

representing Oceania. Attendees will have the opportunity to gain valuable insights into the Synod from an Irish perspective from Rev. Declan Hurlley, who has served as Co-Chair of the National Steering Committee for the Synodal Pathway in Ireland and is Vicar General of the Diocese of Meath. **The Synod – Ireland and The World.** Ireland's place in the global Church will be the focus of the second day of the conference. The theme will be explored in an address by Cardinal Mario Grech and Julieann Moran, General Secretary of the Synodal Pathway in Ireland. Dr Dermot Ryan, Director of Adult Faith Development for the Diocese of Ossory, will explore the way in which we are all called to a synodal life through our parish communities and structures. The afternoon session will take the format of a panel discussion on the topic of becoming a more inclusive Church and the day will conclude with an open forum. This is a free event, open to the public and all are welcome.

**Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** There are still pilgrim places available. The Pilgrimage will take place from 12th May to 17th May 2024. Fare: €895 per person sharing (Single Room Supplement €185 & Travel Insurance €39 extra) Fare includes: Flights to and from Lourdes, transfers to and from the airport in Lourdes, Full Board accommodation, Full Pilgrimage Programme, All Airport Taxes. Further details available by contacting Cora Muckian, 087 261 0026 or armaghpilgrimagebookings@gmail.com

**May Day Procession** The annual May Day Procession in honour of Our Lady of Fatima and St Joseph the Worker will take place on Wednesday 1st May, assembling at Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 6.45pm, processing via Bóthar Brugha, George's Street, and West Street, to arrive at St Peter's Church for Mass at 7.30pm.

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

**Mechanical and Electrical Upgrade in Our Lady of Lourdes Church.**

**As of 28th March, 150 contributions have been made amounting to €45,595.**

**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.

	<b>St Peter's Church.</b>	<b>Our Lady of Lourdes Church</b>
<b>Monday 1st April – Saturday 6th April</b>	<b>10.30am Mass (No 8.30am weekday Mass). Tuesday St Anthony's Novena 7.30pm</b>	<b>10.00am Mass</b>
	<b>No Confessions on Wednesday 3rd April Confessions on Saturday 6th April, 12.30pm – 1.00pm</b>	
<b>Divine Mercy Sunday 7th April</b>	<b>Exposition, Chaplet, Prayers &amp; Confessions. 3.00pm. Mass 4.00pm</b>	

**Items for the Parish Newsletter, which will resume on 14th April, 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

## Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection

**31st March 2024**

Canon Eugene Sweeney PP	St Peter's Parochial House	041-9838537
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Fr Cleophas Lunga, Priest in Residence		
Fr Desmond Branigan CC	Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery	041-9831899
Fr Piotr Wojtala CC		
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	Our Lady of Lourdes Church Sacristy	041-9831973
	Email office@sppd.ie	
	X@PetersDrogheda	

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**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

### Easter Message to Parishioners 2024

Each Easter we dare to profess our spiritual freedom – our liberty as redeemed children of God. Through the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus we are born anew, and no earthly power or dominion can imprison us. The Resurrection of Jesus of Easter Day signifies eternal victory over death, darkness and despair. The light of the resurrected Jesus will always have the last word, and his light is our light. In the life of the Risen One we all have life, and this is our hope. We do not succumb to despair, but are an Easter people, singing Alleluia as our chorus, Alleluia being a Hebrew word meaning "Praise God!" Easter Sunday this year happily coincides with the beginning of summer time, a fitting celebration of the light of the Risen Lord. In a special way we ask the Easter Lord to be with the people of the Holy Land, Ukraine, and all the other troubled parts of the world.

Thank you for joining us in person, in and by webcam from St Peter's and Our Lady of Lourdes Churches, and for supporting the Parish in so many ways. With the clergy, Parish Pastoral Council and Pastoral Area Resource Team, I wish all our parishioners and their loved ones, at home and abroad, peace, health, and joy this Easter. I ask the Lord to comfort those who have lost loved ones, and to help those who are sick, lonely, anxious, isolated, and all those who face housing, employment and financial uncertainty. May the Risen Lord continue to be with us. In him we trust.

**Eugene Sweeney, PP**

**Trócaire:** The 2024 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, **Trócaire boxes may be returned to the designated box in either church during Easter Week.**

The **March Family Mass** will be celebrated this Sunday, 31st March, Easter Sunday, in Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 10.30am.

**Bottles of Easter Holy Water** available in both churches from the Easter Vigil/ Easter Sunday. Many thanks to the Parish Pastoral Council for organising this initiative.

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting on Monday 22nd April 2024.**

**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.

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

**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) continues 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. **Drogheda River Rescue Emergency** 089 250 5562.

**SVP** Church gate collection next weekend 5th/6th April.

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 April:** For the role of women: We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Friday 5th April 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.

**First Saturday Fatima Devotions** in St Peter's Church on Saturday 6th April after 10.30am Mass.

### Baptisms

**We welcome** Finn Joe Nolan and Zack Benjamin Kierans **into the Christian community.**

### Deaths

**We pray for the recently deceased** Margaret Leavy, Hand Street, John McGahey, Colledge Rise, Ray Rimkus, Termonabbey, Carol Delahan, Niall MacEaney, Margaret Hackett, Mavis Campbell Plunkett, Patricia Duggan, Frankie Brennan, Bernie Faulkner, Jean Cooney, Danny Floody, Imelda Tolchard, Peter McDonnell. **May they rest in peace.** 

### Parish Collection for the weekend of 23rd /24th March 2024

Loose €1,558 Envelopes €1,550 Tap to Donate €544 Total **€3,652**

Anyone who wishes to receive the **Catholic Communications Office's** weekly five-story e-zine, Sharing the Good News, can subscribe on the home page of catholicbishops.ie Sharing the Good News offers five brief news reports on the life of the Church in Ireland.

**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

**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

**The Annual General Meeting of Drogheda COPD Support Group** takes place on Friday 5th April 2024, from 2.30pm until 4.00pm in The Barbican Centre, Drogheda. Light refreshments are served and all are welcome to attend. Exercise classes take place every Monday (with the exception of Bank Holidays) from 12noon to 1.00pm in The Barbican Centre. The classes are, FREE OF CHARGE, you do not have to suffer with COPD to participate in these classes, all are welcome! For further details contact Peter 087 807 1138 or Oliver 083 415 6104.

**'Synodality Explored: Facing the Future Together'** International Conference at Knock Shrine in association with Notre Dame University, Australia. Keynote Speaker: Cardinal Mario Grech, Secretary General of the Synod of Bishops. Friday 19th & Saturday 20th April 2024 at St. John's Welcome Centre, Knock Shrine The conference will be facilitated by Prof. Eamonn Conway, now based at Notre Dame University, advisor to the General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops. **The Synod – A Global View**, Cardinal Mario Grech will open the conference on Friday morning, with a keynote address on the theme of Synod – a global view. Prof. Renée Kohler-Ryan of Notre Dame University, Australia will discuss our church on a missionary footing. Prof. Kohler-Ryan is a voting Member of the 16th General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops