

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 or on 086 136 6539 for further information.

50th Anniversary of St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh

As we continue to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the first dedication of St Patrick's Cathedral, an outdoor festival for families will take place in The Shambles Yard in Armagh on **Thursday 24th August, from 5.00 -7.00pm**. It will include music and a wide range of entertainment for families throughout the diocese and beyond. Afterwards, a special Liturgy/Prayer Service will take place at 7.30pm in St Patrick's Cathedral and representatives from different groups and parishes across the diocese will be involved.

Cardinal Timothy Dolan (Archbishop of New York) will celebrate a special Mass of Thanksgiving in the Cathedral on Sunday 27th August at 11.00am. We will give praise and thanks for the faith and worship that has been expressed within the Cathedral since it was dedicated 150 years ago. All are invited to these special events, as we mark this significant milestone in the history of our Cathedral.

Our Heritage – Our Cathedral Fundraising Campaign

The Archdiocese of Armagh has launched a special Fundraising Campaign to support the ongoing maintenance and enhancement of the magnificent St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh. This is an important year in the history of the Cathedral as it marks 150 years since the original dedication by Archbishop McGettigan on 24th August 1873. Considerable resources are needed to maintain the character and preserve the heritage of the Cathedral, therefore, the fundraising campaign is now being launched throughout the Archdiocese of Armagh and beyond. People are being invited to become a regular donor as a "Friend of St Patrick's Cathedral" or to make a one-off contribution to mark this 150th year.

St Patrick's Cathedral was completed at a time of deprivation and famine and involved great hardships and sacrifices by succeeding generations. The last major renovation to the Cathedral took place more than twenty years ago but in such a sizeable building, exposed to the elements, there are ongoing and essential maintenance requirements. Examples of immediate priorities include renovations to the eye-catching Cathedral steps and entrance precinct, addressing rainwater ingress at eaves level, repairs and replacement of lightning conductors, and the refurbishment of the historic Cathedral organ.

Recently, Archbishop Eamon Martin said "Looking ahead, we aim to secure a regular support and enhancement income of at least £200,000 per annum for this unique building. We are conscious that this is a challenging time for fundraising, but as we emerge from the Covid pandemic, we move forward convinced that the people of today and tomorrow need more than ever the light of faith and hope." He went on to say, "Join us as we preserve the treasured landmark and sacred space of St Patrick's Cathedral, for generations to come and help us to ensure that our Cathedral remains a living centre of prayer, tranquility, and renewal for the next 150 years and beyond". Further information about the Fundraising Campaign is available from Armagh Parish Office (00 44 28 3752 2813) or by emailing Caroline at armaghparishfinance@gmail.com

St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

18th June 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

Father's Day

Happy Father's Day to all dads. We ask the Lord to bless all fathers and to assist and strengthen them in their wonderful and onerous vocation.

Cemetery Sunday

Cemetery Sunday will take place as usual, on the last Sunday of June, this year 25th June, in St Peter' Cemetery at 3.00pm, and Newtown Cross Cemetery at 5.00pm. As always, people are invited to prepare family graves. Priests and deacons will bless the graves.

Not everyone will be able to attend the annual Cemetery Sunday celebration. Some parishioners may prefer to make a private visit to the Cemetery later on the Sunday evening or during the week beginning Monday 26th June.

A Garda Traffic Management Plan will be in operation. Please comply with directions.

There will be a Gate Collection for the upkeep of the Cemetery. Please use the special envelope in your box (25th June) which can be put into the basket in the Cemetery or in the church. We rely on your support. Thank you. Masses at 11.00am and 12.00 noon on Sunday 25th June will be offered for all those interred in our cemeteries.

Parish Pastoral Council meeting on Monday evening, 19th June.

St Oliver Plunkett Sunday 2nd July

Procession from Holy Family Church at 3.00pm. Mass at 4.00pm in St. Peter's Church. Celebrant & Preacher: Most Rev. Thomas Deenihan, DD, Bishop of Meath.

Prayer to St Oliver Plunkett

Glorious Martyr, St Oliver, who willingly gave your life for your faith, help us also to be strong in faith. May we be loyal like you to the See of Peter. By your intercession and example, may all hatred and bitterness be banished from the hearts of Irish men and women. May the peace of Christ reign in our hearts, as it did in your heart, even at the moment of your death. Pray for us and for Ireland. Amen.

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 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  [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

Tuesday 20th June The Irish Martyrs

Wednesday 21st June St Aloysius Gonzaga, religious

Baptism

We welcome Maria Christine Kopczak, Ryan John Smith and Robin Esther Lily Caraher *into the Christian community*

June Family Mass next Sunday in Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 10.30am.

Deaths

We pray for the recently deceased Tomás Ó hEochaidh, Baile Philib, Ballymakenny Road, Sr Davnet (Sally) O'Kane MMM, Beechgrove, George Beardsley, Windmill Road, Sheila Branigan, Brookville, Sr Cecily Catherine Mary Bourdillon MMM, Beechgrove, Jim Kelly, Shirley McManus, Gabriele Glodenyte, Tommy Cooney, Tony Cooney, Sheila Hudson, Anne Gilsenan, Anna Clarke, Eddie Kevitt, John Moran, Nancy Mohan, Anna Robinson. **May they rest in peace.**

Parish Collection for the weekend of 10th /11th June 2023

Loose €1,735 Envelopes €1,385 Tap to Donate €239 Total €3,359

Summer Dues for the support of the priests of the parish will be collected over the coming weeks. Many thanks for your support. Envelopes at the back of church.

Perpetual Adoration: A meeting for all those involved in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held in St Peter's Church on Wednesday next, 21st June at 7.00pm.

St Peter's Youth Group

Family Room, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 5.00pm – 6.30pm. Attention Teens of the parish (13-17years) Come along on the 1st & 3rd Friday of each month to encounter God, make new friends and have fun. For more information contact Sr. Jacinta MMM 089 987 7046, Harry Phelan 086 160 7100 or Clare Carry 086 850 8955.

Drogheda Community Services provide a one-to-one Bereavement Counselling Service at the Dermot Kierans centre, Scarlet Crescent, Drogheda. Counsellors are available during the day and evenings. This is a free service. Please call 041 983 6084 for an appointment or email info@droghedaacsc.net

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.

Lough Derg 1st – 3rd July A pilgrimage of prayer and quiet reflection to be undertaken barefoot. Further details from Mary Maguire 086 403 2364/041 685 1754 or Rose 086 845 8808/041 982 2504. Pilgrims must be over 15years old. Bus pick-up points Drogheda, Monasterboice and Ardee.

Scoil Aonghusa – Drogheda's Gaelscoil since 1981. Application forms for Junior Infant pupils for September 2023 are now available from Scoil Aonghusa or on the website www.scoil-aonghusa.com Completed application forms should be returned to Scoil Aonghusa, Sunday's Gate, Drogheda A92 PY18. Contact details: 041 983 2531 oifig.scoil-aonghusa@gmail.com

Rally for Life, Dublin, 1st July 2023

Rally for Life, Ireland's annual march for the human right to life, Dublin City Centre, Saturday 1st July 2023. Assemble from 1.00pm at the Garden of Remembrance on Parnell Square. Come to celebrate life and to be a witness, with thousands of others, for LIFE. This will be a family-friendly day with a full schedule of events. BE THERE! For further information please see www.rallyforlife.net

Youth Bus to Rally for Life: The Armagh Diocesan Youth Ministry Team is organising a Youth Bus to the Rally. If you are interested, please fill in the form <https://form.jot-form.com/231442812691353> contact Rob 083 208 5877 or Janet 079 687 38486 for further details.