

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, ollchurch@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 to light a 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.

"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 now available at Armagh Parish Office (028/048 375 22813) or by emailingarmaghparishoffice@gmail.com

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.comwww.dominicannuns.ie

Recordings of the Rosary Recordings of the 20 mysteries of the Rosary, with meditations, by the Dominican Nuns, Monastery of St Catherine of Siena, Drogheda can be downloaded from www.dominicannun.ie

The **Totus Tuus Women of Faith Conference 2023** will be LIVE on Radio Maria Ireland on Saturday 6th May from 2.00pm. Speakers include Siobhán Dunniece, Sr. Benedetta (Sisters of Merciful Jesus), Katie Ascough and Mary Anne Collins. You can follow the conference by: 1. Going online at www.radiomaria.ie. 2. Download the Radio Maria IRELAND App to your smartphone or tablet. 3. Listen live via Facebook. 4. Call 01 437 3277 and listen live 5. Listen through your TV on SAORVIEW Channel 210

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.

Interested in working as a qualified Carer? Louth Local Development Company is offering FREE part-time day and evening healthcare training for people living in Louth who are in receipt of a social welfare payment or those not in receipt of a social payment but not working outside the home. If interested, please telephone 087 361 1956 or email Rachel.corwell@lldc.ie

Barbican Events: Bingo every Thursday night at 8.00pm. Up Coming Shows: 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.

St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area
Fourth Sunday of Easter
30th April 2023
Day of Prayer for Vocations

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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Vocations' Sunday – Year of Prayer for Diocesan Vocations

Today is Vocations' Sunday, a day when we pray in a special way for Vocations to the Priesthood. It marks the beginning of a 'Year of Prayer for Diocesan Vocations' organised by the Irish Bishops in response to the reduced number of seminarians training for the priesthood. Please continue to pray for Vocations and encourage your own family on their faith journey in the hope that more may follow God's call to Priesthood and religious life. We thank God for the seminarians from our Diocese - we look forward to the Ordination to Priesthood of Rev Carlos Esteban Rojo, Redemptoris Mater Seminary, Dundalk, by Archbishop Eamon Martin in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh on Sunday 7th May, the Ordination to Diaconate of Brian McNally in June and we continue to pray for the 15 other students in formation for the Archdiocese. Further information can be got on www.armaghpriest.com as well as on our Armagh Priest social media pages.

Day of Prayer for Vocations. 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.

Rosary and Benediction on Sunday in St Peter's Church at 5.00pm.



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

Happy 60th Birthday to Fr Aidan Warmest congratulations to Fr Aidan Murphy who celebrates his 60th birthday, tomorrow, Monday, 1st May. We thank the Lord for the great blessing he is amongst us. We ask the Lord to continue to bless him with health, and with peace and joy. Ad multos annos.

Due to the **Bank Holiday** there will be no 8.30am Mass in St Peter's Church tomorrow, Monday 1st May.

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.

Cemetery Sunday will take place as usual on the last Sunday of June, this year 25th June, in St Peter's Cemetery at 3.00pm, and Newtown Cross Cemetery at 5.00pm.

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

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

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



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

The **April Family Mass** takes place in Our Lady of Lourdes Church today, Sunday at 10.30am.

Friday 5th May 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.

Pope Francis' intention for May: For church movements and groups. We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

Baptism

We welcome Lana Maric and Shey Kenzie Teggart Grant **into the Christian community.**

Deaths

We pray for the recently deceased Val Phillips, Boyle O'Reilly Tce and Letterkenny, James (Alfie) McCarthy, Boyne Valley Cottages, Mell, Michael Carolan, Bernard (Barney) Maguire, Ellis Rogers, Joseph Aspell, Anne Neary, Jenny Murphy, Martin Vaughey, James Burke. **May they rest in peace.**



Parish Collection for the weekend of 22nd /23rd April 2023
Loose €1,625 Envelopes €1,575 Tap to Donate €345 **Total** €3,545

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