

Fatima Pilgrimage 2023 Led by Archbishop Eamon Martin 20th July 2023 for 7 nights - £799 per person. Direct return flights from Dublin to Lisbon (20kg bags included). Return airport transfers to Fatima. 7 nights in Hotel Avenida. Full board: breakfast, lunch and dinner each day. Full religious programme. Guided tours of the Sanctuary & Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary. Visits to Aljustrel and Valhinos. Optional travel insurance & single supplement. For information, please contact: Joe McLaughlin 00 44 7711 808207. All bookings through Joe Walsh Tours 0808 189 0468 or 01-241 0800 (RoI).

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>

Employment: Would you like to work part-time or full-time? Are you unemployed due to accident, illness, injury, disability or in recovery from depression. We can help you seek employment. For further information on this service please contact EmployAbility Service Louth. Phone Number 042-938 6718

Steps for Hope 2023 Sign up to walk or run 40km or 80km over 40 days of Lent and show your support for the healing work of the Medical Missionaries of Mary. Join us on this sponsored walk and raise funds for people living in some of the poorest areas of the world. Participate in this virtual positive event that gets you fitter and provides much needed resources for lifesaving missions. Further information on www.mmmworldwide.com How to sign up? Go to this link <https://www.idonate.ie/event/stepsforhope2023> and enter in your information to create your own fundraising page to send to family and friends,

The Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal invite you to **Light the Fire**. Let us carry the Light of Christ into the next generation. St Patrick's Day 2023, 5.00pm, Vespers on the Hill of Slane. Procession to St Patrick's Church, Slane, weather permitting. Mass at 6.00pm celebrated by Bishop Denis Nulty, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. For directions and event details go to franciscansisterscfr.com/st-anthony or phone 041 983 0441.

Encountering Christ (EC) Sunday Service takes place every Sunday, 2.00pm – 4.00pm in Mary's Church, Knockbridge. It includes: Holy Mass, Praise & Worship Music, a Hospitality Team, preaching, teaching, healings, amazing testimonies of transformed lives, and all of this is followed by light refreshments in the Community Centre. These gatherings are organised by a team of Missionary (Intentional) Disciples of Christ. The core team meet regularly in the parochial house Knockbridge. The team is planning to bring national and international speakers to Knockbridge who are gifted in preaching & teaching the Good News of Jesus Christ.

The first is Maria Vadia who will be in St. Mary's Church, Knockbridge on Saturday 11th March, 10.00am-5.00pm, and Sunday 12th March at the Encountering Christ afternoon Service. Maria was born in Havana and was 10 years old when she and her family fled to Miami to escape the Communist regime in her native country. She attended Catholic schools and was a Sunday Catholic with no personal relationship with Jesus until...! Her dynamic testimony and ministry is all about making Jesus known & loved by preaching the Gospel in the power of the Holy Spirit. The next guests are Dr. Ralph Martin & Peter Herbeck from Renewal Ministries USA. They will be present on Saturday, 13th May.

The Tredagh Lodge Alzheimers Centre will hold its church gate collection this weekend, 25th/26th February

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 Lent

26th February 2023

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

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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.
Friday 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

Fr Paul Clayton-Lea, PE, will promote his book, CS Lewis and the Wee County, this weekend at the 6.15pm Mass in St Peter's Church, on Saturday, and in Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Sunday.

Lent is a special time of prayer, penance and almsgiving. Attendance at daily Mass, where possible, is commendable.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross in Our Lady of Lourdes Church each Sunday during Lent at 5.00pm. Led by the priests and deacons of the Parish. No Sunday evening devotions in St Peter's Church during Lent.



Trócaire: Trócaire boxes are available in the churches. Trócaire is the overseas development agency of the Catholic Church in Ireland. The scriptural quote on the Trocaire box this year is "*hold fast to love and justice*" from the book of Hosea. The Lent 2023 story will focus on Somalia and will use the example of one family to shine a light on the injustices and issues faced by communities around the world and how we can work together with the Irish public to make lasting change. Somalia is in the grip of an unprecedented food crisis that has left more than half the population, almost 8.3 million people, experiencing acute food shortages and crippling hunger. Trócaire has made excellent resources available on its website, www.trócaire.org

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.

*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. Please feel free to drop in and enjoy a browse. 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



Novenas

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.

The monthly Mass in honour of **St Oliver Plunkett** will be celebrated this Saturday in St Peter's at 6.15pm.

The **February Family Mass** takes place in Our Lady of Lourdes Church this Sunday at 10.30am.

Pope Francis' intention for March: For victims of abuse: We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

Friday 3rd March 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** monthly church gate collection takes place next Sunday. Local needs are great at this time.

Baptism

We welcome Arlo Kai McEntaggart Harding *into the Christian community*

Deaths

We pray for the recently deceased Anthony Byrne, Harmony Heights, Maureen Branigan, Moneymore, Pat Connor, Brendan Walsh, Estelle Sarsfield, Edward Martin, Brigid (Doll) Durrigan, Joe Dyas, Sandra O'Sullivan, Bridie Ryan, Fr Michael Sheerin, PE, Fr Francis Aherne, OSA, John Duggan, Carmel Hoey, Christine McDonagh, Noel Quinn. **May they rest in peace.**



Parish Collection for the weekend of 11th /12th February 2023

Loose €1,485 Envelopes €1,495 Tap to Donate €188.00 **Total €3,168**

Tap to Donate machines in Churches: A user-friendly Tap to Donate card machine has been installed at the entrances in both St Peter's and Our Lady of Lourdes Churches. This may be used any Sunday to support the day- to-day expenditure of St Peter's Parish, or at any stage during the week. Many thanks for your generosity.

Spring Dues

The priests of the parish are grateful for your support and thank you for the 'Spring Dues' which are being collected from now to St Patrick's weekend. Many thanks to our loyal Dues collectors. Dues envelopes also available in both churches.

St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society: Join us for a **Holy Hour for Vocations** today, Sunday 26th February in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 3.00pm-4.00pm, directed by Deacon Pat Butterly.

Triduum of Prayer to St Patrick: As we celebrate the 150th year since the Dedication of St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, a special Triduum of Prayer to Saint Patrick will take place in the Cathedral from Tuesday 14th – Thursday 16th March. www.armaghparish.net

Mass on the three mornings in St Patrick's Cathedral at 10.00am and on the three evenings at 7.30pm

Tuesday 14th March 7.30pm

A time to look back! (Archbishop Eamon Martin)

Wednesday 15th March 7.30pm

A time to give thanks! (Fr Peter Burns CSSR, Rector of Clonard Monastery, Belfast)

Thursday 16th March 7.30pm

A time to look forward with hope and with joy! (Bishop Michael Router)

Prayer to St Patrick

O God, you sent your blessed servant St Patrick to teach and save the people of his time and place. You gave our patron a loving heart like your own. You filled him with great faith and a burning desire to work hard for your kingdom. Please listen when he prays for us, his sons and daughters. Grant to us, through his intercession, a lively faith, a firm hope and a strong will to build your kingdom. We pray this through Christ our Lord, Amen.