

**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

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

**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.

**Drogheda Toastmasters** start their New Year Open Night on Monday 19th September at 8.00pm in the Boyne Valley Hotel. Meetings are held every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. All are welcome.

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.

**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](http://www.rediscoverycentre.ie/events)

Items for the **Parish Newsletter** may be emailed to [parishoffice@saintpetersdrogheda.ie](mailto: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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

18th 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

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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: 9.00am, 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

## '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 next Sunday 25th September.

## 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.

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**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](http://www.saintpetersdrogheda.ie) or [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv) (Drogheda)

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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 **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

Wednesday 21st September

St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Friday 23rd September

St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

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

**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 morning Masses in the Parish that morning will celebrate the feast. Roses will be blessed, but especially so at the St Peter’s Church 10.30am Mass where there will be a communal blessing of the congregation with the Saint’s relic.

#### Parish Collection for the weekend of 10th / 11th September 2022

Loose €1,435 Envelopes €1,270 Total €2,705

Sick & Retired Priests’ Collection €1,175

**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** Max Paul Donovan and Jonah Daniel Dyas *into the Christian community.*

#### Deaths

**We pray for the recently deceased** Fr Florian Farrelly, OFM, Anna Keeley, Mell, Jack Lyons, Forest Park, Elizabeth (Betty) Duffy, Dublin Road, Mary Martin, Jimmy Smith, Dymrna Healy, Caroline Kierans, 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>

**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. Email: [sienavoc@gmail.com](mailto:sienavoc@gmail.com) [www.dominicannuns.ie](http://www.dominicannuns.ie)