

SVP monthly collection this Sunday.

Local needs are great at this time.

Baptism

We welcome Sam Alan Branigan, Kevin Parc and Kai Duffy Smirnovs *into the Christian community*

Deaths

We pray for the recently deceased

Jim Kelly, Paisley and Hand Street, Shirley McManus, Crushrod Avenue, Gabriele Glodenyte, Bóthar Brugha, Tommy Cooney, Georgian Close, Tony Cooney, Newfield, Sheila Hudson, Anne Gilsenan, Anna Clarke, Eddie Kevitt, Nancy Mohan, Anna Robinson, Sr Elizabeth Dooley, MMM, Tommy Moran, Gerard Duffy, Freddie (Frank) Heeney, Peter Clarke. **May they rest in peace.**



Parish Collection for the weekend of 27th /28th May 2023

Loose €1,570 Envelopes €1,295 Tap to Donate €188 **Total €3,053**

St Oliver Plunkett London Diocesan Pilgrimage

All good wishes and blessings to those travelling next weekend to London on the Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to London.

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.

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.

Rally for Life, Dublin, 1st July 2023

Rally for Life, Ireland's annual march for the human right to life, Dublin City Centre, Saturday, 1 July 2023. Assemble from 1pm 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 more information please see www.rallyforlife.net

Support Group for **Relatives & Friends** who support people with mental health difficulties takes place on the **first Wednesday of each month** at 7.30pm in Ardee Business Park, Hale Street, Ardee. Speaker, Dr. Cathal Donnelly (Clinical Psychologist) will be present to discuss "Emotion & Communication: Role of the Family" on Wednesday June 7th June at 7:30pm.

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.

Items for the **Parish Newsletter** may be emailed to parishoffice@saintpetersdrogheda.ie or handed into the Parish Office by Wednesday evening each week.

St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area

The Most Holy Trinity

4th 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



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.

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 this weekend 3rd - 4th June 2023, to introduce themselves and to help with the music. Envelopes will be available for collection.

40 Hours

40 Hours Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the St John Paul II room of Our Lady of Lourdes Church beginning on the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Friday 16th June at 6.00am, and ending on Saturday 17th June, Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of

the Blessed Virgin Mary, at 10.00pm for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and a renewal of the Faith. Please come along. Both 10.00am morning Masses, but especially the Saturday 7.00pm Mass will remember these special intentions.

Abortion: Changing the Narrative – a Statement of the Catholic Bishops of Ireland

Five years on from the May 2018 referendum which removed the constitutional guarantee of the equal right to life of unborn children and their mothers, the Bishops of Ireland have issued a statement which also takes into account the recent review by Government of the abortion legislation introduced following the referendum. At that time the bishops said, “a new situation now exists in Ireland. It is essential for us as a Church, which cares passionately about the gift of life, and wants to support both mothers and their unborn children, to seek better ways of responding to this new and very challenging reality”. Today, bishops reaffirm the deep conviction of our faith, namely, that the dignity of every human life, from conception to natural death, is a value for the whole of society, rooted in reason as well as in faith. No matter what legislation is passed, the fundamental right to life for all human beings at every stage of development still prevails. The bishops remain convinced that the relevant law, the Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018 will, in due course, be repealed. In the meantime, the Church will continue to seek loving and supportive protection for every mother and for every child in the womb, including babies diagnosed with a disability or a life-limiting condition. The bishops will continue to do their best to change the narrative through dialogue and by testifying, in season and out of season, to the Gospel of Life. How can People of Faith help? Read the full statement on www.catholicbishops.ie

Due to the **Bank Holiday** there will be **no 8.30am** Mass in St Peter’s Church tomorrow, Monday 5th June.

Peter’s Pence collection will be taken up at Masses next weekend.

St Peter’s Youth Group

Fridays in the 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

Confirmation Congratulations

Congratulations to the children of Aston Village Educate Together who made their Confirmation on Friday last in Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Many thanks to those who prepared the children so well for the beautiful liturgy, to their parents and the clergy.

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.

Cemetery Sunday

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. As

always, people are invited to prepare family graves. Priests and deacons will bless the graves. If you wish to bring holy water for the sprinkling of the family grave you are welcome to do so.

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.

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



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.

