

Holy Week/Easter Triduum (including Confessions)
St Peter's Parish 2024

	St Peter's Church	Our Lady of Lourdes Church
Monday 25th March		Penance Service 7.30pm (several confessors available)
Tuesday 26th March		Seven Last Words of Jesus Music Gloir 7.30pm
Holy Thursday 28th March	Mass of the Lord's Supper 6.15pm Confessions after Mass Adoration at Altar of Repose until 9.00pm. Music SPMVC	Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm Confessions after Mass Adoration at Altar of Repose until 10.00pm Music Noeleen & Barry
Good Friday 29th March.	Outdoor Stations of the Cross St Mary's Church 10.30am The Passion of the Lord 3.00pm Confession after Liturgy Music SPMVC	The Passion of the Lord 3.00pm Music – Lourdes Youth Choir Stations of the Cross 7.30pm Confessions after both Liturgies
Holy Saturday 30th March	Confessions 12.00 noon – 1.00pm	Confessions 12.00 noon – 1.00pm 6.00pm – 7.00pm The Easter Vigil, 7.00pm Music St Peter's Male Voice Choir
Easter Sunday 31st March	Mass Times 8.00am 11.00am Music SPMVC	Mass Times 9.00am Mass 10.30am Mass Music - Lourdes Youth Choir 12.00 noon Music – Noeleen & Barry
Divine Mercy Sunday 7th April.	Exposition, Chaplet Prayers & Confessions. 3.00pm. Mass 4.00pm Music Glóir	

St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

24th 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

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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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, the beginning of Holy Week. Palms are available at the back of both churches. Please take the first sprig available.

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.

Last Words from the Cross An hour of reflection and meditation on the Last Words from the Cross will take place in Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Tuesday 26th March at 7.30pm. It will offer an opportunity to ponder quietly on the last few hours of the Agony of the Crucifixion while leaving us with the hope that comes with the Resurrection.

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

Outdoor Way of the Cross

The Ecumenical Way of the Cross commences on Good Friday from St. Mary's Church at 10.30 am, making its way through the medieval streets of Drogheda. The procession will stop at the churches of different Christian denominations in the town where prayers will be recited. The ceremony will conclude at 12.00 noon on the steps of St. Peter's Church in West Street following a blessing by the assembled clergy.

Good Friday Collection There is a special envelope in your box this week for the Holy Land, which will be taken up on Good Friday. This collection is the main source of income for the maintenance and sustainability of the Christian identity in the Holy Land, and used towards pastoral, social, educational, health and welfare initiatives, but also to provide for our fellow Christians who have been forced to flee the Holy Places due to violence and the threat of war.

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. On this year's Trócaire box we meet Malita and her 12-year-old twins Patricia and Patrick from the Machinga district in Malawi, East Africa. 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 may be returned to the designated box in either church during the Easter Triduum or Easter Week.

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.

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

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.

March SVP Our Lady of Lourdes Church collection was €760.43 Many thanks.

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 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.

Deaths

We pray for the recently deceased John McGahey, College Rise, Carol Delahan, Hand St, Niall Mac Eaney, The Highlands formerly Matson Lodge, Margaret Hackett, Bredin Street, Mavis Campbell Plunkett, Trinity Gardens, Patricia Duggan, Church Street, Frankie Brennan, Bernie Faulkner, Jean Cooney, Danny Floody, Imelda Tolchard, Peter McDonnell, Anne Bradley, Thomas Leslie, Tom Matthews. **May they rest in peace.** 

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

Loose €1,597 Envelopes €1,335 Tap to Donate €240 **Total** €3,172

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

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 21st March, 147 contributions have been made amounting to €44,445. 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

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