

**Fatima Pilgrimage 2023:** Led by Archbishop Eamon Martin. 20th July 2023 for 7 nights - £799 per person. Direct 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 00 44 7711 808 207. All bookings through Joe Walsh Tours 0808 189 0468 or 01 241 0800.

**First Class Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis, to visit St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh**

A first-class relic of Blessed Carlo will visit the Cathedral from Sunday 11th – Tuesday 13th June 2023. Blessed Carlo was beatified by Pope Francis in Assisi in October 2020. His friends remember him as a young dreamer, service-oriented and full of charisma. He died in 2006, at only 15 years of age, after a battle with leukaemia. His life may have been short but it made a huge impact. Recently, in the process for the teenager's beatification, his tomb became a real pilgrimage site.

**Pentecost Programme:** All are welcome to the following two Monday nights, 8.00pm-9.30pm, 29th May & 12th June. "Bethany" House of Prayer, 34 Point Road, Dundalk. A91 WOC 9 Tel 042-933 1602.

**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](http://www.dominicannun.ie)

Would you be 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/> Contact Fiona on [fiona.boyle@alone.ie](mailto:fiona.boyle@alone.ie) or on 086 136 6539 for further information.

Youth members from the **Neocatechumenal Way** in the Armagh Diocese will sell booklets and candles this weekend after Masses in St Peter's Church as a fundraiser to attend the World Youth Day in Lisbon in August.

**St Anthony's Novena**

St Peter's Church  
Monday 5th June – Tuesday 13th June 2023  
Preacher: Fr Paschal McDonnell OFM, Ennis Friary.  
Masses 10.30am & 7.30pm daily, except Saturday 10th June, 10.30am & 6.15pm  
Sunday 11th June Mass at 11.00am, Holy Hour at 7.30pm  
Tuesday 13th June: Blessing of lilies at both Masses. Blessing of children 4.00pm.  
Closing Mass at 7.30pm



**Drogheda Women's & Children's Refuge Centre** C.L.G

If someone is controlling you emotionally, verbally, physically, financially, sexually, we are here to listen and help. 24 Hour Helpline 041 984 4550. Outreach Service: 085 874 4238 or 085 874 4158.

**Louth Africa Day**, today Sunday 28th May at 2.00pm in the O'Raghallaigh's GFC, North Road, Drogheda. More information at [www.cultureconnect.ie](http://www.cultureconnect.ie)

**St Peter's Parish Newsletter**

St Oliver's Pastoral Area

*Pentecost Sunday*

*28th May 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
<a href="http://www.saintpetersdrogheda.ie">www.saintpetersdrogheda.ie</a>	Email <a href="mailto:parishoffice@saintpetersdrogheda.ie">parishoffice@saintpetersdrogheda.ie</a>	



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

**St Peter's Youth Group Launch**

We are delighted to announce the launch of a Youth Group for young teens in our Parish. All young people of the Parish aged 13 – 17 are invited to join us for this exciting new adventure. We are committed to bringing young people together in faith, prayer, spiritual growth and lots of fun!

If any parent /family member of young people wishes to offer their support or help we would love to hear from you. Our telephone numbers are below.

Our vision for this group is: Prayer, Scripture study, music, games, guest speakers, and lots more!  
Facilitators: Sr. Jacinta MMM 089 987 7046, Harry Phelan 086 160 7100 or Clare Carry 086 850 8955.

Venue: Our Lady of Lourdes Church (family room)  
Date: Friday 2nd June 2023  
Time: 5.00pm - 6:30pm

We look forward to seeing you all!!  
St Peter's Parish is committed to best safeguarding practice in accordance with the norms of the Archdiocese of Armagh and the National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland.

**Confirmation and First Communion Congratulations**

Congratulations to the boys of St Joseph's CBS Primary who made their Confirmation on Thursday last, and to the children of St Brigid's and St Patrick's NS and Presentation PS who made their Confirmation on Friday last, confirmed by Archbishop Eamon Martin, DD. Congratulations also to the children of Aston Village Educate Together who made their First Holy

Communion in Our Lady of Lourdes Church yesterday. Many thanks to the teachers and to all who prepared the children so well for the beautiful liturgies, to the parents, school principals and clergy.

### St Oliver Plunkett Relic

The Knights of Columbanus will accept, this evening Saturday 27th May, at the 6.15pm Mass in St Peter's Church, a relic of St Oliver Plunkett for visitation to parishes throughout the country. Many thanks to the Knights for the propagation of devotion to St Oliver.

### Redemptoris Mater Seminary Building Collection

The Archdiocese of Armagh has currently five priests ordained from the Redemptoris Mater Seminary, including Fr Maciej Zacharek who served in this parish. The students come from all over the world and are incardinated into our Archdiocese on ordination. The seminary building is too small and needs to be expanded. We have been asked if we could help and take up a collection to fund a new building. The seminarians will attend all Masses next weekend 3rd - 4th June 2023, to introduce themselves and to help with the music. Envelopes will be available for collection.

**Rosary and Benediction** on Sunday in St Peter's Church at 5.00pm this evening, ending today for the summer and resuming on the first Sunday of October.

**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, (Tuesday to 7.00pm), 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](http://www.saintpetersdrogheda.ie) or [www.churchservices.tv](http://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  [Find us on Facebook](#)

**Pope Francis' intention for June:** for the abolition of torture. We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

### Feast Days this Week

Monday 29th May                      The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church  
Wednesday 31st May                The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday 2nd June 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.

**First Saturday devotions:** Mass at 10.30am in St Peter's Church followed by the rosary. Confessions at 12.30pm. The First Saturday was requested with many promises by Our Lady herself to Sr Lucia. Please join us.

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

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

**SVP** monthly collection next Sunday. Local needs are great at this time.

### Marriage

**Congratulations** to Kevin O'Connell and Muireann Khan *on their recent wedding.*

### Deaths

**We pray for the recently deceased** Sheila Hudson, Chord Road, Anne Gilsenan, Georgian Close, Anna Clarke, Ascal a Trí. Yellowbatter, Nancy Mohan, Anna Robinson, Sr Elizabeth Dooley, MMM, Tommy Moran, Gerard Duffy, Freddie (Frank) Heeney, Peter Clarke, Sarah (Sally) Morgan, Val Phillips. **May they rest in peace.**



### Parish Collection for the weekend of 20th /21st May 2023

Loose €1,295 Envelopes €1,595 **Total** €2,980

The annual **Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock**, led by Archbishop Eamon Martin, will be held on Saturday 3rd June. The bus is now booked out.