

The monthly Mass in honour of **St Oliver Plunkett** will be celebrated on Saturday 30th April in St Peter's at 6.15pm.

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 Pio Devotions will recommence in St Mary's Church, Drogheda on 21st April at 7.30pm. Rosary at 7.05pm followed by Mass at 7.30pm.

Diploma in Youth Ministry & Spirituality

Diploma in Youth Ministry & Spirituality from Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth. The diploma is tailored for those who wish to work in Youth Ministry. For further information, please see www.maynoothcollege.ie/courses

Pilgrimage to Assisi & San Giovanni Rotondo, 29th June - 6th July. Spiritual Director Fr Ciprian (St. Mary's Parish). For more details contact Annemarie Byrne 086 089 2788.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje Wednesday 22nd June for 7 nights – cost €765 Spiritual Advisor: Fr Paul Montague, Reaghtown Parish. Phone James on 087 220 2173 for more details.

Rosary at the Grottos The Rosary will be prayed each day during the month of May at hundreds of grottos around the Island of Ireland. Visit www.coastalrosaryireland.ie to see a list of locations, or to register a grotto (or other suitable location). You can also register by texting 087 278 6552. We are praying for Ireland and for peace in the world.

Barbican Bingo Nights Bingo every Tuesday at 8.00pm (Drogheda United) Bingo every Thursday at 8.00pm (Special Olympics) Great Cash prizes on offer!!

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service seeking Marriage Preparation Programme Facilitators Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. Accord is seeking registration of interest from those who have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church and the enthusiasm to be part of a team supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service has 54 centres in dioceses across the island. Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally in accordance with best practice. Contact Deirdre 00 44 7980 898399 or by email to info@accordni.com The closing date for receipt of registration of interest forms to be included in Selections for this year is Friday 27th May 2022 Registration of Interest form and additional information about becoming a facilitator is available on www.accordni.com

ALONE Are you willing to provide companionship or make calls to Older People once a week? ALONE is seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided. If interested please sign up here: <https://alone.ie/volunteers/> For more information, contact Frances on frances.sheerin@alone.ie or on 086 108 5965

May Day Procession

The annual May Day Procession in honour of Our Lady of Fatima and St Joseph the Worker will take place on Sunday 1st May, assembling at Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 6.45pm, processing via Bóthar Brugha, George's Street, West Street, to arrive at St Peter's Church for Mass at 7.30pm.

	St Peter's Church	Our Lady of Lourdes Church
Monday 18th April – Saturday 23rd April	10.30am Mass (No 8.30am weekday Mass) Tuesday St Anthony's Novena 7.30pm	10.00am Mass
	No Confessions on Wednesday 20th April	
Divine Mercy Sunday 24th April	Exposition, Chaplet, Prayers & Confessions. 3.00pm. Mass 4.00pm	

St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area

Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection

17th April 2022

Canon Eugene Sweeney PP, VG	St Peter's Parochial House	041 983 8537
Fr Aidan Murphy PE, AP	St Peter's Presbytery	041 983 8239
Fr Cleophas Lungu, Priest in Residence		
Fr Paul Murphy CC	Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery.	041 983 1899
Fr Desmond Branigan CC		
Deacons: David Durrigan & John Taaffe		
	St Peter's Church Sacristy	041 984 5355
	Our Lady of Lourdes Church Sacristy	041 983 1973

www.saintpetersdrogheda.ie Email parishoffice@saintpetersdrogheda.ie



Masses will be broadcast live by webcam
St Peter's Church
Monday to Friday: 8.30am. & 10.30am
Tuesday also St Anthony's
Novena, 7.30pm.
Saturday 10.30am
Vigil 6.15pm
Sunday 8.00am & 11.00am



Our Lady of Lourdes Church
Monday to Saturday: 10.00am.
Saturday Vigil: 7.00pm.
Sunday: 9.00am, 10.30 and 12 noon.
St Peter's Church Shop
Monday to Thursday 11.00am - 2.00pm
Friday 11.00am - 3.00pm
Saturday 11.00am - 6.00pm
Email: parishoffice@saintpetersdrogheda.ie
The Barbican,
St Peter's Parish Centre
041 980 7416

Easter Message to Parishioners 2022

Each Easter we dare to profess our spiritual freedom – our liberty as redeemed children of God. Through the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus we are born anew, and no earthly power or pandemic can imprison us.

