

### Eucharistic Adoration / Lenten Initiative

New 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.

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

The monthly Mass of the **Secular Franciscan Order** will be celebrated in the Augustinian Church, Shop Street on Wednesday 4th March at 7.30pm. All welcome.

### 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)

### 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 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.

### First Holy Communion Dates

St Brigid's & St Patrick's NS	16th May Our Lady of Lourdes Church
St Oliver's NS	16th May St Peter's Church
St Ita's School	17th May Our Lady of Lourdes Church
Scoil Aonghusa	23rd May St Peter's Church
Aston Village Educate Together	9th May St Peter's Church

### Confirmation

Presentation School, Ballymakenny,	
St Ita's School & Aston Village ET	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

First Sunday of Lent

1st March 2020

Canon Eugene Sweeney PP, VG

Fr. Linos Dube CC

Fr Chrisandus Ambale CM

Canon P. McDonnell

Fr. Barry Matthews CC

Fr. Paul Murphy CC

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 - Saturday

The Barbican,

St Peter's Parish Centre

041 980 7416

This 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 *Lighting the way through our influence on 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 Peter's Church – Minor Restoration

Due to a torn section of the lead valley in St Peter's Church roof, water ingress has occurred. The damaged lead has been removed and replaced.

The necessary internal work is being done at present. A scaffolding has been erected in St Peter's Church to access this small section. The damaged timber pelmet has been removed and the required joinery work is being progressed. It is hoped to have this job completed as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

### 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.

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### 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.

### 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.

### #LivingLent to bring us closer to God - Archbishop Eamon Martin

On Ash Wednesday Archbishop Eamon Martin launched the #LivingLent initiative on Twitter and Instagram. #LivingLent invites the faithful to use social media to grow closer to God during this sacred season.

Archbishop Eamon said: "As we prepare for Easter over the next 40 days, our spiritual conversion can be nourished by daily actions, thoughts, prayers and words. During Lent we also offer a particular sacrifice in our personal lives to help strengthen our relationship with the all-merciful Lord. In his message for Lent 2020 *We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God (2 Cor 5:20)*, we are encouraged by Pope Francis who reminds us, 'life is born of the love of God our Father from the desire to grant us life in abundance (cf. *Jn 10:10*).'"

Archbishop Eamon continued, "I invite everyone to read the Holy Father's short Lenten message. To complement his text our #LivingLent initiative on Twitter and Instagram, and online resources on [catholicbishops.ie](http://catholicbishops.ie), offer suggestions for fasting, prayer and charity - the three pillars of the Lenten season. The objective of our Lenten digital initiative is to assist our spiritual preparation for the joy and hope of the Easter season."

The #LivingLent initiative offers short daily suggestions on Twitter and Instagram. These include prayer and scripture suggestions; opportunities for penance and fasting in our daily lives, for example fasting from gossip, fasting from negativity online, giving up certain foods; availing of the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession; suggestions of charitable acts like donating to Trócaire and other charities; donating your time by helping your own family, school, parish; and, by behaving in a charitable way towards all those whom we meet. Everyone can use the hashtag #LivingLent and share with their followers how they are putting the themes of prayer, fasting and charity into practice during this Lenten season. In addition, the 2020 Lenten campaign of Trócaire, the overseas development agency of the Bishops' Conference, focuses on the theme of mothers protecting their families. The Trócaire box **tells the story of two mothers**: Angela in Honduras who is protecting her family's land from logging companies, and Madris in Kenya who is trying to provide for her family in the face of climate change. It tells two very different stories but both are linked by mothers trying to provide futures for their children. See [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org) for details.

**Trócaire Boxes are available at the back of the churches. Please take one.**

### 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

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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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**Friday 6th March** is the first Friday of the month. The sick and housebound will be visited according to the arrangements made.

**Divine Mercy Chaplet** will be recited after the 10.00 Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

The monthly Mass in honour of the **Sacred Heart (Pioneer Association)** will be celebrated at 10.30am in St Peter's Church

### Church collection for the weekend 22nd /23rd February 2020

Loose €1,741 Envelopes €1,413 **Total €3,154**

Irish Bishops' Conference **€1,984**

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### Deaths

**We pray for the recently deceased** Bernadette Martin, Mellifont Park, Angela Reynolds, Pearse Park, Elizabeth (Lil) Dunne, Paul Durnin, Sinéad Maguire, Dick (Jerome) McConville, Sr Agnes McKeon, MMM, Alice Eustace, Fr Jim Donleavy, OP., Kevin McArdle, Sr Sheila Cotter, MMM, Tony Gregory. **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.

[Estpeterschurch@saintpetersdrogheda.ie](mailto:Estpeterschurch@saintpetersdrogheda.ie)

**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