

Talks for Adults and Young People. Are you coping with your life? Do you want to deepen your faith? Do you really believe God loves you as you are? Jesus Christ is the answer. Monday and Thursday evenings in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 7.30pm - 8.30pm. Fr Jesus Perea, and a team of catechists from the Neo Catechumenal Way. Further information 086 866 0824.

Marino Institute of Education Are you looking for food for the mind and oxygen for the soul in the company of fellow travellers? Join the Adult Education Certificate in Spirituality and Human Development Programme. It is open for applications now. Class will start on 27th September, 2022. Late applications are also considered. www.mie.ie/spirituality.

Drogheda Community Trust Service is currently seeking people with an interest in Bereavement Counselling to take part in an upcoming training course to be a volunteer with our Bereavement Counselling Service. The course is conducted by a Clinical Psychologist who specialises in this subject and will run over 15 Saturdays between October 2022 and March 2023. If interested please contact Drogheda Community Services Centre, Scarlet Crescent on 041 983 6084 or email nafsika@droghedacsc.net

The **Feel Good Project** is offering a free Wellbeing and Resilience Programme, combined with coaching and mentoring for teenagers aged 13-18 years. Venue: Stamullen Parish Hall. Dates: Thursday 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th October. Time: 7.00pm – 9.00pm. Attendance is Free. To book your child's place, call 041 988 0523 or email duleekdft@gmail.com. www.createthegreatinyou.com

Positive Ageing Week runs from 25th September to 1st October this year. Louth Volunteer Centre will host sessions in line with the week's theme "Challenging Ageism - Reframing How We Think, Feel and Act towards ageing and older persons". These will be held in Drogheda Library on Monday 26th September at 2.00pm and in Dundalk Library on Tuesday 27th September at 2.00pm. Find out more about how volunteering can benefit the older adult, how to access volunteer roles and the services and support available from your local Volunteer Centre. Booking is not required, and you can contact the Centre for more information on 041-980 9008.

Coastal Rosary for Faith & Life in Ireland The annual Coastal Rosary will take place at 2.30pm on Sunday 9th October. Join thousands of people from around Ireland to pray the Rosary for Life and Faith at our coasts, grottos, rivers, churches, and other suitable places. Simply sign up a Rosary location at www.coastalrosaryireland.ie or text your location to 087 278 6552.

Trócaire is looking for people to join its team of Christmas fundraisers to help respond to the urgent need of poor communities around the world, especially the millions of people affected by the hunger crisis in East Africa. You can take action and make a difference through a range of activities, including the promotion of our Gifts of Love – training and support will be provided. If you would like to find out more about what you can do to help now or over the Advent and Christmas period, then please email Mark McMahon at infoni@trocaire.org or call 028 9090 8030.

The **Whitworth Dances** of the 1940s – 1960s are resurrected! These social teatime dances will take place in the Barbican on the last Sunday of the month, September to November, 3.00pm – 5.00pm. The first of these dances will be held this Sunday 25th September, the beginning of Positive Age Action week.

FREE workshops for adults: Rediscovery Centre and Louth Leader Partnership are delighted to host a series of 9 FREE workshops for adults in County Louth on Solutions for Plastic Problems during Oct 2022. The hands-on workshops include lots of engaging activities to demonstrate how individuals can take action on plastic problems and start projects in their community. Workshops include: Mon 3rd October 7.00pm -9.30pm at Drumshallon Forge Heritage Centre. Call 01 893 3801 to book or go to www.rediscoverycentre.ie/events

St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Day of Migrants and Refugees

25th September 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 Desmond Branigan CC	Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery.	041 983 1899
Fr Piotr Wojtala 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

'St. Peter'

by the Harry Clarke Stained Glass Studios
 and attributed to William Dowling (1907-1980)

The recently installed stained-glass window of St Peter in St Peter's Church, created between 1960 and 1961, was originally commissioned for the Mill Hill Fathers Chapel and St Joseph's College, Freshford, Co. Kilkenny. It was conserved and restored by The Abbey Stained Glass Studios, Kilmainham, Dublin. The crafted wooden surround for its present location was designed and built by Gerard Corrigan, Almondstown, Clogherhead. In July 2022 Fr. Paul Clayton-Lea, a native of St. Peter's Parish and the Windmill Road, donated the window on behalf of his brother Tony and the Clayton-Lea family to St. Peter's Church in memory of their mother May, her parents John and Anne O'Connor, her brother Sean and Uncle Patrick Smyth, late Connaught Rangers, who was killed in the Indian Mutiny of 1920. The window, placed in the main body of the church, in the Blessed Sacrament/ Confessional Chapel area, has been much admired. We are very grateful to the Clayton-Lea family for this great gift.

Fr Paul will bless and dedicate the window at the 11.00am Mass in St Peter's Church today, Sunday 25th September.

Today is **World Day of Migrants and Refugees**. "Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees" is the theme chosen by Pope Francis for the 108th World Day of Migrants and Refugees. Pope Francis highlights the commitment that we are called to share in building a future that embraces God's plan, leaving no one behind.

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

Parishioners are encouraged to wear face masks, sanitise their hands on entry into the church, and to be mindful of social distancing. Holy Communion is received on the hand only.

Please take home the missalette you have used at Mass as well as your copy of the Newsletter.

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

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



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 27th September

Thursday 29th September

Friday 30th September

St Vincent de Paul, priest

Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

St Jerome, priest and doctor of the Church

The monthly Family Mass will be celebrated at 10.30am in Our Lady of Lourdes Church this Sunday 25th September.

St. Joseph Young Priests' Society The monthly meeting of St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society will take place on Thursday morning 29th September at 10.30am in Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery. All members are invited to attend.

Pope Francis' intention for September: We pray that we will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

Feast of St Thérèse of Lisieux Saturday 1st October, is the Memorial of St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, better known as St Thérèse of Lisieux or the Little Flower. The two scheduled Masses in the Parish that morning will celebrate the feast, and will be marked especially at the 10.30am Mass in St Peter's Church. There will be a blessing of roses and a communal blessing of the congregation with the Saint's relic.

St Oliver Plunkett Mass in St Peter's Church this Saturday evening, 24th September at 6.15pm.

Next Thursday, 29th September, marks the **43rd anniversary** of the visit of **St John Paul II** to Drogheda. Many thanks to the locals at Pope's Cross who look after the Monument so well. Parishioners may wish to visit the site on or around the time of the anniversary to pray through the intercession of St John Paul II.

The **St Vincent de Paul** church gate collection will take place at all Masses next weekend. Local needs are great at this time.

Parish Collection for the weekend of 17th / 18th September 2022

Loose €1,545 Envelopes €1,810 Total €3,355

Autumn Dues for the support of the priests of the parish will be collected over the coming few weeks. Many thanks for your support. Envelopes at the back of churches.

Baptisms

We welcome Lucas Smith-Mehetau, Melissa Squires and Sofia Tjurina *into the Christian community.*

Deaths

We pray for the recently deceased Sr Majella McKernan MMM, Beechgrove Fr Florian Farrelly, OFM, Anna Keeley, Jack Lyons, Elizabeth (Betty) Duffy, Mary Martin Jimmy Smith, Dymrna Healy, Caroline Kierans, Valerie Leech, Gerry Farrell, Rose Moroney. **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 30th September - 2nd October 2022 will be held for single women, (20 -40 years) who are wondering if the Lord is inviting them to Dominican Monastic Contemplative Life. "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." (Psalm 94). Please contact: Sr Mairéad OP, Monastery of St Catherine of Siena, The Twenties, Drogheda, Co. Louth. A92 KR84. Tel: 041 983 8524.
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