

The **Newsletter** of the local Council of the **Knights of St Columbanus** is available at the back of the Church for those interested, indicating some of their activities in 2019. Those interested in learning more may contact Jim Garvey at 086-315 5611.

**Monastic Contemplative Life - Weekend with a Difference 20th – 22nd March**

Theme: The relevance of Monastic Life in today's world? For: Young women (20 – 40) who would like to learn more about the values of Monastic Life in the Dominican tradition.  
 Venue: Monastery of St Catherine of Siena, The Twenties, Drogheda, Co Louth, A92 KR84  
 Opportunity to share in the Liturgy and Eucharistic Adoration and meet with some of the sisters. Contact: Sr M Breda OP– siena3@eircom.net or Tel: 041-983 8524;  
 www.dominicannuns.ie (Early booking advisable as places are limited)

The **Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** will take place from 7th to 12th May 2020. Booking forms are available in both sacristies. Completed forms should please be returned to Fr Barry.

**Second Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima 7th – 14th July 2020**

The second Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima, led by Archbishop Eamon Martin, will take place from 7th July 2020 - 14th July 2020. Cost £719. For further details contact Maureen or Joe McLaughlin 028 9070 1606, 07745 093530 or 07711 808207.

**Pilgrimage to Fatima.** Departs 16th September for 7 nights, full board, Hotel Avenida. For further details contact Bridie Murray 086 385 5079.

**Pilgrimage to Medjugorje:** 13th – 20th May 2020, 7 nights, package €685. For more information contact Noeleen 087 214 6055.

**SMA Retreat and Conference Centre, Dromantine – Days of Prayer**

Lenten Days of Recollection 'Lord, open my heart as wide as it can open' led by Fr. Damian Bresnahan SMA, Saturday 14th March, 9.30am - 5.00pm, including Lunch, £25.  
 'Remember – you're worth it!' led by Fr. John Gallagher SMA Saturday 28th March, 9.30am - 5.00pm, including Lunch, £25.

**Daffodil Day Coffee Morning** in aid of the Irish Cancer Society on Friday 27th March, 10.30am – 1.00pm in Drumshallon Forge, (out Ballymakenny Road towards Dunleer). All donations of baked goods appreciated. Contact Eileen Rushe 087 720 7632

**First Holy Communion Dates**

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| St Brigid's & St Patrick's NS | 16th May Our Lady of Lourdes Church |
| St Oliver's NS                | 16th May St Peter's Church          |
| Scoil Aonghusa                | 23rd May St Peter's Church          |

**Confirmation**

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| Presentation School, Ballymakenny | 21st May Our Lady of Lourdes Church |
| St Joseph's CBS & St Oliver's NS  | 22nd May Our Lady of Lourdes Church |

**Please note** the new opening hours, **(Tuesday – Saturday 11.00am – 3.00pm)** for St Peter's Church Shop. Mass cards and Mass bouquets are also available from Our Lady of Lourdes Church sacristy after Masses.

**Items for the Parish Newsletter may be emailed to parishoffice@saintpetersdrogheda.ie or handed in to the Parish Office by 12noon on Thursday each week.**

**St Peter's Parish Drogheda  
 Newsletter**

*www.saintpetersdrogheda.ie*  
 St Oliver's Pastoral Area

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**23rd February 2020**

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| <i>Canon Eugene Sweeney PP, VG</i>               | <i>St Peter's Parochial House</i>     | <i>041 983 8537</i> |
| <i>Fr. Linos Dube CC</i>                         | <i>St Peter's Presbytery</i>          | <i>041 983 8239</i> |
| <i>Fr Chrisandus Ambale CM</i>                   |                                       |                     |
| <i>Canon P. McDonnell</i>                        | <i>Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery</i> | <i>041 983 1899</i> |
| <i>Fr. Barry Matthews CC</i>                     |                                       |                     |
| <i>Fr. Paul Murphy CC</i>                        |                                       |                     |
| <i>Deacons: David Durrigan &amp; John Taaffe</i> |                                       |                     |
| <i>St Peter's Church Sacristy</i>                |                                       | <i>041 984 5355</i> |
| <i>Our Lady of Lourdes Sacristy</i>              |                                       | <i>041 983 1973</i> |



