

The Season of Creation The Season of Creation (1st September – 4th October, Feast of St Francis of Assisi) has a special significance for the Catholic Church. It celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment. This year's resource pack includes podcasts, liturgical resources, a leaflet, prayers and reflections, recommended reading and information on the fifth anniversary of 'Laudato Si'. Please see www.catholicbishops.ie/2020/07/15/season-of-creation-2020/

RETURN TO THE PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF MASS ST PETER'S AND OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCHES

1. The dispensation from the Sunday and Holy Day obligation continues.
 2. Mass times are as they were prior to the Pandemic.
 3. All Masses are broadcast live by parish webcam on the parish website, www.saintpetersdrogheda.ie and also on www.churchservices.tv.
 4. People who are vulnerable or unwell, and especially those with any symptoms that might suggest Covid-19 infection, should stay at home. The same applies to those who have been in recent contact with someone who has the virus, in accordance with public health advice.
 5. A Covid-19 Support Team has been put in place in both St Peter's and Our Lady of Lourdes Churches to prepare for and implement the return to public Mass.
 6. Stewards are available at all Masses to assist. Please cooperate with them.
 7. Please use the hand sanitisers as you enter the church. Both Government and Church leaders strongly recommend the wearing of face coverings in church settings, though this is not obligatory.
 8. Signage is in place in both churches. Regular cleaning and sanitising takes place. The Parish has acquired an electric ULV fogging machine for the sanitising of seats and frequently-used areas.
 9. St Peter's and Our Lady of Lourdes Churches, being so large, can accommodate a large number of people within the various sections, while honouring social distancing (currently two metres) and Government/ public health norms and restrictions. There is no ticketing system.
 10. Some seats are cordoned off. The specific part of seat which may be used is marked by a praying hands sticker. Only this part of the seat may be used, facilitating social distancing and assisting in our cleaning. Those from the same household can sit together, while those who come to Mass alone require a place to themselves.
- Designated seats are available for Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on the sanctuary for the duration of Mass.
11. Holy Water fonts are not used. The Sign of Peace is omitted
 12. The Sunday collection is taken up at the church entrances and exits.
 13. Priests and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion sanitise their hands both before and after the distribution of Communion, and wear a face-covering while distributing Communion.
 14. Holy Communion is distributed to people in their seats. Where someone is seated in the middle of the pew (Our Lady of Lourdes Church), the person or persons at the end of the pew in the middle aisle briefly step out of the seat to allow the person or persons in the middle of the pew to receive Holy Communion, if they are receiving.
 15. Holy Communion may be received on the hand only. Everyone should exercise care to ensure there is no hand or finger contact between priest or Eucharistic Minister, and the person receiving.
 16. Parishioners are asked to observe Government and public health norms and restrictions at all times, and to be mindful of social distancing when leaving the Church.
 17. Memorial Masses for those who died during the time of no public Mass, Month's Mind Masses and First Anniversaries may be held, for the time being, on a weekday evening in either church.

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St Peter's Parish Drogheda

Newsletter

www.saintpetersdrogheda.ie
St Oliver's Pastoral Area

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time A 20th September 2020

Canon Eugene Sweeney PP, VG
Fr. Linos Dube CC
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 041 983 8537
St Peter's Presbytery 041 983 8239
Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery 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 – 2.00pm
Monday - Saturday

Email:

parishoffice@saintpetersdrogheda.ie

The Barbican,

St Peter's Parish Centre
041 980 7416

Cancellation of St. Anthony's Novena St Peter's Church



Thursday 24th September -
Friday 2nd October 2020

Due to the escalating pandemic situation, it is no longer possible for the priest scheduled to lead the St Anthony's Novena in St Peter's Church to attend. Unfortunately, the Franciscans in Ireland are unable to nominate a replacement. Therefore, reluctantly we must cancel the 2020 Novena. However, a Novena will be broadcast live by webcam at 12.00 noon each day from Wednesday 23rd September, (please note earlier date) on www.franciscansdublin.ie. The preacher will be Fr Hugh McKenna, OFM. A recording will be available for viewing at any time later each day.

Farewell to Fr Linos Dube CC

We will say a formal farewell and thank you to Fr Linos at Our Lady of Lourdes 7.30pm Mass on Saturday next, 26th September. Fr Linos is returning to his diocese in Zimbabwe. We are very grateful to Fr Linos for his two years of generous ministry among us and wish him well in his new appointment.

St Peter's Church, 19th – 20th September

Louth County Council has closed that part of West St from Stockwell St to the Tholsel from 11.00am on Saturday 19th September to 10.00pm on Sunday 20th September. Weekend Masses and services continue as usual. A limited amount of parking has been made available at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel side of St Peter's Church at Mass times.

St John Paul II Visit to Drogheda 1979

Tuesday 29th September marks the 41st anniversary of the visit of St John Paul II to Drogheda. Due to the pandemic there will be no formal liturgy this year. People may of course pay a private visit to the Papal Monument in Killineer around that date. Many thanks to the locals at the Pope's Cross who look after the Monument so well.

Fr Aidan Murphy

Welcome to Fr Aidan Murphy who has been appointed as Assistant Pastor in St Peter's Parish to replace Fr Linos. Fr Aidan, ordained in 1987 in his native parish of Togher, has most recently been stationed in Mullaghbawn, Co. Armagh, and had been Parish Priest of Termonfeckin, 2007 – 2017. We warmly welcome Fr Aidan to the Parish. Céad Míle Fáilte. One hundred thousand welcomes.

