

St Peter's Parish Catholic Primary Schools 2020 Enrolment

Is your child starting school in September 2020?

Common Application and Enrolment process.

Participating Schools: Presentation Primary School, St Brigid's and St Patrick's NS, St Joseph's CBS, St Oliver's NS (all co-ed, ie, boys and girls). Get your application form and explanatory notes from any of the schools and return completed form to your school of first choice no later than **12 noon on Monday 3rd February 2020**, including Birth Certificate and proof of address, dated within three months of application (eg, utility bill). Enrolment for St Ita's Special School directly to the school.

St Ita's Special School will host a Coffee Morning in aid of the Calliope Joy Foundation on Thursday 13th February 2020, from 10.30am to 12 noon. All welcome. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Now in its third year, **Credo** is an opportunity for over-20's to get away from the chaos of everyday life and gather with other like-minded Catholics for a relaxing day of faith talks, workshops, adoration, praise, confessions and Holy Mass, as well as lunch, tea/coffee on tap & a swag bag of goodies! We are blessed to have Fr. James O'Reilly & Laura Whinnery as our guest speakers at this year's Conference in Dromantine Retreat & Conference Centre on 8th February 2020. They will speak on this year's theme: 'He loved them to the end' - John 13:1. The event is open to anyone over the age of 20. For info and booking visit www.tinyurl.com/credo2020.

SMA Retreat and Conference Centre, Dromantine – Days of Prayer

'Introduction to Focusing' led by Fr. Adrian Farrelly OP, Saturday 15th February, 9.30am - 5.00pm, including Lunch, £30.

North Drogheda Community Employment St. Peter's Parish scheme is currently recruiting for Caretaker/Cleaner in a Counselling Service, and a Caretaker/Cleaner in The Barbican Parish Centre. These positions involve working 19.5 hours a week in accordance with North Drogheda policies, as directed by the supervisor. They are developmental positions with no experience necessary, accredited training is provided. Please contact Geraldine with your application or for further information, at northdrogheda@eircom.net or your local Intreo office or Jobs Ireland.

Catholic Schools Week 2020 Sunday, 26th January to Sunday 2nd February.

Catholic Schools: Living in Harmony with God's Creation.

Thank you to the Principals, teachers and staff of the eight excellent Catholic schools – six national and two secondary - in St Peter's Parish. We are very fortunate indeed. Sincere gratitude to Presentation, St Brigid's & St Patrick's, St Ita's, St Joseph's CBS, St Oliver's and Scoil Aonghusa at primary level, and to Greenhills and St Joseph's CBS at post-primary level, for all that they so generously and competently bring to the Drogheda community.

The monthly Mass of the **Secular Franciscan Order** will be celebrated in the Augustinian Church, in Shop Street on Wednesday 5th February at 7.30pm. All welcome

St Peter's Charismatic Prayer Group meets on the Thursday 6th February in The Community Service Centre, Scarlet Crescent. Join us for prayer, praise & worship and sharings. Queries Deacon John 086 861 1531

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www.saintpetersdrogheda.ie

St Oliver's Pastoral Area

The Presentation of the Lord 2nd February 2020

Canon Eugene Sweeney PP, VG

Fr. Linos Dube CC

Canon P. McDonnell

Fr. Barry Matthews CC

Fr. Paul Murphy CC

Fr. Chrisandus Ambale CM

Deacons: David Durrigan & John Taaffe

St Peter's Church Sacristy

Our Lady of Lourdes Sacristy

St Peter's Parochial House

St Peter's Presbytery

Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery

041 983 8537

041 983 8239

041 983 1899

041 984 5355

041 983 1973



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, Thursday, Friday &

Saturday

The Barbican,

St Peter's Parish Centre

041 980 7416

World Day for Consecrated Life 2nd February

"The consecrated life frees our affections of every possession in order fully to love God and other people" Pope Francis

Monday is the Feast of St Blaise. Throats will be blessed after all Masses.

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Annual Triduum in honour of **Our Lady of Lourdes**,
9th – 11th February

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Drogheda

Sunday 9th February - Holy Hour, 7.00pm.

Monday 10th February, Mass at 7.00pm celebrated by Fr Paddy Rushe PP.

Tuesday 11th February, Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, World Day of the Sick, Mass with Anointing of the Sick at 7.00pm.

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Baptismal Mass

A Mass, remembering all those baptized in St Peter's Parish in the past year, will be celebrated by Fr Linos Dube CC next Sunday, 9th February at 10.30am in Our Lady of Lourdes Church. All parents and families are welcome. Many thanks to the Parish Baptismal Team for this wonderful initiative.

