

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>

Apprenticed in Faith Programme The Apprenticed in Faith Programme is for young people aged 18-25 and any others interested in youth ministry. The programme is intended to build confidence, competence and capacity in parishes and is designed to develop an understanding of faith, giving those involved the basic skills necessary for youth ministry in communities across the Archdiocese. Anyone interested in this programme is asked to contact Fr Eugene Sweeney, PP, or the parish office.

Drogheda Homeless Aid Annual Sleep Out will take place on Saturday 3rd December. During the Sleep Out event a lorry will be stationed on the left side of St Peter's Church, West St, for activities to attract members of the public, and encourage them to donate for our good cause. Bucket collectors will be present in multiple locations in the town. The flag day element of the event will start at 9.00am and finish at 6.00pm. People will sleep out from 6.00pm on Saturday evening until 7.00am on Sunday morning.

Drogheda Homeless Aid aims to restore dignity and hope by providing care, support and shelter for homeless men, encouraging self-development, independent living and resettlement. It was set up in 1982 by Sr. Cait Fitzgerald, DC, to cater for the growing number of homeless people in our community, and since then has provided accommodation, care and support for over 8,000 homeless people, many of whom have resettled into our community and are living independent fulfilled lives. Drogheda Homeless Aid hostel is a dry hostel and caters for 22 residents at any one time - for whom we provide 3 hot meals per day, toiletries and laundry facilities. Please support.

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.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 [develophere: https://alone.ie/volunteers/](https://alone.ie/volunteers/) or for more information, contact volunteer@alone.ie or on 086 108 5965.

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

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

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday Cycle A

27th 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

JESSE TREE

A Jesse tree stands in both St Peter's and Our Lady of Lourdes Churches for Advent. It helps us to connect the custom of decorating the Christmas tree to the events leading to Jesus' birth. The Jesse tree is named from Isaiah 11:1: "A shoot shall come out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots." Jesse was the father of King David in whose line Jesus was born. We adorn a Jesse tree with ornaments representing the people, prophecies, and events leading up to the birth of Jesus, telling the story of God in the Old Testament, connecting the Advent season with the faithfulness of God across four thousand years of history. A new set of symbols is added to the tree each week of Advent.

First Week of Advent Creation: Gen. 1:1-31, 2:1-4.

Symbol: earth. In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Adam and Eve: Gen. 2:7-9, 18-24. **Symbol: tree with bird.** Before the fall, Adam and Eve experience perfect peace and harmony in the Garden of Eden.

Fall of Humankind: Gen. 3:1-7, 23-24. **Symbol: tree with serpent.** Adam & Eve disobey God and eat of the tree prohibited by God.

Noah: Gen. 6:5-8, 13-22; 7:17, 23, 24; 8:1, 6-22.

Symbol: ark and rainbow. God tells Noah to build an ark, which God will use to save Noah's family and members of the animal kingdom. God is pained by the sinfulness of humankind, but in his mercy he will save the human family through Noah.

Abraham: Gen. 12:1-3. **Symbol: Field of stars.** God promised Abraham that his descendants would be as numerous as the stars in the sky.

Isaac: Gen. 22:1-14. **Symbol: ram.** Abraham sacrifices a ram, sparing his son.

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)

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



Feast Days this week

Wednesday 30th November

St Andrew, apostle

Saturday 3rd December

St Francis Xavier

The monthly Family Mass will be celebrated at 10.30am in Our Lady of Lourdes Church this Sunday 27th November.

Friday 2nd December 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.

Pope Francis' intention for December: We pray that volunteer non-profit organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

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

Parish Collection for the weekend of 19th /20th November 2022

Loose **€1,537** Envelopes **€1,540** Total **€3,077**

Christmas Dues will be collected in the coming weeks. The **2023 parish envelope** boxes and the parish Christmas card will also be distributed. Many thanks to our distributors.

Baptism

We welcome Roisin Nina Barry *into the Christian community*

Deaths

We pray for the recently deceased Geraldine Walsh Money more, Patrick (Pat) Carroll, Brookville, Johannah (Siobhán) Murphy, Beaulieu Mews, Patrick O'Connor, Bóthar Brugha, Dominic McCormack, Frances Maguire, 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. **May they rest in peace.**

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

The Knights of St Columbanus, Drogheda will hold an **Advent Holy Hour** on Friday 2nd December 2022 in the Augustinian Church, Shop Street, Drogheda commencing at 7.00pm. Tea and Coffee will be served afterwards.

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.