

to light candle and say a prayer, in gratitude for those who built it and all who have helped maintain it over the years. People are also invited to offer a donation when visiting the Mother Church of the Archdiocese, to help support the Cathedral in the future

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
www.dominicannuns.ie

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

The monthly **Family Mass** takes place in Our Lady of Lourdes Church next Sunday, 10.30am.

Next Sunday is **Vocations Sunday**. There is a second collection envelope in your box. This collection goes primarily towards the tuition and accommodation fees of students preparing for the priesthood, the permanent diaconate, and those lay faithful in vocational on-going formation in the Archdiocese of Armagh. We currently support some 20 students for the priesthood of the Archdiocese of Armagh, in Rome, Maynooth, and at the Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary in Dundalk.

Rosary and Benediction resumes this evening (Sunday) in St Peter's Church at 5.00pm.

Kilkerley Bible School (Co Louth) commenced on Saturday 15th April but registration is still possible due to the unique hybrid mix of teaching by in person classes, live zoom participation and

recorded zoom classes. This ensures that everyone who is interested in learning more about The Word of God can do so. <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/bible-school-kilkerley-the-bible-timeline-a-12-week-course-tickets-601155892457?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendee-share&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=escb>
Each online registrant must register individually to gain access to the zoom link and course materials. After purchasing your Eventbrite ticket please email Lorraine at: Lorrainemquigley@gmail.com who will check registration details and forward you on the Zoom Link and Course materials. The event cost covers all 12 sessions. All sessions run from 10am to 1pm. Have your Bible beside you!

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.

Gary Kelly Cancer Support Centre: The Irish Doctors Choir present "The Opera Wars of London Town" on Saturday 29th April at 8.00pm in An Grianán, Termonfeckin. Tickets €20.

Barbican Events: Bingo every Thursday night at 8.00pm., Springsteen – Bruce Springsteen Tribute – 6th May 2023. All tickets can be booked online www.ticketstop.ie or from the Barbican Box Office. Check out www.thebarbican.ie or Facebook for further updates.

The monthly meeting of **St Joseph's Young Priests' Society** will take place in Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery on Thursday 27th April at 10.30am. New members welcome.

St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area

Third Sunday of Easter 23rd 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

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

A Mass for Peace in Ukraine will be celebrated in St. Peter's Church this Sunday, 23rd April at 11.00am. Pope Francis has asked the faithful to pray earnestly for peace in Ukraine and throughout the world.

A Prayer for Ukraine

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that You will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen.

Clergy Retreat / 8.30am Daily Mass

Due to the Armagh Diocesan Clergy Retreat taking place this week, there will be no 8.30am Mass in St Peter's Church from Monday 24th to Friday 28th April. A deacon-led Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion will be held daily in St Peter's Church at 8.30am. The 10.00am Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes of Church and 10.30am Mass in St Peter's Church, and 7.30pm Tuesday Novena Mass will be celebrated as usual.

Year of Prayer for Vocations commences today. 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the

road and explained the scriptures to us?' (Luke 24:32) The disciples on the road to Emmaus discerned a burning in their hearts after their encounter with the Risen Lord. We pray for all who are discerning their vocational call to serve as a priest, deacon or religious that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit. www.vocations.ie. Rev. Barry Matthews, CC, Armagh Diocesan Vocations Director, barrynmatthews@gmail.com.

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.

Meetings of Ministers of the Eucharist / Ministers of the Word

It was proposed at the recent meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council that a joint meeting of the Ministers of the Eucharist from both St Peter's and Our Lady of Lourdes Churches should take place as a refresher course as well as to discuss any current issues. It was also proposed that a similar joint meeting of the Ministers of the Word from both St Peter's and Our Lady of Lourdes Churches take place.

Details of the meetings are as follows:

Thursday 4th May, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 7.30pm – Ministers of the Eucharist Meeting

Thursday 11th May, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 7.30pm - Ministers of the Word Meeting.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Trocaire boxes may be returned to the designated box in either church. Alternatively, you may donate on www.trocaire.org or by freephone 1800 408 408.

All Masses are streamed live by webcam,

www.saintpetersdrogheda.ie or www.churchservices.tv (Drogheda).

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

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

Tuesday 25th April St Mark, Evangelist

Saturday 29th April St Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe

Baptism

We welcome Ethan Joseph Conlan & Alex Gerard Tiernan **into the Christian community.**

Deaths

We pray for the recently deceased Michael Carolan, London, late of Flanagan's Terrace, Bernard (Barney) Maguire, formerly Ashfield and Glenmore Drive, Ellis Rogers, Pearse Park, Joseph Aspell, Hillview, Anne Neary, Jenny Murphy, Martin Vaughey, James Burke, Richard (Dick) Murphy. **May they rest in peace.**



Parish Collection for the weekend of 8th /9th April (Easter Sunday) 2023

Loose €2,515 Envelopes €1,570 **Total** €4,085

Parish Collection for the weekend of 15th /16th April 2023

Loose €1615 Envelopes €1,455 Tap to Donate €267 **Total** €3,337

St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, 150th Anniversary

To mark the 150th anniversary of the opening and dedication of St Patrick's Cathedral in Armagh in 1873 a number of celebrations are planned. The **May** celebrations are as follows:

Wednesday 3rd May An invitation to all who are involved in different ministries in parishes, throughout the Archdiocese of Armagh 7.00pm - Evening Prayer followed by a presentation on the history of St Patrick's Cathedral (not live streamed) Refreshments to follow in The Synod Hall.

Friday 12th May An invitation to all the Religious of the Archdiocese of Armagh 12.00noon - Midday Prayer followed by a presentation on the history of St Patrick's Cathedral (not live streamed) Refreshments to follow in The Synod Hall.

Thursday 25th May An invitation to all mothers and grandmothers in the Archdiocese of Armagh 7.00pm - Evening Prayer followed by a presentation on the history of St Patrick's Cathedral (not live streamed) Refreshments to follow in The Synod Hall. (All Mothers & Grandmothers are asked to bring a piece of cloth, 8 inches by 8 inches, which symbolise their many crosses in life. These will be pieced together to create a special Diocesan Tapestry, which will acknowledge their pain and sufferings of the past but also their hopes for the future!)

Anyone wishing to avail of transport from the parish to Armagh on 3rd or 25th May can do so by contacting the Parish Office at parishoffice@saintpetersdrogheda.ie St Peter's Church Sacristy, 041 984 5355, stpeterschurch@saintpetersdrogheda.ie or Our Lady of Lourdes Church Sacristy, 041 983 1973, church@saintpetersdrogheda.ie People of course are welcome to make their own travel arrangements.

In this special year, people are invited to make a special effort to visit the Cathedral and