The darkness of the pandemic and of the war in Ukraine have been our constant companions for some time, but the Resurrection of Jesus of Easter Day signifies eternal victory over death, darkness and despair. The light of the resurrected Jesus will always have the last word. In the life of the Risen One we all have life and this is our hope. We do not succumb to despair, but are an Easter people, singing Alleluia as our chorus, Alleluia being a Hebrew word meaning "Praise God!".

Thank you for joining us in person and by webcam from St Peter's and Our Lady of Lourdes Churches since Easter last year when we could not convene physically, and for supporting the Parish in so many ways. Many thanks to the many Good Samaritans in our parish and community – too numerous to mention - who have provided frontline services and looked out for others, giving of themselves so courageously and generously, often putting themselves at risk.

With the clergy, Parish Pastoral Council and Pastoral Area resource Team, I wish all our parishioners and their loved ones, at home and abroad, peace, health and joy this Eastertime. I ask the Lord to comfort those who have lost loved ones and to help those who are sick, lonely, anxious and all those who face employment and financial uncertainty. May the Risen Lord continue to be with us. In Him we trust. Our Lady of Lourdes, St Peter, St Oliver Plunkett, pray for us.

Eugene Sweeney, PP, VG

Department of Children, Equality, Disability Integration and Youth and Irish Red Cross launch accommodation pledge register to support Ukrainian refugees

Archbishop Eamon Martin brings to our attention that Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, Roderic O’Gorman TD, and the Irish Red Cross (IRC) have launched a pledge register which will allow people to register accommodation and other services to assist Ukrainian refugees. At the request of the Irish Government, the IRC has established and will manage the IRC Register of Pledges on <https://registerofpledges.redcross.ie>. See also www.RedCross.ie/pledge

Archbishop Martin has said: “As tens of thousands of refugees arrive in Ireland in the near future, there is no doubt that the Gospel is calling on us to open our hearts and our homes. Please encourage everyone to welcome refugees in a sensitive and compassionate manner.”

Extract - Statement of the Spring General Meeting of the Irish Bishops’ Conference, March 2022 Return of Sunday Obligation on 17th April, Easter Sunday

As the remaining Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted, it is encouraging to see a return to full public worship in our parishes, and the resumption of all aspects of Church and community life. At the heart of the life of our parish communities is the Sunday Mass. We pray in the Mass that it is ‘indeed right and just, our duty and our salvation’ to give thanks to the Lord, and the Sunday Eucharist is our greatest act of thanksgiving. During the Season of Lent, we encourage everyone to return to Sunday and weekday Mass in our churches, welcoming each other back as we gather once more together. From Easter Sunday 17th April, this will once again be deemed an essential expression of faith for all in our Church in Ireland. As always, those whose health is vulnerable or who are unwell will not be under any obligation to attend Mass, and should keep themselves safe and pray at home until they are better.

Trócaire Lent 2022

**“Let us put into practice our call to do good to all,
And take time to love the poor and the needy, those abandoned and rejected,
Those discriminated against and marginalised”**

Pope Francis, cf Fratelli Tutti 193

Far from the media spotlight this Lent, families like Thandekile’s in Zimbabwe are going days without eating, grieving with no one noticing, and their futures hang in the balance. The message of your Trócaire boxes this Lent is that the chance at a better tomorrow shouldn’t be lost because of forgotten crises from Covid to poverty to climate change that are taking a terrible toll on families worldwide.

Trócaire boxes may be returned to the designated box in either church during Easter week. Alternatively, you may donate on www.trocaire.org or by freephone 1800 408 408.

