

### The Gary Kelly Cancer Support Centre:

**Pancake Tuesday**, 13th February 2024 in the dHotel, 10.00am -12.00noon. Select from a variety of delicious pancakes, tea/coffee. €5,00 per person. All proceeds in aid of the Gary Kelly Cancer Support Centre.

**Employment:** Would you like to work part-time or full-time? Are you unemployed due to accident, illness, injury, disability or in recovery from depression. We can help you seek employment. For further information on this service please contact EmployAbility Service Louth. Phone Number 042 938 6718 or 087 638 6885.

**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](http://www.familycarers.ie)

### Regional Synodal Meetings

Another round of Regional Synodal Meetings will take place in February to consider the questions that were sent from Rome in December as a follow-up to the first session of the Synod last October, and to prepare an Irish response in preparation for the second session next October. The details for Co. Louth are as follows: Tuesday 27th February – Termonfechin; Thursday 29th February – Kilkenny. An open invitation is extended by the Archdiocese to these meetings. All those wishing to attend must register by contacting the Armagh Diocesan Pastoral Office at [milandaoprfrfm@gmail.com](mailto:milandaoprfrfm@gmail.com) or 042 934 2954 at least three days before the relevant meeting.

### 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.scoil-aonghusa.com](http://www.scoil-aonghusa.com) Completed application forms to be returned to Scoil Aonghusa, Sunday's Gate, Drogheda A92 PY18. Contact details: 041 983 2531 [oifig.scoil-aonghusa@gmail.com](mailto:oifig.scoil-aonghusa@gmail.com)

### Our Lady of Lourdes Church Mechanical and Electrical Upgrade

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#### Upgrade in Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

**As of 25th January, 135 contributions have been made amounting to €39,045. 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](http://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 AIBK 9320 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

### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

28th January 2024

Canon Eugene Sweeney PP

Fr Aidan Murphy PE,AP

Fr Cleophas Lunga, 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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[www.sppd.ie](http://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](mailto:office@sppd.ie)

**The Barbican,**

St Peter's Parish Centre

041 980 7416

### 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 Feast day, 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.

**St Brigid** you were a woman of peace. You brought harmony where there was conflict.

You brought light to the darkness.

You brought hope to the downcast.

May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious,

And may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world.

Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made.

Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the weary Strengthen what is weak within us,

Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.

May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit. Amen.

There is a second envelope this 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



**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.

**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 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

**St Vincent de Paul** monthly church collection next 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  Visit our Parish X/ Twitter account @PetersDrogheda

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

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

**Feast of St Brigid** A limited number of St Brigid's Crosses will be available from this weekend in both Church sacristies and in St Peter's Church Shop, (€3 each or two for €5) All crosses will be blessed at the Thursday morning Masses. Many thanks to St Peter's Church shop team for making these beautiful crosses.



#### **Feast days this week**

Thursday 1st February	St Brigid, Abbess, Secondary Patron of Ireland
Friday 2nd February	The Presentation of the Lord. World Day for Consecrated Life.
Saturday 3rd February	St Blaise, bishop and martyr

**Friday 2nd February** 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 contact the parish office, either sacristy or any priest if you or your loved one would like a visit.

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.

**Friday 2nd February** is the **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**, World Day for Consecrated Life. Blessing of candles at Mass. Congratulations to the Augustinians, Dominican Nuns and Medical Missionaries of Mary. We also remember all the Religious Orders no longer in Drogheda, not least the Presentation Sisters who left our parish last year.

**Saturday 3rd February** is the Feast of St Blaise. Communal blessing of throats at the end of all morning and evening Masses for those present in church and also watching by webcam. Individual, suitably distanced, blessing of throats also after all Saturday morning and evening Masses for those who wish to receive it.

#### **Deaths**

**We pray for the recently deceased** Janine Bohill, Knockbrack Downs, Fr Tommy McNulty PE, Carlingford, Ethna Doyle, Olive O'Connor, Michael Keelan, Elizabeth Farrell, Helen Williams, Austin Lynch, Ann Judge, Bernadette Kierans, Dermot Campbell, Peter Coyle. **May they rest in peace.**



#### **Parish Collection for the weekend of 20th/ 21st January 2024**

Loose €1,186 Envelopes €1,170 Tap to Donate €415 **Total €2,771**

#### **The 2024 parish envelope**

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.

#### **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

**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"

**Taize Gathering** All are welcome to a relaxing time of peace and silent Prayer around the Cross in candlelight with the music of Taize. Friday 2nd February 8.00pm -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 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

Free private counselling session with **SOSAD Outreach Clinics** in Duleek and Stamullen. Book your appointment by calling Rachel on 046 907 7682 or email meathcoordinator@sosadireland.ie. Over 16's only.