**Masses**  
**St Peter's Church**  
 Saturday Vigil 6.15pm  
 Sunday 8.00am 11.00am & 12.15pm.  
 Monday – Friday 8.30am & 10.30am.  
 Saturday 10.30am



**Our Lady of Lourdes Church**  
 Saturday Vigil 7.30pm.  
 Sunday 9.30am 10.30am & 12noon  
 Monday - Saturday 10.00am

**St Peter's Church Shop**  
 Opening times: 11.00am – 3.00pm  
 Tuesday - Saturday

**The Barbican,**  
 St Peter's Parish Centre  
 041 980 7416

**Today is also a Day of Prayer for Temperance  
 Why not take the Short-Term Pledge as your Lenten Sacrifice?**

As part of its work for temperance and sobriety, the Pioneer Association has a Short-Term Pledge section for adults over the age of eighteen years. This enables a person who does not wish to make a life commitment to total abstinence to take a pledge for a limited period of time and make a worthwhile sacrifice. If you would like to take the pledge for the six weeks of Lent, please go online at [www.pioneerassociation.ie](http://www.pioneerassociation.ie) and follow the links to join. A small fee applies if you wish to have the Pioneer emblem and the registration card.

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**Ash Wednesday**

**26th February, a Day of Fast and Abstinence,** the first day of Lent. Ashes will be distributed at all daily Masses in the Parish, 8.30am, 10.00am, 10.30am. There is a great tradition in Drogheda of attending daily Mass during Lent. Let us support each other in our efforts at prayers, fasting and works of mercy in this Lenten season. Evening Mass on Wednesday 7.30pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

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There will be a **second collection** at all Masses this weekend for the support of the work of the Irish Episcopal Conference, taken up immediately after the Parish Collection. This collection goes towards the support of the national services offered by the Irish Bishops' Conference, which include Pastoral Renewal and Youth Ministry; Catholic Education; Marriage, Family, Migrants & Pastoral Care; National Safeguarding of Children services; Communications; Worship & Faith Development. The Bishops' Conference also has various social outreaches, including a Drugs Initiative and support for Irish prisoners overseas.

Next Sunday, 1st March, heralds the return of our

**Lenten Sundays – Lighting the Way  
series of talks**

**in Our Lady of Lourdes Church  
7.00pm- 8.00pm.**

**Ger Brennan**, Dublin All-Ireland Football Medalist (2011, 2013) will speak on  
Faith & Sport/ Community.

Sunday 8th March : **Brenda Drumm** - Communications Officer, Irish Bishops' Conference  
and World Meeting of Families, 2018 Seeing God during Trials (cancer) & Meeting Pope  
Francis

Sunday 15th March **Bishop Michael Ruter**, Auxiliary Bishop of Armagh. Using our  
Experience of Faith to influence Others

Sunday 22nd March **Fr Richard Gibbons, PP**, Knock and Shrine Rector Our Lady's Gift

Sunday 29th March **Breda O'Brien**, Teacher and Journalist, The Irish Times Faith &  
Culture

Sunday 5th April **Sr Consilio**, Cuan Mhuire Seeing the Light at the end of Addiction

*The format for each Sunday includes Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Scripture  
reading, Guest Speaker, prayers and Benediction*

**St Oliver's Pastoral Area – Prayer for Drogheda**

Lord, we ask you to comfort the people of Drogheda who are suffering the consequences of  
crime, hatred, violence, drugs and feuding.

We ask at this time of fear and distress that the love, grace and wisdom of the Holy Spirit  
may help people find their way to light, hope and peace.

May the Holy Spirit guide each of us, in our own way, to offer support to each other at this  
difficult time. Amen.

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**Flu Season – Sign of Peace**


In union with other parishes, St Peter's Parish will, until the flu season has passed, omit the  
sign of peace at Mass.

Parishioners are of course dispensed from their Sunday obligation to attend Mass if they are  
unwell.

