

persecuted Christians throughout the world. A short prayer service for persecuted Christians will be held at the Shrine of St. Oliver after the 10.30am Mass in St. Peter's Church on the day. Red lapel ribbons will also be distributed before masses in the parish that morning. The past century has produced double the number of Christian martyrs than all of the previous nineteen centuries added together.

Prayer for Persecuted Christians

God our Father, on this Red Wednesday we offer our heartfelt prayers for the persecuted Church throughout the world. Confident in the saving blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, whose death brought life to the world, we pray for all who profess the Name of Jesus the Nazarene and for all people of goodwill who suffer, even unto the blood of martyrdom, on account of violence, religious discrimination and intolerance on religious grounds.

St Peter's Parish Schools Common Applications and Enrolment Timeline System Junior Infants 2023

Presentation Primary School, St Brigid's and St Patrick's NS., St Joseph's CBS, St Oliver's NS., (all co-ed, ie. boys and girls).

Monday **21st November 2022** onwards. Parents/Guardians may get application form and explanatory notes from any participating school and from local creches.

Tuesday **7th February 2023** Closing date for completed applications to be in by 12.00 noon at school of first choice, including birth certificate and proof of address, dated within three months of application (e.g. utility bill).

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.scoilaoonghusa.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.scoilaoonghusa@gmail.com

Drogheda Youth Development has vacancies for youth workers, a receptionist and caretaker based in Fair Street. Applicants must be in receipt of a social welfare payment. Message or WhatsApp Eilish on 087 751 9011 for further details.

Pledge for November Many people offer spiritual support to a relation who is struggling because of alcohol or an addiction problem. Parishioners who wish to take a short-term Pioneer pledge during the month of the Holy Souls are invited to visit www.pioneers.ie/pray

Contagious For Christ (CFC) 2: St Mary's Church, Knockbridge is hosting CFC 2 on Saturday 26th Nov. from 10.00am-5.00pm followed by Mass at 6.00pm. Lunch and tea breaks in the Community Centre. Participants can either bring their own lunch or pay for lunch in the Centre. The theme is 'The Battle for Evangelisation': Speakers include: Archbishop Eamon Martin (by video) Bishop Phonsie Cullinan (Bishop of Waterford & Lismore), Fr. Pat Collins, Tony Foy (Net Ministries) Terry Quinn, Evangelist & Fr Gerry Campbell PP. Music provided by The Holy Family Prayer Group Drogheda. Shalom World TV Channel will film this live across the world. CFC2 is organised by the Missionary Disciples of Christ who organise 'Encountering Christ Sunday's' 2.00-4.00pm in the parish church. Contact Terry 086 466 7107 or Katie 087 714 5536 for further details. You can also view it by webcam churchmedia.tv (click Louth then Knockbridge) Come and See!

The Medical Missionaries of Mary will host **A Christmas Craft Fair**, benefitting MMM missions in Africa and Brazil on Saturday 26th November, 11.00am -4.00pm in the Auditorium, MMM Convent, Beechgrove. Join with them for a festive day of fun with hand crafted gifts and decorations. Admission free. Free parking at Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

Christmas Carols Celebration with Redemptoris Mater Seminary in Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Monday 5th December at 7.30pm. Free admission All welcome.

St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

20th November 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

Moving Forward Together on the Synodal Journey A Pastoral Message from Archbishop Eamon Martin, Bishop Michael Ruter and the Synodal Core Group for the Archdiocese of Armagh

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Just over a year ago Pope Francis launched the first stage of a worldwide listening process in the Church, known as the Synodal Process. This time of reflection and discussion will lead to Synod gatherings of the Church in Rome in October 2023 and October 2024. Millions of Catholics around the world have already taken part in the consultation including nearly 2000 people from this Archdiocese - a quarter of whom were young people. We would like to thank all those who took part and those who helped to facilitate the Synodal process locally.

On Thursday 27th October a working document for the next stage of the Synodal process was launched. It is entitled "Enlarge the Space of Your Tent". It brings together the feedback from all over the world and provides the foundation for further discernment and discussion at five continental assemblies in the new year. The European Assembly will take place in Prague from the 5th -12th February. Archbishop Eamon will be joining the delegation from Ireland.

The title of the working document "Enlarge the Space of your Tent" is a quotation from the prophet Isaiah, and it uses the image of a tent to describe the Church. The vision is of the Church as an expansive dwelling which can offer shelter for all. A tent is secured by its pegs. In relation to the Church the pegs symbolise the fundamentals of faith which do not change but can be moved and planted in new ground. Hospitality and welcome are essential in enlarging the tent, the outreach, of the Church. Enlarging the tent also means a change of attitudes, being open to including everyone and making more room for diversity.

