

1000 Hours of Adoration and Prayer – Tuesday 19th March 2024

Archbishop Eamon Martin has asked that 1000 Hours of Adoration and Prayer take place in the Dioceses of Armagh and Dromore, 12 hours in each parish, during Lent for Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood through the Intercession of Bl. Carlo Acutis. St Peter's Parish Pastoral Council has chosen Tuesday 19th March, Solemnity of St Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, in this regard. This day of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and prayer will be held in Our Lady of Lourdes Church and follows the suggested template of the Archdiocese. People are welcome to come at any stage of the twelve hours. The schedule with the leading group and priest / deacon is as follows:

9.00am Morning Prayer	St Oliver Plunkett for Peace and Reconciliation
10.00am Mass followed by Rosary	Fr Eugene and Parish Pastoral Council
11.00am Parish First Communion Classes	St Joseph's CBS Primary and Fr Des
12.00 noon Parish Confirmation Classes	St Joseph's CBS Primary and Fr Des
1.00pm St Peter's Church Perpetual Adoration Group	Deacon David
2.00pm Prayer for Vocations/ Life of Bl Carlo Acutis	St Joseph's Young Priests' Society and Fr Eugene
3.00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet	Legion of Mary and Fr Piotr
4.00pm Stations of the Cross	Fr Aidan
5.00pm Sacred Music	Glóir and Fr Des
6.00pm Angelus and Evening Prayer	Noeleen, Barry and Deacon John
7.00pm Prayer for Youth, Exam students and Young Adults	God First, St Peter's Youth Group and Fr Piotr
8.00pm Night Prayer with Benediction	Neo-Catechumenal Way with Fr Eugene
9.00pm	Conclusion

Blessed Carlo Acutis (3rd May 1991-12th October 2006).

Feast Day 12th October. Blessed Carlo Acutis was an Italian Catholic teenager, born in London on the 3rd May 1991. He was beatified by Pope Francis 10th October 2020, two days before the 14th anniversary of his death. Carlo Acutis was noted for his cheerfulness, computer skills, and deep devotion to the Eucharist; he was familiar with modern day difficulties and opportunities. His story is considered very relatable, especially among young people and his short life had a lasting impact on the Church. Carlo had a great interest in technology and computers, he was particularly skilled in programming and website development. In his short life he created a website to document and catalogue Eucharistic miracles and apparitions of Our Lady such as Lourdes and Fatima. His aim was to make all this more accessible to people around the world. As a child Carlo was deeply devoted to the Mother of God and he had a number of sayings: "The Virgin Mother is the only woman in my life;" "I'll never fail to keep the most gracious appointment of the day, the recitation of the Holy Rosary;" "The Rosary is the shortest ladder to Heaven." His love for the Eucharist was his life. He said: "The Eucharist is truly the of Jesus;" "The Eucharist is my Highway to Heaven;" "To Always be close to Jesus that's my life plan." Carlo developed leukaemia as a teenager. He said; "I offer to the Lord the sufferings that I will have to undergo for the Pope and for the Church." Before Carlo died he said to his mother: "Mama, I will give you a sign from heaven." Four years to the day after Carlo's death his parents were blessed with the birth of two sons, Michele and Francesca. His parents had previously struggled to conceive and his mother Antonia accepts that this is an extraordinary grace through the intercession of Carlo.

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent

St Patrick's Day

17th March 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	
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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

Prayer to St Patrick

O God, you sent your blessed servant St Patrick to teach and save the people of his time and place. You gave our patron a loving heart like your own. You filled him with great faith and a burning desire to work hard for your kingdom. Please listen when he prays for us, his sons and daughters. Grant to us, through his intercession, a lively faith, a firm hope and a strong will to build your kingdom. We pray for Ireland and for ourselves through Christ our Lord, Amen

St Patrick's Day Masses

Today, Sunday 17th March is St Patrick's Day. The 11.00am Sunday Mass in St Peter's will be bilingual. As we celebrate Saint Patrick's Day, the Irish Bishops encourage everyone to unite in prayer for peace throughout the world.