**Spring Dues**

The priests of the parish are grateful for your support and thank you for the 'Spring Dues'  
which are being collected from now to St Patrick's weekend. We are especially grateful to our  
loyal Dues Collectors. You will also be able to obtain dues envelopes at either Church.

**Parish Baptism Times and Registration**

 **Our Lady of Lourdes Church** Every **Saturday at 5.00pm**. Register in person at least  
four weeks in advance at Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery, Hardman's Gardens.  
Tel 041 983 1899.

**St Peter's Church Baptisms** Every **Sunday at 1.00pm**. Register in person at least four weeks  
in advance at St Peter's Church Sacristy, West Street, Monday to Friday, 9.00am – 12.30pm.  
Tel 041 984 5355.

The Parish endeavours to celebrate joyfully with families the special day of Christening. The  
Parish Baptism Team will seek to visit each family at home in advance of the Ceremony.

**We welcome Sadie May Boyle into the Christian community**

**Confessions**

St. Peter's Church: **Wednesday & Saturday** 12.30pm – 1.00pm.

Also on request after the Saturday Vigil Mass in both Churches

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**Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal** - Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Mondays,  
10.00am Mass; St Peter's Church, Wednesdays, 10.30am Mass.

**Novena in honour of St Anthony of Padua** - St. Peter's Church, Tuesday at 10.30am & 7.30pm.

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**Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse – Candle of Atonement**

The annual Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Abuse takes place on Friday 28th  
February. Prayers will be offered at Masses on that day for those who have been hurt by  
abuse in the Church. A candle will be lit in both our churches. We are also asked to  
remember this intention in our private prayers.


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The monthly Mass in honour of **St Oliver Plunkett** will be celebrated next  
Saturday in St Peter's at 6.15pm.

**Church collection for the weekend 15th / 16th February 2020**

Loose €2,138 Envelopes €1,477 Total €3,615

**Deaths**

**We pray for the recently deceased** Elizabeth (Lil) Dunne, Hand Street, Paul Durnin,  
Carstown, Sinéad Maguire, Shrewsbury Manor, Greenhills, Dick (Jerome) McConville,   
The Priory, Westcourt, Sr Agnes McKeon, MMM, Alice Eustace, Fr Jim Donleavy, OP.,  
Kevin McArdle, Sr Sheila Cotter, MMM, Tony Gregory, Mary Thornton, Anthony Kenny,  
May Henry, Denis McLoughlin, **May they rest in peace. Amen.**

**Bereavement Counselling** on a one-to-one basis is available at the Drogheda Community  
Services Centre, Scarlet Crescent, Drogheda. There is no charge for this service. A panel of  
trained counsellors is available during the day and evenings to see clients on an individual  
basis. For appointments please call 041 983 6084.

**Getting Married?** A reminder that 3 months notice must be given for marriages in our  
parish. Anyone planning a church wedding is invited to speak to one of the priests or  
drop into either sacristy. For more information see our website [www.saintpetersdrogheda.ie](http://www.saintpetersdrogheda.ie)

**Baptismal & Confirmation Certificates** may be obtained by contacting: St Peter's Church  
Sacristy, 041 984 5355 weekdays from 9.00am to 12.30pm.  
E [stpeterschurch@saintpetersdrogheda.ie](mailto:stpeterschurch@saintpetersdrogheda.ie)

**Eucharistic Adoration / Lenten Initiative**

Adorers are invited to watch and pray with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel  
as a Lenten initiative.

Adorers are required for the following times:

Tuesday 3.00pm – 4.00am, Thursday 2.00pm – 3.00pm & Saturday 3.00pm – 4.00pm.

For further information or to volunteer phone Anna on 983 6661 or Breda 983 6896.

**St Joseph's Young Priests' Society** monthly meeting will be held in the Community Services  
Centre, Scarlet Crescent, on Thursday 27th February at 7.30pm. All welcome.

**Lectio Divina**, praying with the Scriptures for Lent begins in Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery  
on Ash Wednesday evening at 7.30pm. All welcome.