

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 Accueil 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 or by phone, 042 938 6447 (leave a message).

No Visible Scar: Comfort for those Bereaved; Losing a loved one can be a lonely, isolating and disorienting experience. These feelings of loss have been felt even more keenly in the time of a global pandemic. This workshop provides a gentle, safe and comforting space to help those bereaved before or during the pandemic to better understand their feelings, sensitively unpack the layers of grief their loss has brought and learn how to respectfully carry grief and embrace life again. Friday 20th May (arrive 5.00pm) – Sunday 22nd May (depart 2.00pm). Fee €260 or £220stg. Workshop Facilitator Fr Hugh Lagan SMA. Fr Lagan is a priest with the Society of African Missions and a chartered clinical psychologist. He has led retreats, workshops and trainings internationally on psychological and spiritual well-being, positive change, trauma, mental health and resilience. Please contact Jacinta or Louisa to reserve your place: Tel: 028 (048 from ROI) 3082 1964, Email: admin@dromantineconference.com

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.

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 northdroghedaceltld@gmail.com or your local Intreo office, or Jobs Ireland.

Parish Pastoral Council Chair

Many thanks to Linda Breen who has retired, having been a member of St Peter's Parish Pastoral Council since 2005, and chairperson of the Council for twelve years. We thank Linda for her generous and outstanding contribution to the Council, and to the life of the Parish and Pastoral Area in so many ways. We are glad that Linda continues to serve the Parish in various ministries. We hope to have an opportunity in the near future to mark Linda's retirement. We congratulate Rocio Garcia who has been elected by the Council as the new chairperson.

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Day of Prayer for Vocations

8th 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

Day of Prayer for Vocations

"Sing joyfully to the LORD ...; serve the LORD with gladness." Are you discerning a vocation as priest, deacon, sister or brother? 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

Vocation Sunday Envelope

Today 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 20 students for the priesthood of the Archdiocese of Armagh, in Rome, and in Dundalk at the Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary.

Tercentenary of the Monastery of St Catherine of Siena, Drogheda, 1722 – 2022

Fondly known as "Siena" by the town's people, the Monastery of St Catherine of Siena has been part of Drogheda's history for three hundred years. From its first beginnings in 1722 in a humble mud cabin on the banks of the Boyne, via Dyer Street and the Chord Road, to the monastery's current location in the Twenties, the Dominican contemplative nuns' praying presence has enfolded St Peter's Parish, and radiated the presence of God to us. We thank Sr Breda and all the Sisters for their prayerful presence, congratulate them in this jubilee year on this great milestone, and wish them many more years among us. Ad multos annos.

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 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

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

Parish Pastoral Council meeting by video-conference tomorrow evening, Monday 9th May at 7.45pm.

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

Friday 13th May Our Lady of Fatima

Saturday 14th May St Matthias, Apostle

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 30th April/1st May 2022

Loose € 1,160 Envelopes €1,225 **Total €2,385**

Easter Sunday 17th April 2022

Loose € 2,060 Envelopes €1,895 **Total €3,955**

Good Friday, Holy Land Total €1,370

Baptism

We welcome Elliot Xavier Holcroft, Evan Milius, Adelia Kalkku-Jugovic & Luke Hartnett **into the Christian community**

Deaths

We pray for the recently deceased Oliver Martin, Forest Park, Thomas Murphy, College Rise, Phyllis Donnelly, Brookville, Fergus Godfrey, Tredagh View formerly Yellowbatter, Sr Deirdre Twomey MMM, Beechgrove, Mary Colgan, Claire Prendergast, Sr Teresita Donnelly MMM, Michael Carroll, David Leonard, Bridget (Bridie) Kelly, Sr Maureen Ita Quinn MMM, James (Jim) Connor, Mary Butterly, Veronica Hughes, Jimmy Weldon, Vincent Churchill, Tony Rogers, John Brady, Sr Ann (Assumpta) Kierans PBVM, Maurice Downey. **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

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