

**The Down Syndrome Centre North East** would like you to join us in celebrating World Down Syndrome Day on Tuesday 21st March. We will host a coffee morning in our premises, The Down Syndrome Centre North East, Units 16-18 Ctek building, Carrickmacross, Co Monaghan A81 FY61 from 10.00am to 2.00pm open to everyone! We also have our annual 3-2-1 Go Neon Walk/Run on Sunday 26th March to raise much needed funds for our charity, you can register for this at [www.dscnortheast.ie/events](http://www.dscnortheast.ie/events) Any queries please call 042 942 3181.

**14th Louth St. Martins Scout Group** Drogheda will hold a Church Gate Collection at all Masses on Saturday 25th /Sunday 26th March.

### Forthcoming Pilgrimages

**Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** 23rd – 28th May  
Led by Bishop Michael Ruter

795 euro per person sharing Single Room Supplement 195 euro Returns flights from Belfast to Tarbes including return airport transfers to Lourdes. Returns flights from Dublin to Toulouse including return airport transfers to Lourdes. 5 nights hotel accommodation Full Board: breakfast, lunch & dinner each day. Full religious programme. For more information please contact your local Lourdes Committee. All enquires and applications to 086 318 5279 (text name and details.) or email [johnomcdonnell@eircom.net](mailto:johnomcdonnell@eircom.net) for application form. Booking deposit €100 payable with application.

**Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock** Saturday 3rd June 2023

### St Oliver Pilgrimage to London

*Friday 9th June:* Martyr's Walk from the site of Newgate Prison to the site of Tyburn Gallows where St. Oliver was martyred, incorporating a short detour to the graveyard of St. Giles in the Fields where St. Oliver's body lay buried for almost three years after his martyrdom. Followed by a visit to Tyburn Convent where Holy Mass will be celebrated at the Martyr's Altar.

*Saturday 10th June:* St Oliver Symposium in central London with several talks and a discussion. Dom Geoffrey Scott OSB will deliver a paper: 'Martyrdom and Mysticism – Oliver Plunkett & Maurus Corker in Prison'. The conference will be followed by a visit to Westminster Cathedral.

For further information and booking email: [tobroin@gmail.com](mailto:tobroin@gmail.com) or Tel: 087 769 3477

**Pilgrimage to Fatima** Led by Archbishop Eamon Martin 20th -27th July

£799 per person Return flights from Dublin to Lisbon (20kg bags included)  
Return airport transfers in Fatima 7 nights Hotel Avenida Full Board: breakfast, lunch & dinner each day Full religious programme  
Guided tours of the Sanctuary; Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary  
Visits to Aljustrel & Valinhos Optional: travel insurance & single supplement  
For information, please contact: Joe McLaughlin 07711808207  
All bookings through Joe Walsh Tours 0808 1890 468 or 01-2410800

Items for the **Parish Newsletter** may be emailed to [parishoffice@saintpetersdrogheda.ie](mailto:parishoffice@saintpetersdrogheda.ie) or handed into the Parish Office by Wednesday evening each week.

# St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area

*Fourth Sunday of Lent*

19th March 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

[www.saintpetersdrogheda.ie](http://www.saintpetersdrogheda.ie) Email [parishoffice@saintpetersdrogheda.ie](mailto: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](mailto:parishoffice@saintpetersdrogheda.ie)

**The Barbican,**

St Peter's Parish Centre

041 980 7416

### Mother's Day

We wish every blessing to all mothers as we celebrate Mother's Day. We ask the Lord to grant eternal rest to our deceased mothers.

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**Triduum of Prayer for Vocations** from St Patrick's Day to the Solemnity of St Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 20th March. Prayer for vocations of St Joseph's Young Priests' Society, in union with the Society branch in St Peter's Parish, will be recited at all Masses.

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### Stations of the Cross

A short and simple 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.



### Pearse Park Remembrance Mass for the Dead

A Mass commemorating all the deceased residents of Pearse Park will be celebrated in Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Monday 20th March at 7.00pm. All welcome.

### Eucharistic Adoration

A representative from Eucharistic Adoration Apostolate will speak about Parish Adoration at all masses next weekend. We need more people, urgently, to be generous with the Lord and to commit, as an individual or as a family, to a weekly hour of Eucharistic Adoration, so



that we can maintain this great tradition in our parish. Please take up the opportunity next weekend and enrol for weekly adoration in our parish. Thank you.

**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. Trócaire has made excellent resources available on its website, [www.trócaire.org](http://www.trócaire.org)

**All Masses are streamed live by webcam,  
[www.saintpetersdrogheda.ie](http://www.saintpetersdrogheda.ie) or [www.churchservices.tv](http://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.

**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.

#### Feast Days this week

Monday 20th March

Saturday 25th March

St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Annunciation of the Lord

#### Deaths

**We pray for the recently deceased** Irene Clarke, Bolton Square, Eileen Crilly, Matson Lodge, Yvonne Weston, Forest Park formerly Moneymore, Dympna Lynch, Forest Grange, William Burke, Scarlet Crescent, Tommy Murphy, Tomás Briody, Anthony Byrne. **May they rest in peace.**



#### Parish Collection for the weekend of 11th/12th March 2023

Loose €1,510 Envelopes €1,350 Tap to Donate €287.00 **Total €3,147**

**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.

**Accord:** We would be delighted to hear from you if you’re interested in becoming an Accord Marriage Preparation facilitator. Contact [marriagepreparation@accord.ie](mailto:marriagepreparation@accord.ie) for information on recruitment and training.

**Lenten Holy Hour** led by the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal in St Mary’s Church on Saturday 1st April from 7.00pm -8.00pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with led prayer and music. All welcome.

#### Chrism Mass

Archbishop Eamon, along with the clergy of the diocese, will celebrate the Chrism Mass on Wednesday 5th April at 7.00pm in St Patrick’s Cathedral, Armagh. All are welcome. An invitation to attend is extended, in particular, to families and schools in the diocese with children who will make their Confirmation this year. The Mass is also available via Armagh Parish Cathedral webcam at [www.armaghparish.net](http://www.armaghparish.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.scoilaonghusa.com](http://www.scoilaonghusa.com) Completed application forms should be returned to Scoil Aonghusa, Sunday’s Gate, Drogheda A92 PY18. Contact details: 041 983 2531 [oifig.scoilaonghusa@gmail.com](mailto:oifig.scoilaonghusa@gmail.com)

**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 on 042-938 6718 or 087-638 6885

**Daffodil Day:** We are looking for volunteers who can give just 1 or 2 hours of their time on Friday 24th March for our Daffodil Day fundraiser in Duleek. If you are interested, please email [daffodilchallenge@gmail.com](mailto:daffodilchallenge@gmail.com) with your name and contact number. Thank you for your support.