

Lough Derg Re-Opens Lough Derg welcomes Pilgrims again with a full Pilgrimage programme this summer, Three Day Pilgrimage: 1st June – 15th August. Booking advised. Concessions available for students, seniors and groups. One Day Retreats and guided Pilgrim Path experience: dates in May and late August through September. Booking essential. All booking information at www.loughderg.org, email info@loughderg.org or telephone 0(0353) 71 986 1518.

Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2022 will take place this year from 26th September – 1st October. The Pilgrimage will be run by Marian Pilgrimages. The fare is €750 per person sharing (single room supplement €190), €720 youth fare. The ongoing impact and uncertainty around the Covid-19 Pandemic means that we will not be in a position to provide Medical and Nursing Support in the Accueli Notre Dame to Assisted Pilgrims as in previous years. Intending Pilgrims will need to be able to travel independently or be accompanied by a family member/carer who can provide all of their care and support needs. All applicants will be required to complete a comprehensive booking form, which will include medical information. Our Chief Medical Officer and his team will review this form prior to acceptance to travel. All applicants will need to provide proof of vaccination. While in Lourdes the Medical Team will be on call to serve the wider needs of our pilgrimage community and to oversee the implementation of our Covid Protocols, should the need arise. Bookings can be made through your local committee, details of which are on a poster at the back of the Church.

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

Drogheda & District Floral Art Group is delighted to welcome "The Insomniac Gardener" Rosemary Maye for a Garden Talk on Tuesday 10th May, in the Boyne Valley Hotel, Drogheda. Our Annual General Meeting will commence at 7.30pm followed by the Garden Talk at 8.30pm. Both members and non-members are very welcome.

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.

The Women of Faith Conference 2022

The Women of Faith Conference 2022 is LIVE on Radio Maria Ireland on Saturday 7th May from 2pm. We are blessed to have the following speakers. Sister Consilio (Cuan Mhuire), Wendy Grace (Catholic Speaker) Fr. Freddy Warner, SMA, Sister Susan Evangelist (Sister of Mercy) Dr. Edward Sri (Scripture Scholar). Please join us for this blessed event sponsored by Totus Tuus Magazine. Radio Maria Ireland is accessible by: Going online at www.radiomaria.ie Download the Radio Maria IRELAND App to your smartphone or tablet. Listen live via Facebook. Call 01 437 3277 and listen live. Listen through your TV on SAORVIEW Channel 210.

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

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 Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area
Third Sunday of Easter

1st May 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

May Day Procession

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

There will be NO 8.30am Mass in St Peter's Church on Monday 2nd May as it is a Bank Holiday.

Vocation Sunday

Next Sunday is Vocation Sunday. There is a second collection envelope in your box. This 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 students for the priesthood in Rome, and in Dundalk at the Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary, who are preparing to be ordained as Priests for the Archdiocese of Armagh.

National Collection for Ukraine

Sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to the recent Special Collection for Ukraine. Nationally, this collection has raised over €3.25 million to date. The war in Ukraine, and the terrible suffering which has resulted, has seen a tremendous outpouring of compassion and generosity from our parish communities. Your contributions will bring much-needed relief to those in the region whose lives and livelihoods have been devastated. The funds raised will be used by the international Catholic Church agency, Caritas Internationalis, which is currently operating on the ground in Ukraine and its surrounding areas. We continue to keep the people of Ukraine in our thoughts, praying for peace and an end to this appalling humanitarian crisis.

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

Trócaire boxes may be returned to the designated box in either church. 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 Easter Sunday 17th April. This does not apply to the elderly, the sick and the vulnerable. 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 this 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.

Novenas

Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal – Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Monday 10.00am Mass

Novena to St Martin de Porres – St Peter’s Church, Monday, 10.30am Mass

Novena to St Anthony of Padua – St. Peter’s Church, Tuesday, 10.30am & 7.30pm Masses.

Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal – St Peter’s Church Wednesday after 10.30am Mass.

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

Feast days this Week

Tuesday 3rd May

Ss Philip and James, Apostles

Thursday 5th May

Blessed Edmund Rice, religious

Friday 6th May is the **first Friday** of the month. The clergy will visit the sick in accordance with Government and diocesan norms, but only after consultation with the person concerned or their family.

The **Divine Mercy Chaplet** is recited after the 10.00am Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes Church each First Friday.

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

Pope Francis’ intention for May: We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary’s life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

Parish Collection for the weekend of 23rd/24th April 2022

Loose € 1,310 Envelopes €1, 390 **Total €2,700**

Baptism

We welcome Orlagh Martina Calley, Aaron Thornton Mockus, Harry James Wynne, Uhergas Gelazius, Rian Hanratty Dyas and Tommy Bernard Dunne **into the Christian community**

Deaths

We pray for the recently deceased Mary Colgan, Liverpool formerly Brookville, Claire Prendergast, Anneville Crescent, Sr Teresita Donnelly MMM, Beechgrove, Michael Carroll, Termonfeckin, David Leonard, Bredin Street, Bridget (Bridie) Kelly, Ascal a hAon, Yellowbatter, Sr Maureen Ita Quinn MMM, Beechgrove, James (Jim) Connor, Trinity Street formerly Anneville Crescent, Mary Butterly, Grangerath, Veronica Hughes, Magdalene Street, Jimmy Weldon, Vincent Churchill, Tony Rogers, John Brady, Sr Ann (Assumpta) Kierans PBVM, Maurice Downey, Celine Carroll, Frances Hughes. **May they rest in peace.**

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>

Vocation Discernment Weekend for single women Vocation Discernment Weekend, 20th – 22nd May 2022, for single women (20-40) who are wondering if the Lord is inviting them to Dominican Monastic Contemplative Life. Contact: Sr Mairead OP, Monastery of St. Catherine of Siena, The Twenties, Drogheda, Co. Louth. A92 KR84. Email: sienavoc@gmail.com Tel: 041 983 8524: www.dominicannuns.ie