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The Sign of Peace

The Parish Pastoral Council discussed the practice of the Sign of Peace at its last meeting. It was recommended that members of the congregation who wish to refrain from the shaking of hands as a Sign of Peace during the winter months may opt for a praying hands gesture with a reverent bow instead.

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Weekly envelopes have now been distributed to homes in the Parish. Anyone who has not received a box and would like to do so please contact the Sacristy in either Church. Standing Order forms may be obtained from the back of the Church. Thanks to all who helped with distribution and to those who contribute in this way.

Year of Reflection and Prayer

Last Thursday evening in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, Archbishop Eamon Martin and Bishop Michael Router launched a 'Year of Reflection and Prayer' for the Archdiocese of Armagh.

As the Diocesan Pastoral Plan in the Archdiocese of Armagh for the period 2015 to 2020, 'Share the Joy of the Gospel', draws to a close, the archdiocese is making preparations for a new Pastoral Plan for this new decade.

The Diocesan Pastoral Council has set aside the year 2020 as a 'Year of Reflection and Prayer' throughout the archdiocese encouraging reflection and seeking the wisdom and guidance of the Holy Spirit in discerning the way forward for the diocese in the coming years.

Bishop Michael Router, who has assumed responsibility for this area of diocesan life has said: "The reasons for beginning this process with a year of prayer are linked to the example of Jesus Christ and to the very foundations of the Church itself. Jesus prayed in a quiet place before undertaking each step of his mission, Saint Patrick found his calling and direction in life on the quiet slopes of Slemish Mountain and everything worthwhile and lasting in the life of the Church, and in life in general, begins with reflection, prayer and the invocation of the Holy Spirit".

Bishop Michael added: "Our Diocesan Pastoral Council believes the process of planning for the future is too important to be rushed. It is essential to give time as well to reflect on all that has been achieved over the past few decades of Pastoral Planning and in the last five years in particular. The 'Year of Reflection and Prayer' is an opportunity for everyone in the diocese to get involved in the process, including young people, families, the housebound, our religious congregations and prayer groups."

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.

Confessions

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

Also on request after the Saturday Vigil Mass in both Churches

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.

Friday 7th is the **First Friday of February**. The sick and housebound will be visited according to the arrangements made.

Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited after the 10am Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes Church. The monthly Mass in honour of the **Sacred Heart** (Pioneer Association) at 10.30am in St. Peter's Church.

Feast Days this Week

Monday 3rd February

St Blaise, bishop and martyr

Wednesday 5th February

St Agatha, virgin and martyr

Thursday 6th February

Ss Paul Miki and companions martyrs

Friday 7th February

St Mel, bishop

Saturday 8th February

International Day of Prayer & Awareness against

Human Trafficking

Church collection for the weekend 25th / 26th January 2020

Loose €2,112 Envelopes €1,508 **Total €3,620**

Deaths

We pray for the recently deceased Mary Thornton, Windmill Road, Anthony Kenny, Ascal a hAon, Yellowbatter, May Henry, St Finian's Park, Mary McDermott, Wheaton Hall, Denis McLoughlin, Philip Tiernan, Michael Keeley, Angela Skelly, Dessie Gray, Yvonne Rogers-McArdle, Ann (Nancy) Crilly, Caterina D'Onorio, **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.

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

Eucharistic Adoration - Adorers are required for the following times:

Sunday 3.00pm - 4.00pm, Tuesday 2.00pm – 3.00pm & Thursday 2.00pm – 3.00pm.

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

The Archdiocese of Armagh Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Archbishop Eamon Martin, will take place from 7th – 12th May 2020. The cost is €750 pps all inclusive - booking forms are available in both sacristies. Completed forms should be returned to Fr Barry. The pilgrimage is a wonderful opportunity to join with the wider diocesan community in this special place of pilgrimage.

St. Oliver Pilgrimage to Germany Thursday 27th August - Tuesday 1st September 2020. Three nights in Lamspringe, participating in the annual St. Oliver celebrations and procession along with two nights in the cathedral city of Hildesheim. St. Oliver's Body was venerated in Lamspringe Abbey for two hundred years until 1883 and the diocese faithfully organizes a St. Oliver Festival in his honour each year. Early Booking Price: €550 sharing / €650 single. Six Days ex Dublin, Inc: Flights, Half Board & Tours. Further information: 087-769 3477.

The next meeting of **Drogheda & District Floral Art Group** will take place on Tuesday 11th February at 8.00pm in the Holy Family Community Centre, Ballsgrove. Floral Demonstration by Chelsea Flower Show award winner Christopher White. Everyone welcome.

Support Group for family and friends of people with mental health difficulties will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday 5th February in the Boadroom, Ardee Business Park at 7.30pm. Guest Speaker Carol Cassidy Occupational Therapist