

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
10.00am Mass followed by Rosary
11.00am Parish First Communion Classes
12.00 noon Parish Confirmation Classes
1.00pm St Peter's Church Perpetual Adoration Group
2.00pm Prayer for Vocations/ Life of Bl Carlo Acutis
3.00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
4.00pm Stations of the Cross
5.00pm Sacred Music
6.00pm Angelus and Evening Prayer
7.00pm Prayer for Youth, Exam students and Young Adults
8.00pm Night Prayer with Benediction
9.00pm

St Oliver Plunkett for Peace and Reconciliation
Fr Eugene and Parish Pastoral Council
St Joseph's CBS Primary and Fr Des
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Deacon David

St Joseph's Young Priests' Society and Fr Eugene
Legion of Mary and Fr Piotr
Fr Aidan
Glóir and Fr Des
Noeleen, Barry and Deacon John
God First, St Peter's Youth Group and Fr Piotr
Neo-Catechumenal Way with Fr Eugene
Conclusion

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.

The Swing Cats Show, a swing dance and jiving show in the Barbican, St Peter's Parish Centre, Williams Street on Saturday 16th March at 8.30pm. Admission €22.50. Barbican Centre - Tel 041 980 7416

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 9832531 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 7th March, 145 contributions have been made amounting to €42,245. 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 93209435 8055 07 BIC: AIBKIE2D Reference: Donor's name, OLLC.

St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area

Fourth Sunday of Lent

10th 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	
	X@PetersDrogheda	

www.sppd.ie



Mother's Day

We wish every blessing to all mothers as we celebrate Mother's Day today, and thank them for their love and sacrifice. We ask the Lord to grant eternal rest to our deceased mothers.

Extract – Statement of the Irish Catholic Bishops, 5th March 2024 on Middle East Conflict

As the Catholic Bishops of Ireland, we echo Pope Francis' heartfelt appeal for a complete ceasefire in Gaza – 'Enough, please! Let us all say it: enough...Stop!' In this Season of Lent, we Christians prepare for the celebration of the Paschal Mystery of Christ's Death and Resurrection, as Muslims prepare for the Season of Ramadan and Jews prepare for the celebration of Passover. We urge people to continue praying and fasting for the intention of peace. In praying for peace in the land of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, we remember in a special way the small but vibrant Christian communities in Palestine. An ideal way of showing solidarity at this time is to support Trócaire's Gaza appeal.

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.

St Patrick's Day Masses

Sunday next, 17th March is St Patrick's Day. Mass times as usual on Saturday evening and Sunday morning. 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.



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

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.

Parish Pastoral Council meeting tomorrow evening, Monday 11th March.

St Oliver's PART meeting on Thursday 14th March.

St Peter's Church Ceiling Repair

The small and localised area of the ceiling in the upper nave area of St Peter's Church in need of repair has been completed. The scaffolding has been taken down. We are very happy that this work has been done so speedily.

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 @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.

Baptisms

We welcome Isabella Maria Orackova, Darcie May Donnelly, Derelle Femi Kingston Odunlami, Deontey Darren Oluwatimilehin Odunlami, Skye Marie Gorman and Isabella Rose Garcia *into Christian community.*

Deaths

We pray for the recently deceased Imelda Tolchard, Aston Village, Peter McDonnell, Anne Bradley, Thomas Leslie, Tom Matthews, Andrew Murphy, Lily Doyle, Sr Mairead Gorman MMM, Oliver McKenna, Ian McDonnell, Gerard Garvey, Patsy Carroll, Miriam Murphy, Kathleen O'Reilly. *May they rest in peace.*



Parish Collection for the weekend of 2nd/3rd March 2024

Loose €1,486 Envelopes €1,260 Tap to Donate €405 **Total** €3,151

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.

Light the Fire, 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

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). For further details and bookings please contact Cora Muckian, 087 261 0026. Application forms available in both sacristies.

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

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG seeking marriage preparation facilitators. ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. If you have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church, if you have the enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team in supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage, Accord wants to hear from you! Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally. Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to marriagepreparation@accord.ie www.accord.ie

Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs? A spouse, partner, child, close relative or neighbour? Then you are a family carer! Become a member of **Family Carers Ireland**, the national charity supporting Ireland's 500,000+ family carers nationwide. Contact 057 93 70221 and hear how we can support you or for more info visit www.familycarers.ie.