

St Joseph's Young Priests' Society monthly meeting will be held in Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery on Thursday 25th January at 10.30am. New members are most welcome. Further information available from Margaret on 086 602 4982.

St. Ignatian Spiritual Exercises for Men - Led by Fr Stephen Kennedy, IVE, Friday 2nd February to Monday 5th February (Bank holiday) in De La Salle retreat centre, Castletown, Laois, R32N6D8. Cost €200 - includes all meals and en-suite single rooms. Call Sr. Constance 089 - 215 2307 or c.puertadelaauroral@gmail.com"

Drogheda Community Services provide a one-to-one Bereavement Counselling Service at Dermot Kierans Centre, Scarlet Crescent, Drogheda. Counsellors are available during the day and evenings. This is a free service. To make an appointment please call 041 983 6084 or email info@droghedacsc.net

Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs? A spouse, partner, child, close relative or neighbour? Then you are a family carer! Become a member of Family Carers Ireland, the national charity supporting Ireland's 500,000+ family carers nationwide. Contact 057 937 0221 and hear how we can support you or for more info visit www.familycarers.ie

St Peter's Parish Schools

Common Applications and Enrolment Timeline System Junior Infants 2024

Presentation Primary School, St Brigid's and St Patrick's NS., St Joseph's CBS, St Oliver's NS., (all co-ed, i.e. boys and girls). Monday 20th November 2023 onwards: Parents/Guardians may obtain application form and explanatory notes from any participating school and from local creches (also available online from schools).

Wednesday 7th February 2024: Closing date for completed applications to be in at 12.00 noon at school of first choice, including birth certificate and proof of address, dated within three months of application (e.g. utility bill).

Scoil Aonghusa - Drogheda's Gaelscoil since 1981. Applications for new Junior Infant pupils for September 2024 are now available from Scoil Aonghusa or on our website www.scoilaoighusa.com Completed application forms to be returned to Scoil Aonghusa, Sunday's Gate, Drogheda A92 PY18. Contact details: 041 983 2531 oifig.scoilaoighusa@gmail.com

Our Lady of Lourdes Church Mechanical and Electrical Upgrade

As of 18th January, 131 contributions have been made amounting to €37,455.

Many thanks for your great generosity.

The total cost of the project is €281,000. €76,000 has been received by the Parish in grants leaving a total net cost of €205,000, greatly depleting parish resources. Though conscious of the difficult times financially, donations towards the project will gratefully be received from those wishing and able to do so, and may be made as outlined in the letter with donation envelope at the back of the churches. Details are also included here:

By cheque made payable to St Peter's Parish - Our Lady of Lourdes Church Upgrade;

By cash; By card through the parish website, www.sppd.ie (Donate Button - Purpose - General Parish Upkeep - Message - Our Lady of Lourdes Church Upgrade), or through either church sacristy in person or by telephone, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 041 983 1973, \St Peter's Church, 041 984 5355, 9.30am - 12.30pm; By electronic transfer: Account Name: St Peter's Parish Envelope Collection, Account Number: 35805507 Bank: AIB, Drogheda, Bank Sort Code: 932094, IBAN: IE10 AIBK9320 9435 8055 07 BIC: AIBKIE2D Reference: Donor's name, OLLC.

Many thanks to all those who make these necessary works possible, to those who have already contributed, and for your continued support of St Peter's Parish and Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday of the Word of God

21st January 2024

Canon Eugene Sweeney PP	St Peter's Parochial House	041-9838537
Fr Aidan Murphy PE,AP	St Peter's Presbytery	041-9838239
Fr Cleophas Lunga, Priest in Residence		
Fr Desmond Branigan CC	Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery	041-9831899
Fr Piotr Wojtala CC		
Deacons David Durrigan & John Taaffe		
	St Peter's Church Sacristy	041-9845355
	Our Lady of Lourdes Church Sacristy	041-9831973
	Email office@sppd.ie	
	X@PetersDrogheda	

www.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, 10.30am & 12noon

St Peter's Church Shop

Monday to Thursday 11.00am -2.00pm

Friday 11.00am -3.00pm

Saturday 11.00am - 6.00pm.

Email office@sppd.ie

The Barbican,

St Peter's Parish Centre

041 980 7416

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, 18th - 25th January

Archbishop Eamon Martin, Catholic Archbishop of Armagh, and Archbishop John McDowell, Church of Ireland Archbishop of Armagh, are marking the 2024 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity with a wide-ranging conversation on the theme of the parable of the Good Samaritan, 'Go and do likewise'. Recorded in Armagh, both Archbishops are responding to calls from the Christian Churches in Burkina Faso to join with them in self-reflection and consideration of what it means to love our neighbour in the world today. The discussion can be viewed on the homepage of catholicbishops.ie.

"You shall love the Lord your Godand your neighbour as yourself." (Luke 10:27)

Catholic Schools Week,

Sunday 21st - Saturday 27th January

This year's theme is 'Catholic Schools - Communities of Service'.

