

St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

16th October 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		
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Canon Patrick McDonnell, RIP

Very Rev Canon Patrick Mc Donnell, PE, formerly Reaghestown, Co. Louth, Parish Priest, Keady, Co. Armagh, and Assistant Pastor, St Peter's Parish, Drogheda, on 12th October 2022. Predeceased by his parents, James and Josephine, brothers, Fr John (USA), Jim, Tom, and sister, Briege. Sadly missed by his sisters, Kay and Jo (Josephine), brother, Brendan, nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, relatives, devoted carer Dympna, Archbishop Eamon Martin, Cardinal Seán Brady, Bishop Michael Router, the clergy of Armagh Archdiocese, and former parishioners.

Rest in Peace.

Reception of remains at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Drogheda, A92 DD54, took on Thursday, 13 October at 7.30pm, followed by Mass for the Dead celebrated by Bishop Michael Router, and lying in repose. Requiem Mass took place on Friday 14 October at 12 celebrated by Archbishop Eamon Martin of Armagh, followed by burial at Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Tullyallen.

CURRICULUM VITAE

V Rev Canon Patrick McDonnell, PE

Born: Reaghestown, Parish of Tallanstown	5 July 1933
Studied	
St Patrick's College, Armagh	1946 – 1951
St Patrick's College, Maynooth	1951 – 1958
Ordained: St Patrick's College, Maynooth	22 June 1958,
Appointments:	
Assistant, Portadown	1958 – 1964
Curate, Killeeshil	1964 – 1965
Curate, Cathedral Parish, Armagh	1965 – 1975

Administrator, Cathedral Parish, Armagh	1975 – 1986
Parish Priest, Keady, Madden & Derrynoose	1986 – 1998
Assistant Pastor, Newtownhamilton	1998 – 2001
Assistant Pastor, St Peter's, Drogheda	2001 – 2010
Pastor Emeritus	2010 – 2022
Metropolitan Cathedral Chapter (Canon)	1991 - 2022

Date of Death: 12 October 2022

Canon McDonnell's obituary to follow in next week's Newsletter.

Anniversary Masses

The 33rd and 7th anniversaries of the death of Bishop James Lennon and Mgr Frank Donnelly, respectively, will be marked at the 11.00 Mass in St Peter's Church today, Sunday, 16th October.



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

Parishioners may wear face masks as they see fit, sanitise their hands on entry into the church. Please be mindful of social distancing. Holy Water has been returned to the fonts and will be changed regularly. Holy Communion is received on the hand only.

No Newsletter this week due to printing problems. Please take home the missalette you have used at Mass.

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 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**

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

Monday 17 th October	St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop and martyr
Tuesday 18 th October	St Luke, Evangelist
Saturday 22 nd October	St John Paul II, pope

Pope Francis' intention for October: A Church Open to Everyone. We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

Parish Collection for the weekend of 8th /9th October 2022

Loose **€1,136** Envelopes **€1,315** Total **€2,451**

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.

Marriages

Congratulations to Kim Heeney and Ross Reid & Mary Smith and Marius Mehmetaj **on their recent weddings**

Baptisms

We welcome Noah Michael Hanratty **into the Christian community**

Deaths

We pray for the recently deceased Canon Patrick McDonnell, PE, Eddie Goring, Sandyford Tce, Antoinette Connor, Donore Avenue formerly Sandyford Terrace, Sr Patricia (Phyllis) O'Kane MMM, Beechgrove, Audrey Byrne, Pearse Park, Paul Corrigan, Boice Court, Brendan Burke, Tullyallen formerly Scarlet Crescent, Edel Farrell, Paddy McCullough, Sr Majella McKernan MMM. **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>

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.

Next Sunday is Mission Sunday. There is a second envelope for Mission Sunday. The proceeds of the collection from Mission Sunday support young fledgling Churches worldwide including many Irish-founded missionary societies overseas. This includes building new faith communities, church buildings and parish centres, as well as providing assistance for priests and sisters, lay catechists, and assisting in the effort to alleviate poverty.

November Parish List of the Dead envelopes are available in both churches. All Masses on Wednesday 2nd November, Commemoration of All Souls, will be offered for those whose names are on the 2022 List of the Dead, as well as Masses throughout November, monthly Masses in both St Peter's and Our Lady of Lourdes Churches, and other dedicated Masses. Please leave the envelopes in the secure box provided.

St. Pio Devotions will be held on Thursday 20th October in St Mary's Church, James Street. Rosary at 7.05pm followed by Mass at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

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

Scoil Aonghusa – Drogheda's Gaelscoil since 1981. Application forms for Junior Infant pupils for September 2023 are now available from Scoil Aonghusa or on the website www.scoilaonghusa.com Completed application forms should be returned to Scoil Aonghusa, Sunday's Gate, Drogheda A92 PY18 by 18th January 2023. Contact details: 041 983 2531 oifig.scoilaonghusa@gmail.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 infony@trocaire.org or call 028 9090 8030.

Items for the **Parish Newsletter** may be emailed to parishoffice@saintpetersdrogheda.ie or handed into the Parish Office by Wednesday evening each week