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.

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

March for Life: Saturday 17th September. Gather at 2.30pm on the University Church side of St Stephen's Green, Dublin and march to Leinster house. If bus transportation to the event is required, please contact Aileen on 087 779 5171.

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

The Men for Christ Conference 2022 - a Catholic Conference for Men will be live on Radio Maria Ireland on Saturday 17th September from 2.00pm. Speakers for this year's Conference are Fr. Jamie Twohig SAC, John Pridmore, David Quinn and Fr. Marius O'Reilly.

The Twelve invite you to New Life in the Holy Spirit, a two-day weekend conference, 9.00am to 5.00pm daily in the Servite Monastery, Benburb, Saturday 17th - Sunday 18th September. Further information and booking details, contact Tracev 00 44 7880 701387 or Annette 00 44 7887 745981.

An Garda Síochána Centenary Members of the Louth Division of An Garda Síochána are organising a number of commemorative events in celebration of the centenary of the foundation of An Garda Síochána. A display of historic and current Garda memorabilia will take place on Tuesday 13th September in the Barbican Centre, William Street from 12 noon. There will be a number of guest speakers between 2.00pm and 3.30pm.

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 on Sunday 25th September, the beginning of Positive Age Action week.

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 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11th 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 Woitala CČ

Deacons: David Durrigan & John Taaffe

St Peter's Church Sacristv 041 984 5355 Our Lady of Lourdes Church Sacristy 041 983 1973

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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: 9.00am10.30 and 12 noon.

St Peter's Church Shop

Monday to Thursday11.00am- 2.00pm Friday 11.00am - 3.00pm Saturday 11.00am-6.00pm

Email:

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The Barbican,

St Peter's Parish Centre 041 980 7416

The Season of Creation 1st September - 4th October 2022.

This year's theme is Listen to the Voice of Creation. "In the heart of this world, the Lord of Life, who loves us so much, is always present. He does not abandon us, he does not leave us alone, for he has united himself definitively to our earth, and his love constantly impels us to find new ways forward. Praise be to him!" (Pope Francis, Laudato Si on care for our common home, para 245).

Archdiocese of Armagh presents "Youth Moment" Season of Creation. Listen to the Voice of Creation. Our Lady of Lourdes Church, on Thursday 22nd September at 7.30pm. Prayer, Reflection, Fellowship. Contact Rob 083 021 9917.

Wednesday is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Veneration of the Relic of the True Cross after the 10.30am Mass in St Peter's Church.

Day of Prayer for Ukraine

As a gesture of solidarity for Ukraine, it is proposed that a day of prayer be held throughout Europe on 14th September, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, which is celebrated in a particularly solemn way in the Eastern Rite. A visit to the Blessed Sacrament on this day is suggested.

Prayer for Ukraine

(by Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski, Apostolic Visitator for Ukrainians Resident in Ireland)

Almighty and Great God,

accept our gratitude for your boundless mercy towards us. Hear the supplication of our afflicted hearts for the land and people of Ukraine, as they confront foreign aggression and invasion.

Open the eyes of those who have been overtaken

by a spirit of deception and violence, that they be horrified by their works.

Grant victory over the powers of evil that have arisen and bless Ukraine with your gifts of liberty, peace, tranquillity, and good fortune.

We implore you, O Merciful God, look with grace upon those who courageously defend their land.

Remember the mothers and fathers, the innocent children, widows and orphans, the disabled and helpless,

those seeking shelter and refuge, who reach out to you and to their fellow human beings looking for mercy and compassion.

Bless the hearts of those who have already shown great generosity and solidarity, and those who prepare to receive their Ukrainian brothers and sisters in Ukraine's greatest time of need.

Bring us together as your children, your creation, and instil in us your strength, wisdom and understanding.

May you be praised and glorified, now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

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 on.

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

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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

Wednesday 14th September The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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.

Parish Collection for the weekend of 3rd / 4th September 2022 Loose €1,250 Envelopes €1,625 Total €2,875

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.

There is a **second envelope** this weekend for the sick and retired priests of the Diocese. The Archdiocese of Armagh has some 30 priests who are retired, in nursing homes or on long-term sick-leave. We thank you sincerely for your continued generosity towards our sick and retired priests.

Baptisms

We welcome Leo Segrave Podgarski and Erin & Emilie Quinlan into the Christian community.

Deaths

We pray for the recently deceased Mary Martin, Chord Road, Jimmy Smith, Scarlet Crescent, Dympna Healy, Thomas Street, Caroline Kierans, Bóthar Brugha, Valerie Leech, Gerry Farrell, Rose Moroney, Seamus Hanratty, Kevin Clarke. 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

Drogheda & District Floral Art Group invites you to an Autumnal Floral Demonstration on Tuesday 13th September, at 8.00pm in the Boyne Valley Hotel, Drogheda. The wonderful Nuala Treacy will be our Demonstrator. Both members and non-members are very welcome.