

**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.

**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.

The next **Youth 2000** Ulster retreat will be taking place in the beautiful and tranquil surroundings of Lough Derg, Co. Donegal between 29th September and the 1st October. This retreat is for anyone aged 16-35. Great CRAIC!!, Excellent Speakers, Inspiring Talks & Workshops, Fantastic music, Group activities, Youth Masses, Adoration, Reconciliation, prayer, Drama, Games & plenty of time to chill out, meet new people and find out what it means to be young & Catholic today!! The retreat is donation only however if you are staying over there is a cost £35/€40 which goes to Lough Derg. Register now on [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)

**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).

**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)

# St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

17th 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

## Season of Creation

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.

**Do you love nature?** Do you look after wildlife in your garden? Do you enjoy feeding the birds? Do you have energy-saving tips to share? Do you try to reduce plastic use? Would you like to meet up to support each other with these actions and more? **Please come to Reception at MMM convent 7.15pm Monday 25th September** or contact Sister Ruth at [percivalmmm@gmail.com](mailto:percivalmmm@gmail.com) or on 089 465 1819.

*"In this Season of Creation let us live, work and pray that our common home will teem with life once again."*  
Message of Pope Francis for the Day of Creation 2023.

## Feast of St Thérèse of Lisieux

Sunday 1st October, is the Memorial of St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, better known as St Thérèse of Lisieux or the Little Flower. The feast will be marked in a special way at the 11.00am Mass in St Peter's Church where roses will be blessed and a communal blessing of the congregation with the Saint's relic will be given.

### **Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital - Service of Remembrance**

Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda, Women and Children services are holding their annual service of remembrance for families affected by pregnancy, infant and child loss. The service will take place in MMM Auditorium, Hardmans Gardens, Drogheda, A92 XKX0 on Sunday 1st October at 3.00pm. All welcome.

#### **'Pause for Hope'**

The Catholic Cathedral of St. Patrick's, Armagh, will host an ecumenical prayer service on Sunday 15th October at 3.30pm for all those whose lives have been touched by cancer. The aim of Pause for Hope is to help people affected by cancer through bringing together in prayer, those who have, or have had cancer, their loved ones, those who care for them, doctors, nurses and carers, those who have responsibility for providing resources, and scientists trying to find a cure. Bishop Michael Router, Auxiliary Bishop of Armagh, will lead the service. The preacher will be Archbishop John McDowell, Church of Ireland Archbishop of Armagh, and during the service a person affected by cancer will speak about their experience. The musical accompaniment will be provided by organist Colm Murphy and the Cathedral Choir. Following the service, light refreshments will be provided in the Synod Hall, along with an opportunity to share stories and experiences with others in a similar situation. Everyone is welcome to attend.

#### **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 6th October. 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 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 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 21st September

St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Saturday 23rd September

St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

#### **Baptism**

**We welcome** Elijah Edward White Reilly and Jehan Thomas Binson **into the Christian community.**

#### **Deaths**

**We pray for the recently deceased** Seamus Clarke, Newfield, Pat Boyle, Philadelphia, USA formerly Windmill Road, Fr Laurence Caraher PE, Cara-Lee Walshe, Sarah Clarke, Declan Flynn, Sr Agnes Manifold, MMM, Rita Black, John Walsh, Tommy Finn. **May they rest in peace.**



**Parish Collection for the weekend of 9th / 10th September 2023**

Loose €1,256 Envelopes €1,460 Tap to donate €280 **Total €2,996**

**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.

**Life is Changed, not Ended** Launch of DVD by Cardinal Sean Brady on Wednesday 18th October at 4.30pm/.in Our Lady's College Greenhills with shortened version screening. The DVD portrays religious life for the past 300 years in Drogheda and South Louth, the heritage left and the new buds sprouting. The 11 religious orders included in the DVD are Medical Missionaries of Mary, Dominicans, Dominican Contemplatives, Augustinians, Franciscans, Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal, Presentation Sisters, Christian Brothers, Daughters of Charity, St John of God, Cistercians. Many thanks to Tony Breen for the video work. All welcome.