Public Mass & Services

1. In line with Government permission, **all Masses and ceremonies** in both St Peter’s and Our Lady of Lourdes Churches, including funerals, weddings and baptisms, can proceed.
2. Parishioners are asked to continue to wear **face masks** unless medically prohibited from doing so, **to sanitise their hands** on entry into the church, and to be mindful of **adequate social distancing**. Churches are sanitised after every Mass or ceremony.
3. The **Sunday obligation** applies throughout Ireland again from today, Easter Sunday 17th April. Not everyone will yet feel ready to return to public Mass and this is understandable.

All Masses are streamed live by webcam, www.saintpetersdrogheda.ie or www.churchservices.tv (Drogheda)

During the Pandemic, please take home the missalette you have used at Mass as well as your copy of the Newsletter.

Rosary and Benediction this Sunday evening in St Peter’s Church at 5.00pm.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in St Peter’s Church in the main body of the Church during Church opening hours, except when Mass or some other liturgy is being celebrated, and may also be viewed by webcam. Adoration also takes place each Sunday in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 1.00pm – 4.00pm.

Confessions, observing social distancing and the wearing of face masks, are held as follows: St Peter’s Church, Wednesdays and Saturdays, 12.30–1.00pm; Saturday evening in both churches 30 minutes before the Vigil Mass.



Baptisms are conducted according to best public health practice. Parents should please contact the sacristies to rearrange dates or to register.

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

St Peter’s Church every Sunday at 12.15pm. Register at St Peter’s Church Sacristy, Monday - Saturday, 9.00am -1.00pm. Tel 041 984 5355

Anniversaries and Month’s Minds may be given in person or telephoned to St Peter’s Church Sacristy, 041 984 5355, Monday – Saturday, 9.00am -1.00pm or Our Lady of Lourdes Church Sacristy, 041 983 1973, Monday – Saturday, 9.30am -12.30pm. Mass Stipend may be given via credit / debit card by telephone.

St Peter’s Shop

A large range of religious objects, including signed shared Mass Cards and Bouquets available (Monday to Thursday, 11.00am – 2.00pm, Friday 11.00am – 3.00pm. Saturday 11.00am -6.00pm. Mass Cards and Bouquets also available in both sacristies.

St Vincent de Paul (Freephone 1800 67 77 77) and **Drogheda River Rescue Emergency** (089 250 5562) continue to be ready to help anyone in need. **Samaritans** call 116 123 for free. **Aware** 1800 80 48 48

SVP church gate collection Sunday 1st May.

The Parish Newsletter is available at the back of the churches throughout the week. Also see church noticeboards, parish website and Facebook page.

Pope Francis’ intention for April: We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

Easter Gift envelope in your box for the priests of the Parish. Many thanks for your great generosity.

Deaths

We pray for the recently deceased Jimmy Weldon, The Sycamores, Greenhills, Vincent Churchill, Glenmore Drive, Tony Rogers, Tredagh View formerly Pearse Park, John Brady, Loundon formerly Pearse Park, Sr Ann (Assumpta) Kierans PBVM, formerly Chord Road, Maurice Downey, Termonfeckin formerly Brookville, Celine Carroll, Frances Hughes, Niall Pentony, Dessie Hafford, Pat Donnelly, Peter Floody, Vera Fox, Eileen Hand, Arthur Perkins, Philip Daly, Daran Bannon, Dolores Leonard, Sheila Finglas, Owen Coyle. **May they rest in peace.**

Bottles of Easter Holy Water available in both churches from the Easter Vigil/ Easter Sunday. Many thanks to the Parish Pastoral Council for organising this initiative.

Healing Service, Easter Sunday 17th April, St Mary’s Church, Knockbridge A91 EV56, at 2.00pm.

LMFM Mass

The 7.00pm Vigil Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Saturday 23rd April will be recorded by LMFM for broadcast on Sunday morning, 24th April at 9.00am. Celebrant: V Rev Aidan Murphy, PE, AP.

