

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 9844550. Outreach Service: 085 874 4238 or 085 874 4158.

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.scoilaoighusa.com Completed application forms should be returned to Scoil Aonghusa, Sunday's Gate, Drogheda A92 PY18. Contact details: 0419832531 oifig.scoilaoighusa@gmail.com

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.

Cancer Prayer Support for men and women who have or had cancer. Welcome to a time of relaxation, meditation and prayer. Wednesday 12th and 19th July, 11.00am – 12.00noon, followed by tea/coffee. "Bethany" House of Prayer, 34 Point Road, Dundalk A91WOC9 Tel 042 933 1602. As numbers are limited, please book a place before 8th July.

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.

Items for the **Parish Newsletter** may be emailed to parishoffice@saintpetersdrogheda.ie or handed into the Parish Office by Wednesday evening each week. The Newsletter will return on Sunday 3rd September 2023.

St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd July 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 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.

8.30am Mass St Peter's Church, Monday to Friday, July & August 2023

After consultation with the Parish Pastoral Council and the St Peter's Church weekday 8.30am Mass congregation it has been decided that the St Peter's Church, Monday to Friday, 8.30am Mass will not take place for the months of July and August.

St Peter's Parish reluctantly introduces a summer schedule at this time taking account of the following factors: no supply priest in St Peter's Parish this summer; the need to allow priests to take their summer holidays; an increased commitment by the parish clergy to Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital as locum chaplains; a desire to continue the practice that funerals in the Parish are not celebrated at scheduled weekday Masses; a summer schedule has been the norm for several years in other churches in Drogheda and throughout Ireland.

Weekday Mass, Monday to Saturday, in St Peter's Church at 10.30am and in Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 10.00am continue throughout the summer. There is no change to the Parish Sunday Mass, Baptism and Confession schedules.

We are very grateful for the understanding of parishioners. The 8.30am St Peter's Church weekday Mass will recommence on Friday 1st September.

Golden Jubilee

Congratulations to Mgr James Carroll, Parish Priest of St Peter's Parish, 2005 – 2019, on the Golden Jubilee of his ordination to priesthood. We thank the Lord for Mgr Jim's fifty years of priestly service in the Archdiocese of Armagh. Ad multos annos.

Cemetery Sunday Thanks

Sincere thanks to all who prepared family graves in St Peter's Cemetery or Newtown Cross Cemetery for the Cemetery blessings last Sunday. Thank you to those who contributed to the collection at St Peter's Cemetery, by envelope, or online for the upkeep of St Peter's Cemetery through the parish website, www.saintpeters-drogheda.ie (donate / general parish upkeep / message – St Peter's Cemetery). The total amount so far is €6,465 which is very generous. Many thanks to the CE participants and volunteers for maintaining the Cemetery so well, to the Cemetery Committee, and those who organised and participated in the liturgy.

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 July: For a Eucharistic life: We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

Friday 7th July 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.

Feast Days this week


Monday 3rd July St Thomas, Apostle

St Vincent de Paul church gate collection this weekend. Local needs are great at this time.

Baptism

We welcome Paige Joan McDonagh and Luca Reynolds-Walsh
into the Christian community

Deaths

We pray for the recently deceased Eugene Garvey, Crosslanes, Derek Kierans, Rathmullen, Seamus Cudden, Tomás Ó hEochaidh, Sr Davnet O'Kane MMM, George Beardsley, Sheila Branigan, Sr Cecily Catherine Mary Bourdillon MMM, Jim Kelly, Shirley McManus, Gabriele Glodenyte. May they rest in peace. 

Parish Collection for the weekend of 24th /25th June 2023

Loose €1,400 Envelopes €1,280 Tap to donate €247 **Total €2,927**

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.

Altar Society church gate collection in both St Peter's and Our Lady of Lourdes Churches will be held on the weekend of 22nd / 23rd July. Many thanks to the altar societies in both churches for their great work.

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.

Knock Novena Saturday 19th August. Bus departs from Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Drogheda at 8.00am (returns 9.30pm), fare €25. Booking 086 318 5279 or Lourdes Church sacristy. Mass celebrant and preacher is Bishop Alan McGuickan of Raphoe.