

**Age Action Age Equality** is looking for volunteers for its programme Getting Started in Drogheda Library on Friday mornings. Getting Started offers free one-to-one volunteer-led training in digital literacy, supporting older people to get online or to use their smart device with confidence. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or learning more about these opportunities, please contact our team on volunteering@ageaction.ie or call 01 475 6989.

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.

**Boyne TradFest** runs from 22nd - 24th September, featuring over 35 artists from across the country as workshop tutors, recital performers & session hosts! Our full programme of events is available at [www.boynetradfest.ie](http://www.boynetradfest.ie)

**Evangelium Ireland** will host its next Apologetics Conference for young Catholics at The Imperial Hotel, South Mall, Cork City on Saturday 7th October beginning at 11.00am and concluding at 4.30pm. The theme of the conference is Towards Lifelong Formation. Speakers: Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan Defending the Faith in the Public Square; Fr Eamon Roche 'Until Christ be Formed in You' – A Roadmap for Catechesis and Christian Formation; Fr Patrick Cahill Studying Discipleship at the School of Mary. Cost: €15 including refreshments. For more information about Evangelium Ireland and to register go to [www.evangelium.ie](http://www.evangelium.ie) or search 'Evangelium Ireland' on Eventbrite.

**Drumalis online course starting September 2023** Growth in Prayer and Reflective Living: Ignatian Spirituality. A one-year programme (20 x 2-hour sessions) via Zoom for those who want a closer relationship with God; who struggle with prayer; who want to make choices that are in tune with God's dream for the world. No expertise in prayer or reflection is required. All are welcome. So come along, whether you have a specific reason for doing the course or simply want space to explore and reflect on your life in relationship to God, self and others. For more information contact [katrina@drumalis.co.uk](mailto:katrina@drumalis.co.uk).

**Totus Tuus Men for Christ Conference 2023** - a Catholic Conference for Men will be Live & Exclusive on Radio Maria Ireland Saturday 16th September from 2.00pm. Speakers for this year's Conference are Fr Billy Swan, Fr Chris Hayden, Anthony Crossey & Fr John Harris OP

**Bible Study Course** Have you ever wanted to learn how to use your Bible? Is the Bible for modern times? The Dig-in Bible course over 8 weeks is designed to help people understand and use their Bible in a simple, practical, down to earth manner. This exciting course will teach about the origins of the Bible and how to use it in your everyday walk of faith. Venue: Oasis of Peace Centre, Mellifont Abbey, Collon, Cost: donation. To book your place call 089 615 2568 or email [info@apostlesoflove.ie](mailto:info@apostlesoflove.ie)

Items for the **Parish Newsletter** may be emailed to [office@sppd.ie](mailto:office@sppd.ie) or handed into the Parish Office by Wednesday evening each week.

# St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area

*Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

10th September 2023

Canon Eugene Sweeney PP	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 8537
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 1873

[www.stppt.ie](http://www.stppt.ie)

Email [office@sppd.ie](mailto:office@sppd.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](mailto:parishoffice@saintpetersdrogheda.ie)

**The Barbican,**  
 St Peter's Parish Centre  
 041 980 7416

## V Rev Laurence Caraher, PE, 1932 – 2023

The death took place on Wednesday 6th September in Sunhill Nursing Home, Termonfeckin, of Fr Larry Caraher, who served faithfully in St Peter's Parish, 1984 - 1995. A native of Tallanstown, Fr Caraher was ordained to the priesthood in Dublin for the Society of Mary (Marists) in 1958. Following a teaching career in Dublin, he came to Drogheda in 1984 to pursue a parish /pastoral life, which was his real vocation. He was incardinated as a priest of the Archdiocese of Armagh in 1989. Fr Larry served as Parish Priest in Tullyallen from 1995 – 2010, and later as Assistant pastor for another six Years. Funeral Mass took place in Tullyallen on Saturday with interment afterwards in the adjoining cemetery. We thank the Lord for the 65 years of priesthood of a very dutiful and much-loved pastor. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dilis.

