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**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.

**A Life of Adoration**, Prayer, Intercession for the World: Vocation Discernment Weekend 26th-28th May 2023 for single women (18-35years). Please contact Sr Mairéad OP, Monastery of St Catherine of Siena, The Twenties Drogheda, A92KR84. Tel 041 983 8524. Email [sienavoc@gmail.com](mailto:sienavoc@gmail.com) [www.dominicannuns.ie](http://www.dominicannuns.ie)

**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.

**Lough Derg One Day Retreat** Bank Holiday Monday 1st May 2023. Package includes return bus fare, boat, Retreat programme, tea and scones on arrival, light lunch, evening tea on return journey. Bus points in Drogheda, Monasterboice and Ardee. Please contact Mary Maguire 086 403 2364 /041 685 1754 or Rose Duff 086 845 8808/ 041 982 2504.

### May Day Procession

The annual May Day Procession in honour of Our Lady of Fatima and St Joseph the Worker will take place on Monday 1st May, assembling at Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 6.45pm, processing via Bóthar Brugha, George's Street, and West Street, to arrive at St Peter's Church for Mass at 7.30pm.

	St Peter's Church	Our Lady of Lourdes Church
Monday 10th April Saturday 15th April	10.30am Mass (No 8.30am Weekly Mass) Tuesday St Anthony's Novena 7.30pm	10.00am Mass
	No Confessions on Wednesday 12th April	
Divine Mercy Sunday 16th April	Exposition. Chaplet Prayers & Confession. 3.00pm Mass 4.00pm	

The Newsletter will resume on Sunday 23rd April. 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

## Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection

9th April 2023

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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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### Easter Message to Parishioners 2023

Each Easter we dare to profess our spiritual freedom – our liberty as redeemed children of God. Through the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus we are born anew, and no earthly power or dominion can imprison us.

The Resurrection of Jesus of Easter Day signifies eternal victory over death, darkness and despair. The light of the resurrected Jesus will always have the last word, and his light is our light. In the life of the Risen One we all have life, and this is our hope. We do not succumb to despair, but are an Easter people, singing Alleluia as our chorus, Alleluia being a Hebrew word meaning "Praise God!"

Thank you for joining us in person and by webcam from St Peter's and Our Lady of Lourdes Churches, and for supporting the Parish in so many ways. With the clergy, Parish Pastoral Council and Pastoral Area Resource Team, I wish all our parishioners and their loved ones, at home and abroad, peace, health, and joy this Easter. I ask the Lord to comfort those who have lost loved ones, and to help those who are sick, lonely, anxious, isolated, and all those who face housing, employment and financial uncertainty. May the Risen Lord continue to be with us. In him we trust. Our Lady of Lourdes, St Peter, and St Oliver Plunkett, pray for us.

**Eugene Sweeney, PP**



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

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 6th 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**

Commencing tomorrow, Monday 10th April, further to the recent sign-up, Eucharistic Adoration now takes place in St Peter's Church in the main body of the Church, Monday to Friday, 11.00am – 5.00pm, and may also be viewed by webcam. Adoration also takes place each Sunday in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 1.00pm – 4.00pm.

Many thanks to all who have signed up for Eucharistic Adoration. Adorers are still needed for the following time slots: Tuesday, 5.00pm-6.00pm, 6.00pm-7.00pm; Wednesday, 4.00pm-5.00pm; Thursday, 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 same 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



**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.

### **Deaths**

**We pray for the recently deceased** Anne Neary, Fair Street, Jenny Murphy, Fair St, Martin Vaughey, Marian Court, James Burke, Richard (Dick) Murphy, Frank Shannon, Irene Clarke, Eileen Crilly, Yvonne Weston, Dymrna Lynch, William Burke. **May they rest in peace.**



### **Parish Collection for the weekend of 1st /2nd April 2023**

Loose €1,360 Envelopes €1,855 **Total** €3,215.00

**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.

### **Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes**

**23rd – 28th May**

Led by Bishop Michael Router

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 further 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

**"Hike the Reek"** on Saturday 17th June, the people of the Archdiocese of Armagh are being invited to "step up to the mark" and HIKE THE REEK in support of St Patrick's Cathedral. In this, the 150th year since the Dedication of the iconic building, a fundraising programme is being rolled out, to help preserve the Cathedral for future generations. People are being invited to honour those who have supported the Cathedral over the last 150 years, by helping to raise much needed funds, to maintain the Cathedral for generations to come. The people of the Archdiocese of Armagh and beyond are invited to generate a minimum of £150 or €150 and join in pilgrimage, to the top of Croagh Patrick on Saturday 17th June. On the day, Mass will be celebrated at the summit of Ireland's Holy Mountain at 12.00noon and 2.00pm. Sponsorship cards are