

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 next **Youth 2000** Ulster retreat will be taking place in the beautiful and tranquil surroundings of Lough Derg, Co. Donegal between 14th-16th October 2022. This retreat is for anyone aged 16-35. Great CRAIC!!, Excellent Speakers, Inspiring Talks & Workshops, Fantastic music, Group activities, Youth Masses, Adoration, Reconciliation, Prayer, Drama, Games & plenty of time to chill out, meet new people and find out what it means to be young & Catholic today!! Suggested donation £35/€40. Register now on www.youth2000.ie"

Trocaire 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.

North Drogheda Community Employment St. Peters Parish scheme is currently recruiting for a clerical assistant for the CE office in Fair Street. This position involves working 19.5 hours a week in accordance with North Drogheda policies, as directed by the supervisor. This is a developmental position with no experience necessary, accredited training provided to support one's career. Please contact Geraldine for further information or to apply, at northdroghedacelt@gmail.com your local Intreo office or Jobs Ireland.

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: Monday 3rd October 7.00pm -9.30pm at Drumshallon Forge Heritage Centre. Call 01 893 3801 to book or go to www.rediscoverycentre.ie/events

Job Vacancy in Archdiocese of Armagh - Diocesan Finance Manager

The Archdiocese of Armagh seeks to appoint a highly motivated and talented professional, to undertake the role of Diocesan Finance Manager. The Finance Manager will work closely with the Archbishop of Armagh, the Council of St Patrick's Archdiocesan Trust Limited (SPATL), Parishes and Clergy across the Diocese, both in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, and Diocesan Curia staff to ensure the well-ordered stewardship of the Archdiocese's finances and resources by providing leadership to the finance and general office services. If interested, please apply in writing, enclosing a current CV outlining experience and qualifications to date and stating clearly your suitability for the role. An application pack, including Job Description and Personal Specification, is available from the Archdiocese of Armagh website at: armagharchdiocese.org **Closing date for receipt of completed applications is Friday 14th October 2022 at 5.00pm**

St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Day for Life

2nd October 2022

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| 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

Day for Life 2022 – 'Caring for the Older Person'

Day for Life is celebrated annually by the Catholic Church in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. It is a day dedicated to raising awareness of the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. This year's Day for Life will be celebrated in Ireland on Sunday 2nd October on the theme 'Caring for the Older Person'. We invite people to think again about the value and worth of older persons in families and in society, and to make practical choices to build bridges between the generations. We call for people and parishes to devote quality time, energy and creativity in caring for the older persons in our communities. We invite engagement in political debate on providing adequately resourced care of older persons so that no-one feels like a burden in our society. Saint Joachim and Saint Anne – Pray for us. Visit www.councilforlife.ie to read the pastoral message for Day for Life in full.

Annual Service of Remembrance

Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Women and Children's Services hold their annual Service of Remembrance in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Drogheda, today, Sunday 2nd October 2022 at 3.00pm. Join us as we come together to remember those affected by pregnancy, infant and childhood bereavement.

Departure of Presentation Sisters

We are very saddened at the news that the Presentation Convent in Greenhills is to close. The Presentation Sisters have been in Drogheda since 1813. Their convent in Fair Street closed some thirty years ago. We thank the Lord for the wonderful contribution the sisters have made to education in the town and locality, specifically to girls'

education. We wish the sisters well in this new and different chapter of life for each of them. The Parish will join with Our Lady's College and Presentation Primary School to acknowledge their ministry and service at a later date.

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

Tuesday 4th October St Francis of Assisi
Friday 7th October Our Lady of the Rosary

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.

Friday 7th October is the **first Friday** of the month. The clergy will visit the sick in accordance with Government and diocesan norms, but only after consultation with the person concerned or their family.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is recited after the 10.00am Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes Church each First Friday.

The monthly Mass in honour of the **Sacred Heart** (Pioneer Association) will be celebrated on Friday at 10.30am in St Peter's Church.

The **St Vincent de Paul** church gate collection will take place at all Masses this weekend. Local needs are great at this time.

Parish Collection for the weekend of 24th / 25th September 2022

Loose €1,388 Envelopes €1,510 Total €2,898

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 Cillian Campbell *into the Christian community.*

Deaths

We pray for the recently deceased Paddy McCullough, Maple Drive, Sr Majella McKernan MMM, Fr Florian Farrelly, OFM, Anna Keeley, Jack Lyons, Elizabeth (Betty) Duffy, Mary Martin, Jimmy Smith, Dympna Healy, Caroline Kierans, Valerie Leech, Gerry Farrell. **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>

A Day of God's Love, Mercy and Healing Many have heard Evangelist John Pridmore's story from London gangster to encountering Christ's Love. He has spoken in 16 countries this year alone, and to over 500,000 people at World Youth Day. Join us at the Oasis of Peace Centre Mellifont Abbey, Collon, Co Louth, for this "Come Back to your Catholic Faith Day" on Saturday 8th October. Testimonies, Talks & Healing Service. For further information contact Deacon John or Deacon Pat 089 615 2568 or www.apostlesoflove.ie.

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.