

Senior Line is a free phone confidential listening service for older people provided by trained older volunteers. The number for the service is 1800 80 45 91. The lines are open from 10.00am to 10.00pm, 365 days a year. It is important at this difficult time to be aware of those who are elderly or alone living among us, and to check discreetly on them from time to time.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People ALONE manages a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8.00am – 8.00pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

Prayer by Telephone The Sisters of Mercy at "Bethany" House of Prayer, 34 Point Road, Dundalk, welcome any person who may wish to request prayer, especially during these difficult times. Tel 042 933 1602, from 9.00am to 9.00pm daily. One of the Sisters will be happy to listen and pray with you. All requests are confidential.

Trócaire Lenten Campaign 2021: Owing to the current restrictions it will be difficult for Trócaire boxes to be returned in the normal way. Trócaire advises that parishioners are invited to:

☺ donate online at <https://www.trocaire.org>. In this way vital donations will be received immediately and dispersed by Trócaire to where the money is most needed in the fight against Covid-19. If this is not possible, send in your Trócaire box or envelope clearly marked Trócaire with a cheque made payable to Trócaire or with bank notes to the secure box in either church or to any of the Parochial Houses. If necessary, Trócaire boxes with coins may also be returned to the Parish.

QUB Catholic Chaplaincy - In Conversation with Sr Nathalie Becquart who will join the Catholic Chaplaincy At Queen's University, Belfast live from Rome next Wednesday 21st April at 7.00pm. Sr Natalie was appointed as undersecretary to the Synod of Bishops by Pope Francis earlier this year, becoming the first woman to hold this position in Church history. This online event is organised and facilitated by Blest, Chaplaincy's new group for women students. Everyone is welcome to join the student-led conversation. Zoom Webinar ID: 89575216842 Passcode: Synod21

A Holy Hour for Vocations to Priesthood will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh on Friday 23rd April from 8.00pm – 9.00pm. People are welcome to join in person or you may wish to join in prayer via the Cathedral Webcam: <http://armaghparish.net/cathedral-webcam/>

In his message for World Day of Vocations which is to be celebrated on Sunday 25th April, Pope Francis says: "The Lord's call is not an intrusion of God in our freedom; it is not a "cage" or a burden to be borne. On the contrary it is the loving initiative whereby God encounters us and invites us to be part of a great undertaking. He opens before our eyes the horizon of a greater sea and an abundant catch".

Drumalis Lecture via Zoom- A Message of Hope and Challenge in a Planetary Emergency 29th April. In exploring the twin crises of climate change and biodiversity loss we will focus on an integral approach in the context of our evolving universe. The lecture will be delivered by Sr Nellie Mc Laughlin BA, M. Divinity, a native of Co. Donegal and a member of the Sisters of Mercy. She currently works in the areas of Cosmology, Creation Spirituality, Ecology and Sustainable Living. To book contact katrina@drumalis.co.uk or 00 44 28 2827 6455

Items for the Parish Newsletter may be emailed to parishoffice@saintpetersdrogheda.ie or handed into the Parish Office by Wednesday evening each week.

St Peter's Parish Drogheda

Newsletter

www.saintpetersdrogheda.ie
St Oliver's Pastoral Area

Third Sunday of Easter

18th April 2021

Canon Eugene Sweeney PP, VG
Fr. Aidan Murphy PE, AP
Canon P. McDonnell
Fr. Barry Matthews CC
Fr. Paul Murphy CC
Deacons: David Durrigan & John Taaffe

St Peter's Parochial House
St Peter's Presbytery
Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery

041 983 8537
041 983 8239
041 983 1899

St Peter's Church Sacristy
Our Lady of Lourdes Sacristy

041 984 5355
041 983 1973



Masses will be broadcast live by webcam
St Peter's Church
Monday to Friday: 8.30am.
Tuesday only, also St Anthony's
Novena, 10.30am.
Sunday: 11.00am.



Our Lady of Lourdes Church
Monday to Saturday: 10.00am.
Saturday Vigil: 7.30pm.
Sunday: 9.00am and 12 noon.

St Peter's Church Shop
Closed due to Government
Pandemic restrictions
Email:
parishoffice@saintpetersdrogheda.ie
The Barbican,
St Peter's Parish Centre
041 980 7416

Walking Together – A Synodal Pathway leading to a National Synodal Assembly for the Catholic Church in Ireland

At their 2021 Spring General Meeting the Irish Bishops' Conference decided to embark on a synodal pathway for the Catholic Church in Ireland leading to the holding of a National Synodal Assembly within the next five years.

The Bishops are mindful of the challenges and opportunities that provide a context for a synodal pathway leading to a National Synod at this pivotal time for the Church: solidarity, outreach to the peripheries and the promise of a new Pentecost - calling us in particular to solidarity with the poor and those excluded; listening to what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church in an Ireland faced with rapid transformation; shocking revelations; the need to promote peace-making and a culture of welcome, including integration for migrants and the many newcomers to Ireland; listening to the cry for transparency, greater participation and accountability in the Church; discovering the family as "Domestic Church"; connecting with young people; honouring the contribution of women.