The working document “Enlarge the Space of Your Tent” is available to read on our Armagh Diocesan Website. Our diocesan submission, and the National Synthesis document summarising the response from all over Ireland are also available there. We encourage everyone to read these documents and send your comments to your parish Pastoral Council or to the Diocesan Pastoral Office in Dundalk. The email address, milanda@parishandfamily.ie, can be found on our Diocesan Website.

The Diocesan Synodal Core Group is also organising a gathering of parish delegates, and delegates from religious orders within the diocese, on 1st December, to further discern the contents of the continental working document, “Enlarge the Space of Your Tent.” We hope to send feedback to the steering committee which is helping to prepare the Irish delegation for the European Continental Assembly in February.

The freshness and novelty of synodality has been mentioned by many participants who remark that it was the first time that they had been officially asked for their opinion. Theologians, however, have pointed out that the synodal process in the Church is deeply rooted in scripture and tradition. It has simply been renewed and revived for the benefit of the living Church today. As the report says, “if the Church is not synodal, no one can really feel fully at home”. The extensive consultation that has taken place over the past year is just the first step on the synodal path. Hopefully our ongoing reflections and consultation over the coming years, in this diocese and beyond, will help everyone to find a home in the Church community. We therefore encourage you to engage and to help to renew the mission of the Church as we continue to face together the challenges of today and tomorrow.

With blessing to you all,

Archbishop Eamon Martin, Bishop Michael Router, with Members of the Synodal Core Group of the Archdiocese of Armagh, 14th November 2022.

Universal Synod Consultation

Last month the Secretariat for the Synod in Rome released the working document for the Continental Stage of the Universal Synod, “Enlarge the Space of your Tent” (Is 54:2,) which can be accessed at

www.armagharchdiocese.org/continental-stage-of-the-universal-synod/. The Archdiocese of Armagh is asked to provide feedback on this document early in the new year. With this in mind the Diocesan Pastoral Team is organising a diocesan gathering on 1st December to collate feedback from all the parishes in the diocese. Rocio Garcia, Tommy Burns and Fr Sweeney will be the delegates from St Peter’s Parish. Parishioners are encouraged to read the document and to give feedback. Comments may be shared with the delegates in person or by email at mrociogg@gmail.com, tobroin@gmail.com or esweeney64@btconnect.com by 30th November.

November Rosary for the Dead

The rosary and prayers for all the faithful departed will be recited each day during the month of November, in St Peter’s Cemetery at 3.00pm, meeting at the Calvary memorial and then walking around the cemetery. All are welcome to attend and remember their loved ones in prayer.

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)

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 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

Monday 21st November	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday 22nd November	St Cecilia, virgin and martyr
Wednesday 23rd November	St Columban, abbot and missionary
Thursday 25th November	Ss Andrew Dung-Lac, priest, and Companions, martyrs

Parish Collection for the weekend of 12th /13th November 2022

Loose **€1,541** Envelopes **€1,520** Total **€3,061**

November Parish List of the Dead envelopes are available in both churches. Masses throughout November will be offered for those whose names are on the 2022 List of the Dead in both St Peter’s and Our Lady of Lourdes Churches. Please leave the envelopes in the secure box provided.

Deaths

We pray for the recently deceased Dominic McCormack, St Bridget’s Terrace, Scarlet Street, Frances Maguire, Hardman’s Gardens, Aileen Barry (née Tully), Anthony McDonagh, Patrick Collins, Phyllis Hoey, Paddy Tiernan, Gertrude (Gerty) Kavanagh, Owen McDonnell, Joan Larney, Kathleen Matthews, Tony Farrell, Margaret Lynch, Maureen Murray, Eugene Holly. **May they rest in peace.**

Month’s Mind Mass

Canon Patsy McDonnell’s Month’s Mind Mass will take place in Our Lady of Lourdes Church today, Sunday 20th November at 12 noon.

St. Joseph’s Young Priests’ Society

The Annual General Meeting of St. Joseph’s Young Priests’ Society will take place in Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery on Thursday 24th November at 10.30am. New members and supporters would be most welcome. For further information contact Margaret 086 602 4982.

Pioneer Association, St Peter’s Branch: Congratulations to Eileen Rice, Doreen Reilly and Oliver McKenna who were presented with Diamond jubilarian pins and certificates at the recent monthly Mass of the PTAA. For more information contact John 087 943 1736.

Our Lady of Lourdes Altar Society will hold a Church Gate Collection at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, next weekend, 26th & 27th November.

Red Wednesday a day of prayer and witness for persecuted Christians. Parishioners are invited to wear something red on ‘Red Wednesday’ 23rd November, to raise awareness for