie at the Lourdes Youth Choir Awards in Our Lady of Lourdes Church on

Tuesday 16th June at 7.00pm. All are invited, especially the girls, past and present, and their parents. Refreshments will be served. We will also have an opportunity to bid farewell and thank you to Sean Walshe who has acted as organist for the Choir for several decades.

National Synodal Pathway Update Preparations are continuing for the National Synodal Assembly, which will take place in October. Working groups from across the country are reflecting on the key priorities identified through the synodal process and helping to shape the next stage of the Church's journey in Ireland. To learn more and view the latest video update from Fr Declan Hurley, Chairperson of the National Synodal Pathway, and Patricia Carroll, member of the National Synodal Pathway and Pastoral Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Dublin, please scan the QR code or follow the link provided. <https://theway.ie/the-irish-synodal-pathway-progress-and-purpose/>



St Oliver's Festival Weekend 3rd - 5th July 2026

Friday 3rd July A Walk in the Footsteps of St Oliver, starting at St Peter's Church at 7.00pm. Unveiling of plaque at the Augustinian Church, Shop Street, believed to be the site of St Oliver's school, at 8.15pm.

Saturday 4th July Guided tours of St Peter's Church 11.00am-1.00pm. "Guilty until proven Innocent" debate and music in the Barbican Centre, speakers include author Anthony Murphy, Fr Paddy Rushe and poet John O'Rourke. Traditional music to close. 3.00pm-5.00pm.

Sunday 5th July Annual St Oliver Procession, commencing at Holy Family Church at 3.00pm arriving at St Peter's Church for concelebrated Mass at 4.00pm. Preacher: Rev Dr Thomas O'Connor, Emeritus Professor of European History, NUI Maynooth, priest of the Diocese of Meath and recently appointed Chaplain to the Irish College, Paris.

No 8.30am Mass in St Peter's on Tuesday 16th June due to preparatory work for painting in St Oliver's Shrine area. 10.30am Mass as usual.

Meeting of St Peter's Parish Pastoral Council tomorrow, Monday 15th June.



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.

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 Pope's Intention for June: *For the values of sports:* Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity and personal growth.

Low-gluten Communion hosts may be received at all Masses. Coeliacs should please go to the priest to receive.

Marriage

Congratulations to Niall Burke and Emma McDonagh **on their recent wedding.**

Baptism

We welcome into David Andrew Cunningham & Shane Ward Cunningham **into the Christian community**

Deaths

We pray for the recently deceased Suzanne Bradley, Brookville, Sheila Durrigan, Ardee, Breda Curran, Kevin Mallon, Nuala Greene, Michael J. Byrne, Gerard Byrne, Paddy McEntegart, Gertie Brennan. **May they rest in peace.**

Cemetery Sunday

Cemetery Sunday will take place on **Sunday 28th June**, in St Peter's Cemetery at 3.00pm and Newtown Cross at 5.00pm. As always, people are invited to prepare family graves. Priests and deacons will bless the graves during the ceremonies. A Garda Traffic Management Plan will be in operation. Please comply with directions. There will be a **Gate Collection** for the upkeep of the Cemetery. Please use the special envelope in your box (28th June) which can be put into the basket in the Cemetery or in the church. We rely on your support. Thank you. **Masses at 11.00am and 12.00 noon** on Sunday 28th June will be offered for all those interred in our cemeteries.

Theology, Adult Education & Pastoral Ministry starting 26th September, a two-year part-time programme with 6 modules per year. Do you want to learn more about your faith? If you do, why not enrol in the Armagh Diocesan Theology Programme. There are no entrance criteria and no exams. Adult Faith Formation is part of our Diocesan Synodal process. We will begin with a non-residential weekend in September. If you are interested, please contact Milanda at milanda@parishandfamily.ie or 042 934 2954.

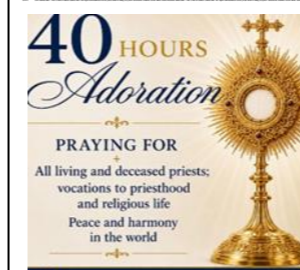
Parish Collection for the weekend of 6th/7th June 2026

Loose €1,502 Envelopes €1,195 Tap to Donate €693
Total €3,390

Peter's Pence Collection €675

Summer Dues for the support of the priests of the parish will be collected over the coming few weeks. Many thanks for your support. Envelopes at the back of the churches. Many thanks to our collectors.

Lourdes Youth Choir Director St Peter's Parish seeks expressions of interest with regard to the expenses-paid directorship of the Lourdes Youth Choir, a vibrant and highly accomplished girls' choir that sings at the Sunday 10.30am Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes Church. St Peter's Parish, 9 Fair St, Drogheda, Co. Louth, A92 T6WY. Email office@sppd.ie Tel 041 983 8537.



Friday 19th June from 6.00am to Saturday 20th June at 10.00pm. Pope St John Paul II Room, Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Contact Josie 087 771 0264. Please see sign-in sheets in both churches.

3 Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg, 4th - 6th July. For further details contact Mary 086 403 2364/041 685 1754 or Rose 086 845 8808/041 982 2504. Bus departs from Drogheda and Monasterboice.

SportUile - Intro to Pitch & Putt (Adults 18+) programme starting Tuesday 16th June at Killineer Pitch & Putt 10:30am-11:30am. All equipment provided. Cost: €5 for 4 weeks Limited places - booking essential. Contact Sean: 087 433 8378.

Clogherhead RNLi Family Fun Day in Barmeth Castle and Gardens, Togher A92 P973, Sunday 21st June, 2.00pm-5.00pm. €10 per car admission.

SVP collection: The Church Gate Collection for April amounted to €1,439 and in May to €1,002. Grateful thanks to all who contributed.