

**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 here: <https://alone.ie/volunteers/> or contact Fiona on [fiona.boyle@alone.ie](mailto:fiona.boyle@alone.ie) or on 086 136 6539.

**Covid Vaccinations** will take place in the Boyne Primary Care Centre, Patrick St., Drogheda today, Sunday 2nd April from 10.00am – 2.00pm. Booking is not required.

**Holy Week/Easter Triduum (including Confessions)  
St Peter's Parish 2023**

	St Peter's Church	Our Lady of Lourdes Church
<b>Monday 3rd April</b>		<b>Penance Service 7.30pm</b> (several confessors available)
<b>Tuesday 4th April</b>		<b>Seven Last Words of Jesus 7.30pm</b>
NO morning Masses on Thursday, Friday or Saturday of Holy Week		
<b>Holy Thursday 6th April</b>	<b>Mass of the Lord's Supper 6.15pm</b> Confessions after Mass. Adoration at Altar of Repose until 9.00pm	<b>Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm</b> Confessions after Mass Adoration at Altar of Repose until 10.00pm
<b>Good Friday 7th April</b>	Outdoor Stations of the Cross St Mary's Church 10.30am <b>The Passion of the Lord 3.00pm</b> Confession after Liturgy	<b>The Passion of the Lord 3.00pm</b> <b>Stations of the Cross 7.30pm</b> Confessions after both Liturgies
<b>Holy Saturday 8th April</b>	Confessions 12.00 noon - 1.00pm.	Confessions 12.00 noon - 1.00pm 6.00pm - 7.00pm <b>The Easter Vigil, 7.00pm with St Peter's Male Voice Choir</b>
<b>Easter Sunday 9th April</b>	<b>Mass Times</b> 8.00am, 11am	<b>Mass Times</b> 9.00am, 10.30am & 12.00 noon
<b>Divine Mercy Sunday 16th April</b>	Exposition. Chaplet Prayers & Confession. 3.00pm Mass 4.00pm	

# St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area

## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

2nd April 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.  
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

### Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, the beginning of Holy Week.

Palms are available at the back of both churches.  
Please take the first sprig available.

### 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.

**Last Words from the Cross** An hour of reflection and meditation on the Last Words from the Cross will take place in Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Tuesday 4th April at 7.30pm. It will offer an opportunity to ponder quietly on the last few hours of the Agony of the Crucifixion while leaving us with the hope that comes with the resurrection.



### 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).

### Outdoor Way of the Cross

The Ecumenical Way of the Cross commences on Good Friday from St. Mary's Church at 10.30 am, making its way through the medieval streets of Drogheda. The procession will stop at the churches of different Christian

denominations in the town where prayers will be recited. The ceremony will conclude at 12.00 noon on the steps of St. Peter's Church in West Street following a blessing by the assembled clergy.

**Good Friday Collection** There is a special envelope in your box this week for the **Holy Land, which will be taken up on Good Friday**. This collection is the main source of income for the maintenance and sustainability of the Christian identity in the Holy Land, and used towards pastoral, social, educational, health and welfare initiatives, but also to provide for our fellow Christians who have been forced to flee the Holy Places due to violence and the threat of war.

The **Trocaire Lenten 2023** appeal this year will support the millions of people in hunger crisis in Somalia. It will also help the victims of the 6 February 7.8 magnitude earthquake in Turkey and Syria. Trócaire boxes may be returned to the designated box in either church during the Easter Triduum or Easter week. Alternatively, you may donate on [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org) or by freephone 1800 408 408.

**Bottles of Easter Holy Water** available in both churches from the Easter Vigil/ Easter Sunday. Many thanks to the Parish Pastoral Council for organising this initiative.

**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.

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

We had a very successful Eucharistic Adoration promotion at Masses last weekend. Many thanks to all who signed up. Adorers are still needed for the following time slots: Tuesday, 5.00pm-6.00pm, 6.00pm-7.00pm; Wednesday, 4.00pm-5.00pm; Thursday, 1.00pm-2.00pm, 4.00pm-5.00pm; Friday, 12noon-1.00pm. Anyone willing to fill any of these hours is asked to email [tobroin@gmail.com](mailto:tobroin@gmail.com) or call/text 087 769 3477. If you have not yet received confirmation of your hour in the post, please use the above contact details.

**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.

*Please see back page for Holy Week Confessions, including Penance Service.*

**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



**St Vincent de Paul** collection at all Masses this weekend. Local needs are great at this time.

**Pope Francis' intention for April:** For a culture of peace and non-violence: We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

#### **Baptism**

**We welcome** Lyla Alice & Freya Mary McCann, Adam Borusevicus and Benjamin Hugh Terence Holt **into the Christian community**

#### **Deaths**

**We pray for the recently deceased** James Burke, Hardman's Gardens, Richard (Dick) Murphy, Frank Shannon, Irene Clarke, Eileen Crilly, Yvonne Weston, Dymrna Lynch, William Burke, Tommy Murphy. **May they rest in peace.**



#### **Parish Collection for the weekend of 25th/26th March 2023**

Loose €1,320 Envelopes €1,460 Tap to Donate €209.00 **Total €2,989.00**

**Easter Gift envelope** in your box for the priests of the Parish. Many thanks for your great generosity.

**National Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock** Saturday 22nd April Evening Session 7.00pm-10.00pm. Sunday 23rd April, Full Programme 10.30am-4.30pm. Bus leaving Mary Street at 7.00am on Sunday 23rd April. Contact Liz on 086 365 8358.

**Vocations "Come and See"** - Men discerning Priesthood within our Archdiocese are invited to attend a "Diocesan Vocations Retreat" in Drumalis Retreat Centre between the 21st - 23rd April 2023, led by Fr Stephen Langridge. This retreat has been organised by the Vocations Team together with the other Dioceses in the provincial area. Anyone interested in attending is invited to contact the Vocations Director, Fr Barry Matthews ([barrynmatthews@gmail.com](mailto:barrynmatthews@gmail.com)) Booking is essential.

**Support Group** for Relatives & Friends who support people with mental health difficulties takes place first Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm in Boardroom, Ardee Business Park, Broadlough, Ardee, A92C7RW. A Speaker will be present Wednesday April 5th to discuss Managing stress with Meditation.



**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

**Concert for Turkey/Syria Earthquake Disaster Fund:** Michelle Hall, the Mayor of Drogheda, will host a concert in St Mary's Church, James Street, Drogheda, on Friday 14th April at 8.00pm for the Turkey/Syrian Earthquake Disaster Fund. The concert will feature the Drogheda Male Voice Choir with Special Guest, Soprano, Andrea Delaney. A donation of €20, is payable on the night. All proceeds go to the UNICEF Turkey/Syrian Earthquake Disaster Fund.