

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.

A Charity Concert will be held in aid of 'Mothers of Ukraine' in The TLT Theatre, Drogheda, on Wednesday 13th April at 8.00pm. Performances from renowned Irish Artists Maria Butterly, Sean Keane, Donal Lunny, Paddy Glackin, St Peters Male Voice Choir with MD Edward Holly, Vladimir Jablovok – Violinist and Bill Shanley. Tickets €22.50 from TLT Box Office www.thetlt.ie

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

Holy Week/Easter Triduum St Peter's Parish 2022

	St Peter's Church	Our Lady of Lourdes Church
Monday 11th April		Penance Service 7.30pm (several confessors available)
Tuesday 12th April		Seven Last Words of Jesus 7.30pm
NO morning Masses on Thursday, Friday or Saturday of Holy Week.		
Holy Thursday 14th April	Mass of the Lord's Supper 6.15pm Confessions after Mass Adoration at Altar of Repose until . 9.00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm Confessions after Mass Adoration at Altar of Repose until 10.00pm
Good Friday 15th April	Outdoor Stations of the Cross St Mary's Church 10.30am The Passion of the Lord 3.00pm Confession after Liturgy	The Passion of the Lord 3.00pm Stations of the Cross 7.30pm Confessions after both Liturgies
Holy Saturday 16th April	Confessions 12.00 noon – 1.00pm	Confessions 12.00 noon – 1.00pm 6.00pm – 7.00pm The Easter Vigil 7.00pm
Easter Sunday 17th April	Mass 8.00am, 11.00am.	Mass 9.00am, 10.30am & 12.00noon.
Divine Mercy Sunday 24th April	Exposition, Chaplet, Prayers & Confessions. 3.00pm Mass 4.00pm	

St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

10th 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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, the beginning of Holy Week.

Palms are available at the back of both churches. Great care should be taken so that the palms are touched only by the recipient. Please take the first sprig available.

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.

A Lenten Reminder for Love from Pope Francis

"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"

His Holiness 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 the Easter Triduum or 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** continues to be suspended until 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)

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

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

Parish Collection for the weekend of 2nd /3rd April 2022

Loose € 1,360 Envelopes €1,505 **Total €2,865**

Baptism

We welcome Stephen Óg Harvey Carolan *into the Christian community*

Deaths

We pray for the recently deceased Celine Carroll, Chord Road, Frances Hughes, Greenlanes, Niall Pentony, Coolock, Dessie Hafford, Rathmullen Park formerly Pearse Park, Pat Donnelly, Peter Floody, Vera Fox, Eileen Hand, Arthur Perkins, Philip Daly, Daran Bannon, Dolores Leonard, Sheila Finglas, Owen Coyle, Patrick Gerard (Gerry) Flynn, Roseleen Hayden, Sr Úna Ní Riain MMM, Jena McHugh Bulman. **May they rest in peace. Amen.**



Chrism Mass

Archbishop Eamon, with the clergy of the diocese, will celebrate the Chrism Mass on Wednesday 13th April at 7.00pm in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh. All are welcome. This year we will highlight the ongoing synodal process and acknowledge the work of our Diocesan Synodal Core Group. An invitation to attend is extended to families and schools in the diocese, in particular, children who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. The Mass is also available via webcam at www.armaghparish.net.

Holy Thursday Eucharistic Vigil at Altar of Repose

Archbishop Eamon Martin encourages as many people as possible to attend the period of Eucharistic Vigil at the Altar of Repose on the evening of Holy Thursday after the Mass of the Lord's Supper. He welcomes prayers for the intentions of vocations to the priesthood and the religious life, for a return to Mass and the sacraments by those who have lapsed, for peace in the world, especially Ukraine, and for the Holy Father's intentions.



Last Words from the Cross An hour of reflection and meditation on the Last Words from the Cross will take place in Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Tuesday 12th April at 7.30pm. It will offer an opportunity to ponder quietly on the last few hours of the Agony of the Crucifixion while leaving us with the hope that comes with the resurrection.

Outdoor Way of the Cross

The Ecumenical Way of the Cross commences on Good Friday from St. Mary's Church at 10.30 am, making its way through the medieval streets of Drogheda. The procession will stop at the churches of different Christian denominations in the town where prayers will be recited. The ceremony will conclude at 12.00 noon on the steps of St. Peter's Church in West Street following a blessing by the assembled clergy.

There is a special **Good Friday** envelope in your box for the **Holy Land**. This collection is a main source of income for the maintenance and sustainability of the Christian identity in the Holy Land, and used towards pastoral, social, educational, health and welfare initiatives, but also to provide for our fellow Christians who have been forced to flee the Holy Places due to violence and the threat of war.

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

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.

"He opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled." Prayer and reflection are essential to discerning a vocation. Are you open to a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or the consecrated life? Speak to your local priest, or contact your Diocesan Vocations Director (Fr. Peter: pmcanenly21@gmail.com; 00 44 28 3752 2802) or email the National Vocations Office on info@vocations.ie.

Armagh Diocesan Youth Commission ADYC is very excited to announce Youth Lenten Retreat days, open to all ages. The first will be in Cookstown on 9th April, followed by one in Collon on 10th April. Please use the below link to register your interest. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSexopAseNllknSolQjgKrNy-3EMgkqdUExxes-Lvu5TjTjYsg/viewform?usp=sf_link

Easter Retreat at SMA Dromantine Retreat Centre

Easter Retreat at SMA Dromantine Retreat Centre, Wed. 13th (5.00pm) – Easter Sun 17th April (9.00am). This will be an opportunity for quiet reflection as you celebrate the ceremonies of the Easter Triduum. It begins with the Seder Meal on Wed. and ends with Dawn Mass and Easter breakfast. Cost (inc. accom. and meals) €400. Tel. 00 44 28 3082 1964. admin@dromantineconference.com

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