

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.

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. Starting Monday 5th September 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 8660 824.

The Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal invite you to a **Pro-Life Prayer Vigil** on Saturday 10th September in St Saviour's Church, Dominick Street, Dublin. Holy Hour with led prayer at 10.00am followed by Mass at 11.00am.

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.

Lough Derg Day of Prayer for Peace in Ukraine One Day Retreat on Sunday 25th September, will have the special focus of praying for an end to the conflict in Ukraine. Guest Speaker refugee, Halyna Tesluk, Associate Professor of Old Testament at The Ukrainian Catholic University. More information at www.loughderg.org. Boats from 9.15am, Retreat Programme begins at 10.15am, Boats return at 4.30pm. Morning Coffee & lunch included. Booking is essential (must be booked by telephone: +353 (0)71 9861518). A special discounted rate of €25 for Ukrainian refugees. Full price €45.

Supporting Catholic Parents A conference on Zoom hosted by 'The Hook of Faith' will be held on Tuesday 6th September on the topic: 'Supporting Catholic Parents: Sharing the Catholic Vision of Love and Human Sexuality with Our Children'. Speaker: Fr Chris Hayden, author of the recently published book: 'A Better Vision: Understanding and Living the Catholic Vision of Human Sexuality'. The conference will begin at 8.00pm and conclude at 9.00pm. All are welcome. All you need to do to take part is send an email to: thehookoffaith@gmail.com. This conference is designed to help Catholic parents be the best educators of their children in the areas of faith and morality in our modern culture.

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 Tracey 00 44 7880 701387 or Annette 00 44 7887 745981.

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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4th 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

The Barbican,
St Peter's Parish Centre
041 980 7416

Farewell and thanks to **Fr Paul Murphy** who was part of the Archbishop's changes, effective 3rd September. Fr Paul is being transferred to the Parish of Kilmore, Co. Armagh, while also, on completion of his Canon Law studies, commencing work in the Armagh Inter-diocesan Marriage Tribunal. We congratulate Fr Paul on his appointment and thank him sincerely for his sterling service in the Parish over the past eight years. Fr Paul's farewell was fittingly marked at the 27th August 7.00pm Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, followed by presentations from parish groups and refreshments on the church plaza.

We warmly welcome as Curate in St Peter's Parish **Fr Piotr Wojtala**, of the Diocese of Opole, Poland, already well known to us over the past year. We congratulate Fr Piotr on his appointment and wish him well. Céad míle fáilte.

Warmest congratulations to Seán Walshe on receipt of the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Cross. This prestigious papal award was conferred by Archbishop Eamon Martin in Our Lady of Lourdes Church on 2nd July in recognition of Seán's outstanding service as sacristan in Our Lady of Lourdes Church over the past sixty years.

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 +353 83 021 9917.

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.

Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. 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 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  [Find us on Facebook](#)

St Vincent de Paul church gate collection this weekend at all Masses.

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

Thursday 8th September The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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 27th / 28th August 2022

Loose €1,740 Envelopes €1,420 **Total €3,160**

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 will be a **second envelope** next 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 Daire Patrick Cowley O’Brien, Cian Sebastian Nawn, Sadhbh Aisling Wade, Theo Christopher Markey, Kamile & Milana Klimauskaite, Callum Aidan Rogers, Oliver Noel Tolan, Eva Baltramaitis, Jayden Alex Kirwan, Jaxon Oliver Roche McMenamin Walsh, Rosie May Dunne, Theo David Farrelly, Hayley Mae Kelly, Milo Matthew Thornton, Ría Rose Wauters, Sorcha Maria O’Reilly, Fionnan Daly, Dylan Naoise Cruz, Sabine Christianne Pineda Garcia, Meinardas Daniel Stralkus, Amber Ruby Tracey **into the Christian community.**

Deaths

We pray for the recently deceased Valerie Leech, Moneymore, Gerry Farrell, Mount Sandford, Rose Moroney, Grange Rise, Seamus Hanratty, Newfoundwell Road, Kevin Clarke, Trinity Gardens, Fred Harris, The Twenties, Nauris Kruga, Termonabbey. Frank Maguire, Mal Mooney, Laurence Holcroft, Ursula Carney, Anne Deeney, Bridie Carolan, Sean Fitzgerald, Don Ward, Marie Chalmers, Jane Monaghan, Ursula Cowley, Jeanette Monaghan, Clare Murray, Peter Ryan, Frank Kelly, Carmel McGahon, Des Whelan. **May they rest in peace.**

