

Are you or someone you know, living with a long-term health condition? If so, then you may be interested in the 'Living Well Programme'. Living Well is a FREE, 6 week self-management group programme for adults living with long term health conditions, such as asthma, COPD, diabetes, heart conditions, stroke and others to name but a few. There are spaces available on our JANUARY 2024 Programmes. Please contact Aine 041 6850676 / 087 1140371, Elaine 041 6860710 / 087 4308735 to book your place.

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.scoilaonghusa.com Completed application forms to be returned to Scoil Aonghusa, Sunday's Gate, Drogheda A92 PY18. Contact details: 041 983 2531 oifig.scoilaonghusa@gmail.com

Our Lady of Lourdes Church Mechanical and Electrical Upgrade

**To date 119 contributions have been made amounting to €34,205.
Many thanks for your great generosity.**

The total cost of the project is €28 1,000. €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 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.

Items for the Parish Newsletter may be emailed to office@sppd.ie or handed into the Parish Office by Wednesday evening each week.

St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area

The Baptism of the Lord

7th 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

You shall love the Lord your God ... and 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.

Mass Schedule

The usual weekday Mass schedule of 8.30am, 10.00am and 10.30am Masses recommenced after Christmas on Tuesday 2nd January and also St Anthony's Novena Mass on Tuesday at 7.30pm.

First Friday Visits

Those who would like a First Friday visit from a priest for themselves or for a loved one should contact any of the priests of the parish, or give the details (name, address and telephone. number) to the sacristy, or by email to the Parish, office@sppd.ie

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

Novenas

Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal – Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Monday 10.00am Mass

Novena to St Martin de Porres – St Peter's Church, Monday, 10.30am Mass

Novena to St Anthony of Padua – St. Peter's Church, Tuesday, 10.30am & 30pm Masses.

Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal – St Peter's Church Wednesday after 10.30am Mass.

Novena to Our Lady of Fatima – St Peter's Church, Saturday, 10.30am Mass

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 St Vincent de Paul monthly church gate collection will take place at all Masses 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 

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.

Deaths

We pray for the recently deceased Bernadette (Detta) Kierans, St Finian's Park formerly Mill Lane, Ann Judge, St. Brigid's Terrace, Scarlet Street, Dermot Campbell, Lia Bhréaga, Peter Coyle, Boyle O'Reilly, Terrace, Patrick Stone, Georgian Close, Barry Newman, Sr Marie (Martina) Walsh, PBVM, Vera Molloy, Jim Hatch, Thora Bailey, John Kenny, Bridget (Bridie) Floyd, Fr Malachy Loughran, OSA, Alice Moran. 
May they rest in peace.

Parish Sunday Collection for the weekend of 24th/ 25th December 2023

Loose €1,400 Envelopes €2,035 Tap to Donate €317 **Total €3,725**

Collections at Christmas Masses 24th /25th December 2023

Loose €7,112 Envelopes €3,145 Tap to Donate €765 **Total €11,022**

Parish Collection for the weekend of 30th/31st December 2023

Loose €1,360 Envelopes €1,285 Tap to Donate €461 **Total €3,106**

The **2024 parish envelope** year commences today 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.

Prayer by Telephone: The Sisters of Mercy "Bethany" 34 Point Road, Dundalk welcome any person who may wish to request prayer, especially during these difficult times. All requests are confidential.

Telephone: 042 933 1602 from 9.00am – 9.00pm. One of the Sisters will be happy to Listen and Pray with you.

Give Blood, Save Lives. #WeCountOnYou. Monday 8 th & Tuesday 9th January, 2024 Tommy Leddy Theatre, 4:00pm – 8:00pm. This is an APPOINTMENT ONLY clinic. Please ring 1800 222 111 with your donor ID number (the number underneath the barcode on your Donor card) to make your appointment. Check your eligibility at giveblood.ie