St Patrick's Day Collection for Emigrants

Since 1957 the Irish Episcopal Council for Emigrants (IECE) has been offering pastoral and practical assistance to Irish citizens who have left their homeland. Emigration continues to mark the life of contemporary Ireland. Proceeds from the IECE sponsored 'Emigrant Collection' help to provide important services to members of the Irish emigrant community across the world – including prisoner support, social outreach and chaplaincy work. There is a separate envelope in your weekly envelope box for St Patrick's Day to support the pastoral care of Irish emigrants abroad.

Triduum of Prayer for Vocations from St Patrick's Day to the Solemnity of St Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 19th March. Prayer for Vocations of St Joseph's Young Priests' Society, in union with the Society branch in St Peter's Parish, will be recited at all Masses.

1,000 Hours of Adoration and Prayer in Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Tuesday 19th March 2024.

Light the Fire, today, Sunday 17th March, St Patrick's Day: 5.00pm Vespers on the Hill of Slane and procession. 6.00pm mass in St Patrick's Church, Slane followed by Adoration. Let us carry the Light of Christ into the next generation. For further information contact The Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal 041 983 0441 or www.franciscansisterscfr/st-anthony

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 will be No 8.30am Mass tomorrow, Monday 18th March, a Bank holiday. 10.00am and 10.30am Masses as usual.

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.

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 @Peters-Drogheda

Pope Francis' intention for March: For the new martyrs: We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

Baptisms

We welcome Nathalie Dauba *into the Christian community.*

Deaths

We pray for the recently deceased

Frankie Brennan, Pearse Park, Bernie Faulkner, Oulster Lane, Jean Cooney, College Rise, Danny Floody, Ballsgrove formerly Sandford Terrace, Imelda Tolchard, Peter McDonnell, Anne Bradley, Thomas Leslie, Tom Matthews, Andrew Murphy. **May they rest in peace.**



Parish Collection for the weekend of 9th /10th March 2024

Loose €1,161 Envelopes €1,250 Tap to Donate €365 Total €2,776

Padre Pio Devotions will be held on Thursday 21st March in St Mary's Church. Rosary at 7.05pm followed by Mass at 7.30pm All are welcome.

The **Redemptoris Mater Seminary** of the Archdiocese of Armagh will hold a Seminary Visitors' Day on Saturday 23rd March 2024 from 10.00am-12.00 noon; 2.00pm-5.00pm. All are welcome. This is an opportunity for everyone to come and visit the Seminary, meet the seminarians who are currently in formation there and to get to know more about us. Light refreshments will be served. De La Salle Terrace, Dundalk, Co. Louth, A91 C5D6. www.redmatarmagh.org

Archbishop Eamon, along with the clergy of the diocese, will celebrate the **Chrism Mass** on Wednesday 27th March at 7.00pm in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh. All are welcome. An invitation to attend is extended, in particular, to families and schools in the diocese with children who will make their Confirmation this year. The Mass is also available via Armagh Parish Cathedral webcam at www.armaghparish.net

Anyone who wishes to receive the **Catholic Communications Office's** weekly five-story ezine, 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

Drogheda and District Men's Shed (formerly known as Drogheda Men's Shed) invites retired and semi-retired men to join our Shed. There's always lots going on in our very friendly and welcoming community. Why not drop in and check out the amenities on our seven-acre site. Families and friends are always welcome to come by and have a look at our setup. Pets are always welcome. Monday-Friday, 9.00am-1.30pm. We're right beside Roadstone Quarry on Drogheda to Donore Road. Regular bus service, No 163 and No 188.

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
Mechanical and Electrical Upgrade in Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

As of 14th March, 146 contributions have been made amounting to €43,445. 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.