

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

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"

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.

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.

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

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-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9th 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

Statement of the Autumn 2022 General Meeting of the Irish Catholic Bishops’ Conference

Synodal Pathway of the Catholic Church in Ireland

Having previously discussed it in August before submitting the report to Rome, bishops reflected further on the *national Synthesis of the Consultation in Ireland for the Diocesan Stage of the Universal Synod 2021 – 2023*. Bishops commended the work and commitment of all involved in the process to-date, and considered the next steps for discerning pastoral actions for the Catholic Church in Ireland, as well as welcoming more people into conversations.

Next Steps – Universal Synod

The next phase of the Universal Synod is the ‘Continental Stage’. A working document, an *Instrumentum Laboris*, will be published in the coming weeks. Around the world, various continental assemblies for this phase will take place between next January and March. The European assembly will take place in Prague from 5th to 12th February. The President of the Irish Bishops’ Conference, Archbishop Eamon Martin of Armagh, will be attending the European assembly with three other delegates. A further ten places will be made available for delegates to participate by video conferencing. Following the continental assemblies, a further working document will then be prepared in advance of the Synod taking place in Rome in October 2023.

Next Steps – Synodal Pathway in Ireland

The Catholic Church in Ireland also continues its pathway of planning and preparation for a National Synodal Assembly (or Assemblies). To this end, in August, the Bishops’ Conference appointed Ms Julieann Moran as General Secretary of the Synodal Pathway in Ireland.

The next steps for the Synodal Pathway in Ireland include:

- re-engaging with diocesan delegates and representatives from other groups to continue promoting and using the diocesan syntheses and, the National Synthesis, as tools for ongoing dialogue and further outreach;
- to gather reflections on the working document (Instrumentum Laboris) in advance of the Continental Assembly in February 2023;
- to conduct research/needs analyses for developing leadership and formation programmes in order to support, increase, and improve engagement in the process and to strengthen the sustainability of the Synodal Pathway;
- to develop and deliver programmes and resources based on the research/needs analyses;
- to host further national assemblies with delegates and representatives from other groups to continue a process of transparent reporting and consultation; and,
- to develop a roadmap, including potential topics and procedures, towards a National Synodal Assembly or Assemblies in 2026.

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.

Anniversary Masses

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



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 Parents should please contact the sacristies to rearrange dates or 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



Feast Days this Week

Tuesday 11th October St John XXIII, pope

Saturday 15th October St Teresa of Avila, virgin and doctor of the Church

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 1st/2nd October 2022

Loose €1,300 Envelopes €1,315 Total €2,615

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 Millie Everitt *into the Christian community.*

Deaths

We pray for the recently deceased Paddy McCullough, Sr Majella McKernan MMM, Fr Florian Farrelly, OFM, Anna Keeley, Jack Lyons. **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. 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 & District Floral Art Group invites you to a Floral Demonstration by the talented Bernie Dunphy on Tuesday 11th October in the Boyne Valley Hotel, Drogheda. Both members and non-members are very welcome.