

**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 we8358 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 via email at [dundalklourdescommittee@gmail.com](mailto:dundalklourdescommittee@gmail.com) or by phone, 042 938 6447 (leave a message).

**Armagh diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock**, Sunday 29th May 2022, organised by Monasterboice Parish, bus stop at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Drogheda at 7.45am. Please call 087 683 1259, 087 288 2253 or 086 391 9613 to book your seat.

**Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock**, Corpus Christi weekend, Friday 17th June, 7.30pm – 10.00pm & Saturday 18th June 10.30am – 5.00pm. Bus leaving from Mary Street on Saturday 18th June at 7.00am. Further information from Liz Molony, 086 365 8358.

**Pilgrimage to San Giovanni Rotondo**, Assisi & Rome with Ann Wilkinson group. 7 nights from 6th July staying at 3/4star hotel half board. Fully guided with spiritual director Fr Maciej Zacharek, Dundalk, formerly St Peter's Parish, Drogheda Bookings and full details see [www.marian.ie](http://www.marian.ie) or call 01-878 8159. Cost €995.

**An Irish Pilgrimage Guide to the Holy Land** is a new book by Michael Kelly, Editor of The Irish Catholic newspaper which explores the places associated with the life of Christ. Michael, who has led many pilgrimages to the Holy Land, says he hopes the book can also act as an 'armchair retreat' for people who cannot travel to the Holy Land bringing the Gospel to life for them. It is available now from all good bookshops and [www.columbabooks.com](http://www.columbabooks.com) price €16.99/£14.99

**North Drogheda Community Employment Ltd** St Peters Parish scheme is currently recruiting for the following positions, two Caretaker/Cleaners in the Barbican Parish Centre, William Street, Drogheda. These positions involve working 19.5 hours a week in accordance with North Drogheda policies, as directed by the supervisor. They are developmental positions, no experience necessary, though accredited training is provided to support your career. Please contact Geraldine for further information or apply at your local Intreo office, [northdroghedaceltd@gmail.com](mailto:northdroghedaceltd@gmail.com) or Jobs Ireland.

**MS Ireland Louth Branch** will hold a Vintage Car Show, for World MS Day on Saturday 28th May, 9.00am -1.00pm at the Monasterboice Inn. Coffee morning, Raffle and Face painting. All welcome.

### St Anthony's Novena

St Peter's Church

Sunday 5th June – Monday 13th June 2022

Preacher: Fr Eamonn O'Driscoll OFM, Killarney Friary.

Masses 10.30am & 7.30pm daily, except Saturday 11th June, 10.30am & 6.15pm

Sunday 5th & 12th June Mass at 11.00am, Holy Hour at 7.30pm.



# St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area

Sixth Sunday of Easter

22nd 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](http://www.saintpetersdrogheda.ie) Email [parishoffice@saintpetersdrogheda.ie](mailto: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](mailto:parishoffice@saintpetersdrogheda.ie)

The Barbican,

St Peter's Parish Centre

041 980 7416

### Distribution of Holy Communion

St Peter's Parish, after consultation, and in union with parishes throughout the country, returns to the pre-Covid way of distributing Holy Communion, that is people coming to the priest or Eucharistic Minister at various stations. In so far as possible, please observe a one-way system back to your seats. If anyone is unable to walk to the nearest Communion station, they should please raise their hand for the priest or Minister to come to them. Holy Communion is still received on the hand only.

Due to the need to maximise protection for all, it will no longer be possible for Holy Communion to be distributed along the altar rails with people kneeling in St Peter's Church. Therefore, people should please come up to the front of the sanctuary and possibly to the middle of the church, in one or two lines, depending on the number of Ministers, and then return to their seats in a one-way system, in so far as possible.

If you are Coeliac, you are welcome to receive Communion at any Mass by coming to the altar at the time of the Our Father. Please come to the righthand side; Ministers of Eucharist will be on the left.

### Central Diocesan Fund Collection

There will be a second envelope this weekend for the Central Diocesan Fund. This envelope goes towards the running of the Diocesan Curia in Armagh and towards its safeguarding and youth offices, the Diocesan Pastoral Centre and its initiatives, including the Synodal Way.

### Pray for Life Novena

The Pray for Life Novena is an invitation to join thousands of people across Ireland to pray for the protection of human life, from Monday 23rd May to the Feast of the Visitation on 31st May 2022. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short

reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life in Ireland. Visit [www.prayforlife.ie](http://www.prayforlife.ie) for the daily novena prayers. This is an initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference.

### Cemetery Sunday

Cemetery Sunday will take place as usual, on the last Sunday of June, this year the 26th June, in St Peter's Cemetery at 3.00pm, and Newtown Cross Cemetery at 5.00pm. We are delighted that for the first time in three years we can come together in person in the Cemeteries. As always, people are invited to prepare their family graves for the blessing.

### Barbican Centre – Outreach to Ukrainian Community

St Peter's Parish is committed to reaching out to the Ukrainian community at this time.

- English language classes for Ukrainians have begun in the Barbican in conjunction with LMETB.
- The Love Life children's choir rehearse in the Barbican, swelled recently by the welcome presence of Ukrainian children.
- The Barbican is also working with Louth County Council to see how the Centre might be available as a hub for the newly-arrived Drogheda Ukrainian community.
- Our schools have welcomed a number of Ukrainian children and are enriched by their presence.

### 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. 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.

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All Masses are streamed live by webcam, [www.saintpetersdrogheda.ie](http://www.saintpetersdrogheda.ie) or [www.churchservices.tv](http://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.

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**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

**The Knights of Columbanus** Annual Church Gate collection will be held this weekend, 21st /22nd May. This collection has allowed us to support a number of local charities within the area of Drogheda and East Meath, examples being, the Cable Project, The Boyne Project, Drogheda Special Olympics, Women's Refuge, Men's Refuge and the Knights of Malta.

**The Parish Newsletter** is available at the back of the churches throughout the week. Also see church noticeboards,

### Feast Days this Week

Tuesday 24th May Day of Prayer for the Church in China – Our Lady of Sheshan  
Thursday 26th May St Philip Neri, priest

**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 14th / 15th May 2022

Loose €1,375 Envelopes €1,760 **Total €3,135**

**Vocation Sunday Collection €1,150**

### Baptism

**We welcome** Grace Ann Moore & Tobias Peter John Gilroy *into the Christian community*

### Deaths

**We pray for the recently deceased** Roseleen (Rosie) Kelly, Moneymore, Dolores MacKenna, Fontabranda, Francis Street, Sr Raphael O'Connell MMM, Beechgrove, Marie Bollard, James (Jimmy) Donnelly, Robert Crilly, Frank Pentony, Oliver Martin, Thomas Murphy, Phyllis Donnelly, Fergus Godfrey, Sr Deirdre Twomey MMM, Mary Colgan, Claire Prendergast, Sr Teresita Donnelly MMM, Michael Carroll, David Leonard, Bridget (Bridie) Kelly, Sr Maureen Ita Quinn MMM. **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>

**St Joseph's Young Priests' Society** The monthly meeting of St Joseph's Young Priests' Society will take place in Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery on Thursday 26th May at 10.30am. New members are welcome.

**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](http://www.loughderg.org), E [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) or T 071 986 1518.