

Autumn Dues for the support of the priests of the parish will be collected over the coming weeks. Many thanks for your great generosity and to our collectors.

Envelopes are also available 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 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.

Taize Music in Candlelight A relaxing time of peace and silent prayer in candlelight, with the music of TAIZE. Friday 6th October, 8.00-9.00pm, followed by tea/coffee. "Bethany" 34 Point Road, Dundalk A91 W0C9.

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.

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.

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. Queries to Siobhan Thistleton 042 932 5600.

The next meeting of the **Drogheda COPD Support Group** takes place on Friday 6th October in The Barbican Centre, 2.30pm -4.30pm. Light refreshments are served and all are welcome to attend. Exercise classes are also available, free of charge, every Monday from 12.00noon to 1.00pm in The Barbican Centre, Drogheda. All are welcome to participate in these classes. For further information please contact: Peter Mc Quillan, Chairperson 087-807 1138 or Ollie Morgan 083-415 6104.

Boyne Camino Walk -- Why not take part in the Boyne Camino Walk on Saturday 7th October to help raise funds to cover the initial costs to begin the process of building the much-needed Moneymore Townland Community Hub. Contact Emily at 086 413 5544 for more information.

Hail Holy Queen Conference 2023 is live on Radio Maria Ireland from 2.00pm on Saturday 7th October. Speakers include Fr Seán Maguire, Fr Colum Power, Catherine McGowan and Fr Freddy Warner. Radio Maria Ireland can be listened to by downloading the Radio Maria Ireland APP, Saorview Channel 210 or listen live at 01 437 3277.

St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st October 2023

Canon Eugene Sweeney PP

Fr Aidan Murphy PE, AP

Fr Cleophas Lungu, Priest in Residence

Fr Desmond Branigan CC

Fr Piotr Wojtala CC

Deacons: David Durrigan & John Taaffe

St Peter's Parochial House

St Peter's Presbytery

Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery

St Peter's Church Sacristy

Our Lady of Lourdes Church Sacristy

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041-983 8239

041 983 1899

041 984 5355

041 983 1973



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

Feast of St Thérèse of Lisieux

Today, 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, Hardman's Gardens, Drogheda, A92 XKX0 this Sunday afternoon, 1st October at 3.00pm. All welcome.

Rosary and Benediction will recommence in the Parish this evening in St. Peter's Church at **5.00pm for the month of October**. Please note that Sunday evening devotions now only take place in the months dedicated to Our Lady, namely May and October.

Come and listen! Does God exist? Are you happy? Talks on faith for both young people and adults by the Neocatechumenal Way in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, every Monday and Thursday at 7:30pm. For further details please contact 087 113 2621.

Ordination to the Diaconate Davis Haberkorn and Francesco Campiello of the Redemptoris Mater Seminary, Dundalk, will be ordained as Deacons of the Archdiocese of Armagh next Sunday 8th October at 2.30pm in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh. We continue to remember them in our prayer.

Irish Bishops ask for Prayers as they prepare to attend Synod on Synodality in Rome, 4th- 29th October

Bishop of Limerick, Brendan Leahy, Bishop of Raphoe, Alan McGuckian, SJ, Rev Professor Eamon Conway and Sr Patricia Murray IBVM will attend the 16th General Assembly of the Synod in the Vatican. The Synod's theme is 'For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission'. As they left Ireland, Bishops Leahy and McGuckian reiterated that the Synodal process is about conversion, and in light of Pope Francis' comment that 'without prayer there will be no Synod', invited people of faith to pray to God over the coming weeks for Pope Francis and for all members of the Synodal Assembly. Bishop Leahy said, "We are not primarily the Pope, the bishops and the priests. For too long, maybe, that's been the image that people have had of Church. The Church is a people." In terms of his hope for the Synod, Bishop McGuckian reflected that in many ways the process is only a beginning, and will go on throughout our lives. In the context of the challenges that may arise in discussions during the Synod, Ms Julieann Moran, General Secretary of the Irish Synodal Pathway, said, "A huge part of this has got to be trust. The main protagonist, whether we like it or not, in any synodal process, is the Holy Spirit. People should be given an opportunity to speak their mind, and speak their truth."

Cemetery and Church Security

People are asked to be mindful of their personal security when visiting the graveyard and on personal visits to the churches.

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 Youth Group 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. We had a great meet-up last week where we continued on the theme of God's love; His love in our hearts, His love in scripture and His love in our actions. We also started a craft project, so watch this space for the results!

All Masses are streamed live by webcam,

www.saintpetersdrogheda.ie or 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 **St Vincent de Paul** monthly church gate collections will take place at all Masses this weekend. Local needs are great at this time.

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 October: For the Synod: We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

Feast Days this Week

Monday 2nd October

The Guardian Angels

Thursday 5th October

St Francis of Assisi

Saturday 7th October

Our Lady of the Rosary

Friday 6th October 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. Please let the priests know directly, or through the sacristy, if you would like your loved one to receive a visit by a priest.

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.

First Saturday devotions: Mass at 10.30am in St Peter's Church followed by the rosary. Confessions at 12.30pm. The First Saturday was requested with many promises by Our Lady herself to Sr Lucia. Please join us.

The **monthly Mass** in honour of **St Oliver Plunkett** will be celebrated this Saturday in St Peter's at 6.15pm

Baptism

We welcome Lyla Catherine Mendez and Ryan Niall McGahey into the Christian community.

Deaths

We pray for the recently deceased Sr M Céline Jones MMM, Beechgrove, Gerry Carroll, Ballymakenny Road, Stella Codd, London, Anne Flynn, Co. Tipperary, Jim Delaney, Seamus Clarke, Pat Boyle, Fr Laurence Caraher PE, Cara-Lee Walshe, Sarah Clarke, Declan Flynn. **May they rest in peace.**



Parish Collection for the weekend of 23rd / 24th September 2023

Loose €1,467 Envelopes €1,290 Tap to donate €318 **Total €3,075**