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## Harvest Thanksgiving Service

The Church of Ireland Drogheda, Ardee and Collon, Kilsaran Union will host an open-air Harvest Thanksgiving service in the grounds of Barmeath Castle, Togher today, 10th September at 3.30pm. Both Archbishops of Armagh will attend. The themes of the service are praise and thanksgiving for our creation, and our duty of care for all the created order. The collection will be given to SAFE, Suicide Awareness for Everyone, and Louth Meath Down Syndrome Branch.

There is a **second envelope** this weekend for the sick and retired priests of the Diocese. The Archdiocese of Armagh has some 30 priests who are retired, in nursing homes or on long-term sick-leave. We thank you sincerely for your continued generosity towards our sick and retired priests.

**Parish Pastoral Council meeting** tomorrow evening, Monday 11th September.

Thursday 14th September is the **Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**. We will venerate the Relic of the True Cross after the 10.30am Mass in St Peter's Church.

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St Peter's Church is as follows: Monday and Friday in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the main body of the church. Hours of Adoration are Monday to Friday, 11.00am – 5.00pm, (Tuesday to 7.00pm). Adoration also takes place each Sunday in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 1.00pm – 4.00pm

**St Peter's Youthgroup** for teenagers 13-17 years old, meets on the first and third Friday of each month in the Family Room of Our Lady of Lourdes Church. The next meeting is Friday 15th September. Come along to encounter God, make new friends and have fun.

**All Masses are streamed live by webcam,**

**[www.saintpetersdrogheda.ie](http://www.saintpetersdrogheda.ie) or [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv) (Drogheda).**

**Confessions** 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 Peter's Shop**

A large range of religious objects, including signed shared Mass Cards and Bouquets available (Monday to Thursday, 11.00am – 2.00pm, Friday 11.00am – 3.00pm. Saturday 11.00am -6.00pm. Mass Cards and Bouquets also available in both sacristies.

**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**

**St Vincent de Paul** – Monthly collection weekend of 2nd /3rd September:

Our Lady of Lourdes Church €797.80 St Peter's Church €557.00 Total €1,354.80

We are very grateful to donors for their generosity.

**Pope Francis' intention for September:** For people living on the margins: We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions: may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

### **Feast Days this week**

Thursday 14th September

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

### **Baptism**

**We welcome** Aveleen Jase Rigor and Kalliope Helice Alfonso *into the Christian community*

### **Deaths**

**We pray for the recently deceased** Fr Laurence Caraher PE, Cara-Lee Walshe, Lia Bhréaga, The Twenties, Sarah Clarke, Newfield, Declan Flynn, Sr Agnes Manifold, MMM, Rita Black, John Walsh, Tommy Finn, Margaret Gallagher.

**May they rest in peace.**

**Parish Collection for the weekend of 2nd / 3rd September 2023**

Loose €1,573 Envelopes €1,535 Tap to donate €363 **Total €3,471**

**Autumn 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.

### **The Medical Missionaries of Mary 'COME AND SEE'**

Are you a single woman? Are you considering religious life? The Medical Missionaries of Mary are inviting you to explore further. Date: 4th November 2023. Age:18-35 years. Time: 10.00am-4.00pm. Venue: MMM Community Beechgrove, Hardman's Garden Drogheda, A92 XKX0. If interested please call 089 965 9295 or email [mmmvocationoffice@gmail.com](mailto:mmmvocationoffice@gmail.com) Please see parish notice boards for more details.

The **Season of Creation** runs this year from 1st September to 4th October. In accordance with the theme of the message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation on 1st September 2023, Pope Francis calls us to be just in every situation, to harmonise with creation, and to be mindful of the victims of climate injustice. This year's theme highlights that by doing a little to care for a water supply - our local streams and rivers - each of us can also contribute to the flow of justice and peace in our world, and so renew our relationship with creation. Sr Ruth Percival, MMM, will speak at Masses in Our Lady of Lourdes Church this weekend.

**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](mailto: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.

Come and join **Drogheda Floral Art** group for a beautiful autumn flower demonstration with Elizabeth Murray. Learn to make fabulous autumn creations from your garden or from shop bought flowers. See you in the Boyne Valley Hotel on Tuesday 12th September at 8.00pm. All are welcome.