Thank you to the principals, teachers, staff, chairs and Board of Management members of the eight excellent Catholic schools - six national and two secondary - in St Peter's Parish. We are very fortunate indeed. Sincere gratitude to Presentation, St Brigid's & St Patrick's, St Ita's, St Joseph's CBS, St Oliver's and Scoil Aonghusa at primary level, and to Our Lady's College, Greenhills and St Joseph's CBS at post-primary level, for all that they so generously and competently bring to the youth and the wider Drogheda community.

Saint Brigid 1500 - A Celebration of the Life and Legacy of Saint Brigid

A year dedicated to Saint Brigid will commence on 1st February 2024. Given that Saint Brigid was born in

Faughart, Co. Louth, the Archdiocese of Armagh is eager that the 1500th anniversary of the death of St Brigid be marked in all parishes with a celebration of her life and ministry during the upcoming year. St Brigid 1500 will commence in this parish with 10.00am Mass on her Feastday, Thursday 1st February, in Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Appropriately, St Brigid's and St Patrick's National School will play a central role in the liturgy. All are invited.

Congratulations to Sr Phil Sheerin, MMM, on being awarded the Medal of St Patrick by Archbishop Eamon Martin. This award is for outstanding commitment to the life and ministry of the Church in the Archdiocese of Armagh.

The Medical Missionaries of Mary invite you to join them at the "Daring to Hope" Photography Exhibition

Commemorating Mother Mary's anniversary on 27th January 2024, the MMMs are hosting a photographic Exhibition in Drogheda, created by The Association of Leaders of Missionaries and Religious of Ireland (AMRI). This photography reflects the social history of the journey of some Irish Religious Sisters in Ireland and overseas between 1923-2023. Throughout the last 100 years, the focus of Sisters was to go where there was the most need. This is a tribute in images to their devotion. The MMM Sisters are part of this journey and are included along with several other congregations. There will be a short input on Saturday, 27th January given by Sr. Brigid Corrigan, MMM at 3.00pm in the Auditorium on the pioneering work of MMM across the years.

Date: 24th - 27th January, 2024 Time: 12.00 noon to 5:45pm. No charge for admission

Location: The MMM Motherhouse Auditorium, Beechgrove.

**All Masses are streamed live by webcam. www.sppd.ie or
www.churchservices.tv (Drogheda).**

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 – 4.00pm, (Tuesday to 7.00pm).

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Sunday afternoon, 1.00pm – 4.00pm.

God First 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. Come along to encounter God, make new friends and have fun.

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** (supporting those in emotional distress 24/7) Freephone number 116 123. **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 you can find us on Facebook  Visit our Parish X / Twitter account @PetersDrogheda

Pope Francis' intention for January: For the gift of diversity in the Church: We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

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

The **January Family Mass** takes place in Our Lady of Lourdes Church next Sunday 28th January at 10.30am.

Feast days this week

Thursday 25th January

The Conversion of St Paul, Apostle

Baptism

We welcome Archie Finn Leech *into the Christian community.*

Deaths

We pray for the recently deceased Ethna Doyle, Maple Drive, Olive O'Connor, Scarlet Street, Michael Keelan, Elizabeth Farrell, Helen Williams, Austin Lynch, Ann Judge, Bernadette Kierans, Dermot Campbell, Peter Coyle, Patrick Stone, Barry Newman. **May they rest in peace.**



Parish Collection for the weekend of 13th/ 14th January 2024

Loose €1,335 Envelopes €1,247 Tap to Donate €305 **Total** €2,887

The **2024 parish envelope** year commenced on Sunday 7th January. Many thanks to our envelope distributors. Anybody wishing to register for a box of weekly envelopes or who would like to contribute via standing order is asked to contact either sacristy, any of the priests or the parish office.

There is a second envelope next weekend for the **Sick and Retired Priests of the Armagh Diocese**. The Archdiocese currently has thirty retired priests, some continuing to help out in parishes, other in nursing homes or on long-term sick-leave. We thank you sincerely for your continued generosity to our sick and retired priests

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, World Day of the Sick, Sunday 11th February.

The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes will be celebrated in Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Sunday, 11th February, with a Mass at 3.00pm. Bishop Michael Router, Auxiliary Bishop of Armagh, Chair, Council for Healthcare, Irish Episcopal Conference, will celebrate and preach. As it is World Day of the Sick individual anointing of the sick will take place at the Mass. A virtual blessing of the sick will also be given for those watching by webcam. Special Lourdes candles will be available in Our Lady of Lourdes Church (€2 each or 3 for €5). These candles may be used in your home, or left in the basket provided in the Church. Candles will be lit on the Feastday at the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes for your intentions. The theme chosen by Pope Francis in 2024 for World Day of the Sick is Healing the Sick by Healing Relationships.