

## 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, 7.00-9.00pm – Scoil Naomh Fechin, Termonfechin, A92 YN15; Thursday 29th February, 7.00-9.00pm – Community Centre, Kilkenny, A91 T2KN. 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 milandaoprfr@gmail.com or 042 934 2954 at least three days before the relevant meeting.

## Marriage Enrichment Weekend

Marriage Enrichment is a Weekend experience for married couples who want something more in their marriage: more fun, spontaneity, excitement, communication, understanding, romance, intimacy, passion, joy. Our next Marriage Enrichment Weekend is Friday 26th - Sunday 28th April 2024. Focolare Centre, Prosperous, Co. Kildare. Online booking only: [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie).

The **Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock** will take place this year on Sunday 26th May.

## Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024

The Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024, 12th - 17th May. The fare is €895 per person sharing (single room supplement €190, travel insurance €39, extra). The fare includes: flights to and from Lourdes, transfers to and from airport in Lourdes, full board, full pilgrimage programme, all airport taxes. For further details and bookings please contact Cora Muckian, 087 261 0026.

## Pilgrimage to Assisi and San Giovanni

departing 16th October 2024 for 7 nights. Visit Sts. Francis, Clare and Pio and Bl. Carlo Acutis with local Spiritual Director. The cost of €1,199 includes full board, flights to Rome and Naples,

local guides and all transfers. Contact Paul Johnstone (086 828 1889) or Marian Pilgrimages (01 878 8159) for further details.

**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

**Mechanical and Electrical Upgrade in Our Lady of Lourdes Church.**  
**As of 15th February, 141 contributions have been made amounting to €41,095.**  
**Many thanks for your great generosity.**

The total cost of the project is €205,000 net, greatly depleting parish resources. Donations towards the project can still be made 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: cheque made payable to St Peter's Parish - Our Lady of Lourdes Church Upgrade; cash; card through the parish website (General Parish Upkeep - Message - Our Lady of Lourdes Church Upgrade), or through either church sacristy in person or by telephone; electronic transfer: Acc St Peter's Parish Envelope Collection, 35805507 Bank: AIB, Drogheda, Bank Sort Code: 932094, IBAN: IE10 AIBK 9320 9435 8055 07 BIC: AIBKIE2D Reference: Donor's name, OLLC.

**Items for the Parish Newsletter may be emailed to [office@sppd.ie](mailto:office@sppd.ie) or handed into the Parish Office by Wednesday evening each week.**

## St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area

### First Sunday of Lent

18th February 2024

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| 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 <a href="mailto:office@sppd.ie">office@sppd.ie</a> |             |
|  | X@PetersDrogheda   |             |

[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

## Stations of the Cross



Stations of the Cross in Our Lady of Lourdes Church each Sunday during Lent at 5.00pm. Led by the priests and deacons of the Parish.

**Lent** is a special time of prayer, penance and almsgiving. Attendance at daily Mass, if possible, is commendable.

There is a **second envelope** this weekend 18th February, for the national services offered by the Irish Bishops Conference which includes the following: Pastoral Renewal and Youth Ministry; Catholic Education; Marriage, Family, Migrants & Pastoral Care; National Safeguarding of Children; Communications; Worship Faith Development. The Bishops Conference also has various social outreaches, including a Drugs Initiative and support for Irish prisoners overseas.

**St Elizabeth Convent of Minsk, Belarus, will once again visit St Peter's Parish, on Monday 19th February at the three morning Masses.** They sell various religious and secular articles produced with love and prayer in the convent's workshops. The convent provides spiritual and social help to the sick and the suffering. Since its establishment the sisters have been patronizing 200 orphaned children with psychophysical needs. They also run a recovery shelter for 200 men (homeless, drug or alcohol addicts, ex-prisoners and the less able), as well as a rehabilitation facility for women. More than twenty workshops and studios operate under the aegis of the nuns, including sewing and embroidery shops, candle workshop, wood-carving, stone and blacksmith workshops and many more. St Elisabeth Convent bears the name of the holy Martyr, Grand Princess Elisabeth. It was founded in 1999 and currently counts some one hundred nuns.

**Trócaire:** Trócaire boxes are available in the churches. Trócaire is the overseas development agency of the Catholic Church in Ireland. The Trócaire Lenten campaign this year takes inspiration from the prophet Amos who says: "Let justice flow like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream" (Amos 5:24). This Lent, we are called to join the river of justice and peace. On this year's Trócaire box we meet Malita and her 12-year-old twins Patricia and Patrick from the Machinga district in Malawi. Trócaire, with your support, has been working with partners in Malawi for the last forty-eight years. Malita is the single mother of six children and her family's story is unfortunately one that is typical in Malawi as they struggle every day with no direct access to clean water for the household. The effects of climate change have worsened this struggle, and their situation is even more precarious now, due to drought and extreme weather events. The impacts are serious. Trócaire boxes are available at the back of the churches.

**All Masses are streamed live by webcam. [www.sppd.ie](http://www.sppd.ie) or [www.churchservices.tv](http://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 **amount** collected at the SVP church gate February collection at Our Lady of Lourdes Church was €1000.60 Grateful thanks to all who subscribed.

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

### 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 & 7.30pm 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

**Pope Francis' intention for February:** For the terminally ill: We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

### Feast days this week

**Thursday 22nd February** The Chair of St Peter, Apostle

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

### Deaths

**We pray for the recently deceased** Sr Mairead Gorman MMM, Beechgrove, Oliver McKenna, Trinity Gardens, Ian McDonnell, Beaulieu View, Gerard Garvey, Moneymore, Patsy Carroll, Mell, Miriam Murphy, Weir Hope, Kathleen O'Reilly, Bally Park, Ronan Eustace, Brian Russell, Elaine Clarke, Paul Keegan, Brian Maughan Austin Tiernan, Janine Bohill, Fr Tommy McNulty PE. **May they rest in peace.**



### Parish Collection for the weekend of 10th / 11th February 2024

Loose €1,480 Envelopes €1,105 Tap to Donate €379 **Total €2,964**

**Spring Dues:** The priests of the parish are grateful for your support and thank you for the Spring Dues which are being collected from now to St Patrick's weekend. Many thanks to our loyal Dues collectors. Dues envelopes also available in both churches

### Divine Mercy Conference 24th and 25th February, RDS, Dublin

<https://www.divinemercyconference.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](mailto: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](mailto:meathcoordinator@sosadireland.ie). Over 16's only.