

Deaths

We pray for the recently deceased Eugene Holly, Glenmore Drive, Brendan Tiernan, Ashfield View, Mary Kermath, North Road, Eddie Goring, Marian Close, Sandyford Terrace, Canon Patrick McDonnell, PE, Antoinette Connor, Sr Patricia (Phyllis) O’Kane MMM, Audrey Byrne, Paul Corrigan, Brendan Burke, 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>

St. Joseph’s Young Priests’ Society The monthly meeting of St. Joseph’s Young Priests’ Society will take place on Thursday 27th October at 10.30am in Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery. New members and supporters are most welcome. For further information contact Margaret 086 602 4982.

Legion of Mary Our Lady of Lourdes Praesidium meets each Wednesday at 5.00pm in the Augustinian Stables, Batchelors Lane. New members most welcome; Come and See.

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.scoilaoighusa.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.scoilaoighusa@gmail.com

ALONE Are you willing to provide companionship or make calls to Older People once a week? ALONE is seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided. If interested please sign up here: <https://alone.ie/volunteers/> or for more information, contact volunteer@alone.ie or on 086 108 5965.

Taize Welcome to those aged between 18 and 40 years, to a relaxed time of Peace and Quiet Prayer, in Candlelight, with the Music of “TAIZE”. Friday 4th November 8.00pm – 9.00pm followed by Tea/Coffee in “Bethany” 34 Point Road, Dundalk A91 WOC9. Hosted by Mercy Sisters, Briega and Jean.

NCBI store reopens in Ardee NCBI Ardee has reopened and our goal of supporting and empowering people who are blind or vision impaired continues. We would love members of the community to visit us at Unit 1 Ashwalk Mews, Ardee to shop amazing men’s and women’s fashion, accessories, homeware and more. NCBI Ardee is also accepting donations and expressions of interest in volunteering. More information is available at ncbi.ie.

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

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mission Sunday

23rd 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		
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

Canon Patsy McDonnell, RIP

A native of Co. Louth, Canon Patsy McDonnell, born in 1933, was raised in Reaghstown and Tullyallen. Ordained to the priesthood in Maynooth 1958, his priesthood was spent entirely in the North, partly in Co. Tyrone, but mostly in Co. Armagh, including in the Cathedral Parish, before coming to St Peter’s Parish, in 2001. Throughout his life his priesthood bore some constant hallmarks: a strong work ethic, a great sense of duty and service, prayerfulness, attentiveness to school and home visitation, and also of the sick. St Ita’s Special School was particularly important to Canon Patsy, right up to Covid-19, and the students were well represented at his funeral and in the liturgy.

A very skilled footballer as a seminarian and priest, he was witty and sociable, and a lifelong pioneer. Parishioners paid him very generous tributes on social media: “a gentleman,” “devoted,” “with us through our lows and joys,” “always had time for everyone,” “lived his vocation to the fullest each day,” “a real man of the Gospel.”

We thank the Lord for a long life reaching its 90th year, and for 64 years of priestly ministry. In particular, we are grateful for Canon Patsy’s 9 years as Assistant Pastor in St Peter’s Parish, 2001 – 2010, and for his generous help in retirement. Canon Patsy died peacefully in Dublin on 12th October 2022. Bishop Michael Router officiated at the reception of remains the following evening in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, and Archbishop Eamon Martin celebrated the funeral Mass on 14th October. Burial took place at Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Tullyallen.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Canon Patsy’s sisters, Kay and Jo, brother, Brendan, and large circle of family and friends who were so attentive to him.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.

Today is Mission Sunday.

This year's theme is *"You will be my Witnesses"*

There is a second envelope collection today for Mission Sunday, the proceeds of which 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.

Our parish celebration, *'November Remembrance of the Dead and Prayer for the Bereaved'*, will take place in Our Lady of Lourdes Church at the 7.00pm Mass on Saturday 12th November. The names of all those whose funerals have taken place in the Parish, and/or who have been buried in the Parish, in the past twelve months, will be read out. A candle will be lit for each of the deceased. As usual, the Mass can also be viewed live by webcam, www.sainpetersdrogheda.ie or www.churchservices.tv.



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.

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 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

Friday 28th October Ss Simon and Jude, Apostles

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 15th /16th October 2022

Loose €1,447 Envelopes €1,845 Total €3,292

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.

November Parish List of the Dead

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.

Baptisms

We welcome

Killian Oliver Costello and James Paul Andrew Conlon
into the Christian community