First Communion, Confirmation

Congratulations to all the children who have recently made their First Communion or Confirmation, or will do so this month. Many thanks to the Principals, teachers and parents for all their work, even during the summer! Resources for children and families have been compiled at diocesan level and are available on the website armaghprays.com

Please find below a link to a **First Communion** video resource produced by the Armagh Diocesan Pastoral Team. These four video clips are available on www.armagharchdiocese.org/holy-communion, and will be very useful for parents and students as they prepare for the upcoming First Communion ceremonies.

Confirmation Preparation Videos

The Irish Bishops' Council for Catechetics has produced three videos to help prepare children for the sacrament of Confirmation this year. These are available on the diocesan website at www.armagharchdiocese.org/confirmation-day/ and on the Armagh prays website www.armaghprays.com/confirmationvideo.

Rosary, Exposition and Benediction this Sunday evening from St Peter's Church at 7.00pm. Church open to the public, also streamed live on webcam.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

The Blessed Sacrament Chapel at St Peter's Church. Hours of adoration:

Sunday, 8.00am – 8.00pm; Monday, 8.00am – Tuesday, 8.00pm; Wednesday – Friday, 8.00am – Saturday, 8.00am – 6.00pm. Only five chairs – all socially distanced at two metres apart – in the Chapel, setting a maximum of five adorers only at any given time.

Our Lady of Lourdes Church: Sundays, 1.00pm – 4.00pm.



Eucharistic Adoration: Adorers are required for the following times in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Tuesday 2.00pm – 3.00pm, Friday 7.00pm – 8.00pm, Saturday 2.00pm – 3.00pm. For further information or to volunteer phone Anna on 041 983 6661 or Breda 041 983 6896.

Anniversaries and Month's Mind Masses

Anniversaries may be telephoned to **St Peter's Church Sacristy**, 041 984 5355, Monday – Saturday, 9.00am - 1.00pm or **Our Lady of Lourdes Sacristy**, 041 983 1973, Monday – Saturday, before, during or after 10.00am Mass.

Signed Shared Mass Cards & Mass Bouquets (Get Well, Birthday, Wedding, Anniversary, Exam, Healing, Intentions) are available in both sacristies. €4.00 each

Parish Collection for the weekend 12th /13th September 2020

Loose €1,427 Envelope €1,834 **Total €3,261**

The Collection for the Holy Land last weekend amounted to €215.

Donating to the Parish - Envelopes/ Donate Button/ Standing Order Many thanks to all who have returned their parish envelopes in recent weeks. Your generosity is much appreciated. Parishioners may return their envelopes to the secure boxes in both St Peter's and Our Lady of Lourdes Churches, or to any of the parochial houses. A Donate Button is now available on the parish website, www.saintpeters-drogheda.ie where with a credit/ debit card, a once-off or weekly/monthly/ quarterly/ annual contribution

may be made to the Parish for either the general upkeep of the Parish (Sunday envelope) or the priests' dues. A standing order can be obtained on the parish website or in the churches which can be completed and returned to the Parish through the church envelope boxes, or any of the sacristies or parochial houses.

Autumn Dues for the support of the priests of the parish will be collected over the coming weeks. We thank you for your continued support of the priests of the Parish.

Baptism

Our Lady of Lourdes Church every Saturday at 5.00pm. Register at Our Lady of Lourdes Church Sacristy, Friday and Saturday, 9.30am – 12 noon. Tel 041 983 1973.

St Peter's Church every Sunday at 1.00pm. Register at St Peter's Church Sacristy, West Street, Monday to Friday, 9.00am – 12.30pm. Tel 041 984 5355.

We welcome Fionn Cathal McCormack, Josh Hanratty-Dyas, Michael Desmond Dunleavy, Cooper Jonathan Quinn *into the Christian community.*

Novenas

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 to St Dominic** – St Peter's Church, Monday, 10.30am Mass.

Novena to St Anthony of Padua - St. Peter's Church, Tuesday, 10.30am and 7.30pm Masses.

Novena to Our Lady of Fatima – St Peter's Church, Saturday, 10.30am Mass.

Feast Days This Week

Monday 21st September St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Wednesday 23rd September St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

Confession

Confessions, observing social distancing and hygiene requirements, are held as follows: St Peter's Church: Wednesdays, 12.30–1.00pm; Saturdays, 12.30–1.00pm, 5.45pm – 6.10pm.

Our Lady of Lourdes Church: Saturdays: 7.00pm-7.25pm.

Deaths

We pray for the recently deceased Angela Kirwan, Clogherhead & formerly Newtownstalaban, Peter Clarke, Moneymore, Ellen (Nellie) O'Rourke, Winifred (Winnie) Fay, Sean Rice, Peter Finnegan, Jack Sheerin, Roy Devine. **May they rest in peace. Amen.**



Padre Pio Devotions in St Mary's Church, James St, have resumed since last Thursday evening with Rosary at 7.05pm and Mass at 7.30pm. This devotion takes place on the third Thursday of the month.

ACCORD Covid-19 Couples & Relationships Support Line If you need to speak to an experienced couples & relationships counsellor during this time of unprecedented stress and pressure on family life, contact 01 531 3331, 9.00am – 8.00pm Monday to Friday. All calls are charged at local rate.

St Vincent de Paul SVP is available as usual to help. Freephone 1800 67 77 77.

Drogheda River Rescue Emergency Help Need a bag of coal, milk, bread, collection of medication? The men and women of Drogheda River Rescue are happy to reach out to all those who need help at this time. Tel 089 250 5562

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.