The Bishops envisage the next two years as a period of prayer, listening and discernment, involving a nationwide consultative conversation on the theme, For a synodal Church: communion, participation and mission, allowing individuals and parishes to share their insights into the Church in Ireland – past, present and future - leading, in time, to a National Synod. The word "synod" evokes the image of "walking together on the way". Synodality is about the whole People of God helping each other listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church. An online page is available on the Bishops' Conference website for the submission of ideas and suggestions. We pray that the synodal pathway may be a time of renewal, reform and new hope for all the People of God in Ireland.

**ST PETER'S PARISH, DROGHEDA
LIVING WITH COVID-19, LEVEL 5**

January 2021

1. No Public Mass

In line with level 5 of Living with Covid-19, there are no public Masses or other services celebrated in either St Peter's or Our Lady of Lourdes Churches, except for funerals. All Masses and services will continue, of course, to be streamed live by webcam.

2. Mass Times

Mass times during level 5 are by webcam only, and are as follows:

St Peter's Church: Monday to Friday: 8.30am.
Tuesday only, also St Anthony's Novena, 10.30am.
Sunday: 11.00am.
Our Lady of Lourdes Church: Monday to Saturday: 10.00am.
Saturday Vigil: 7.30pm.
Sunday: 9.00am, and 12 noon.

3. Webcam

All Masses and Services from both churches can be viewed live by webcam on the parish website, www.saintpeters-drogheda.ie or on www.churchservices.tv.

4. Church Opening Hours and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Times

Both churches will remain open for private prayer.

St Peter's Church opening hours and times of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament are as follows:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 9.00am – 4.00pm
Tuesday, 11.00am – 4.00pm
Sunday, 12 noon - 5.00pm.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in St Peter's Church will take place in the main body of the Church, and may also be viewed by webcam.

Our Lady of Lourdes Church opening hours are as follows:

Monday to Saturday, 10.30am – 4.00pm
Sunday, 1.00pm - 4.00pm.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Lourdes Church on Sunday afternoon, 1.00pm - 4.00pm.

Both churches continue to be sanitised daily. 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. Funerals

Funeral Masses will take place with a maximum attendance of 10 persons.

6. Additional Information

For additional information, please see church noticeboards, the parish newsletter, website and Facebook page

The **Parish Shop** at St Peter's Church is closed due to Government pandemic restrictions. Please phone either Sacristy to arrange Mass Cards/ Mass Bouquets.

Rosary, Exposition and Benediction this Sunday evening from St Peter's Church at 5.00pm, streamed live on webcam

Confessions: Due to the current pandemic restrictions, and in accordance with national and diocesan norms, individual confessions cannot be heard at this time. Catholic doctrine teaches that if a person cannot get to Confession,

it is sufficient to confess one's sins to God, seeking forgiveness and with the intention of going to Confession when possible to do so.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church, # 1452 states: *When it arises from a love by which God is loved above all else, contrition is called 'perfect' - contrition of charity. Such contrition remits venial sins; it also obtains forgiveness of mortal sins if it includes the firm resolution to have recourse to, sacramental confession as soon as possible*

Day of Prayer for Vocations

Next Sunday is Vocation Sunday. There is a second envelope in your box for the education of students to the priesthood. The collection goes primarily towards the tuition and accommodation fees of students preparing for the priesthood, the permanent diaconate, and those lay faithful in vocational on-going formation in the Archdiocese of Armagh. We currently support three students for the priesthood in Maynooth, Salamanca, Spain, and pastoral placement in the Archdiocese, and twenty students at our own Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary in Dundalk who are preparing to be ordained as priests for the Archdiocese of Armagh. We ask parishioners to continue to pray for vocations for our Diocese.

"There is no salvation through anyone else." Does a life of joy in knowing you are following the Lord as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life inspire you? Speak to your local priest, or contact the Armagh Diocesan Vocations Director (Fr. Peter: pmcanenly21@gmail.com; 00 44 28 3752 2802) or email the National Vocations Office on info@vocations.ie

Parish Collection for the weekend of 4th April 2021

Loose €320 Envelopes €1,832 **Total €2,152**

Holy Land Collection €786

Parish Collection for the weekend of 10th /11th April

Loose €935 Envelopes €1,319 **Total €2,254**

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 either St Peter's or Our Lady of Lourdes Churches, or to any of the parochial houses. Alternatively, contributions can be set up on our website through the DONATE button on the parish website with credit or debit card and if you need assistance with this please telephone our sacristies. www.saintpetersdrogheda.ie

Deaths

We pray for the recently deceased Noleen McConville, Bóthar Brugha, Kieran Caffrey, Brookville, Rea McGowan, late of Rathmullen Road, Therese Hanlon, Trinity Gardens, Alan Flood, Scarlet Crescent, Michael Campbell, Newfield, John O'Sullivan, Ronan Connor, Laima Rimkuvie, Anne (Anna) Kane, Noel Nugent Snr, Linda Kavanagh, Patricia Finglas, Ronan Caffrey, Imelda Clinton.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

Siena Convent: Cards, Candles and Crafts available to order from our **Online Shop** at the Monastery of St. Catherine of Siena, The Twenties, Drogheda: Link: <https://www.dominicannuns.ie/online-shop.html>

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

Drogheda River Rescue Emergency 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.

