

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 representing Oceania. Attendees will have the opportunity to gain valuable insights into the Synod from an Irish perspective from Rev. Declan Hurley, 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

**All Ireland Rosary Rally - Knock** – 1st June 2024 The day begins with a Marian Conference at 9.30 am in St John's Centre. Speakers include: Fr Michael Donnelly, Sr Ana Margarita Lanzas SCTJM, and Fr Joseph Maria Deane CFR. Then there will be an opportunity to meet over 20 apostolates from around Ireland from 1130 am in St John's Centre. A well-renowned speaker from Miami called Mother Adela Galindo will deliver the keynote Rosary talk at 1.00pm in the Basilica. Stations of the Cross will be held outside at 2.00pm, followed by the Rosary Procession. Bishop Phonsie Cullinan will be the Main Celebrant of the 3.00pm Concelebrated Mass which will include Anointing of the Sick. Confessions are available throughout the day, and there will be rosary and scapular-making workshops in the marquee. For more information and to see a list of buses going from around Ireland please visit [www.AllIrelandRosaryRally.com](http://www.AllIrelandRosaryRally.com)

**Lough Derg 2024 Pilgrimage Season** May to 15th August 2024. Further details from 071 986 1518 or [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org)

**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.scoilaoonghusa.com](http://www.scoilaoonghusa.com) Completed application forms to be returned to Scoil Aonghusa, Sunday's Gate, Drogheda A92 PY18. Contact details: 041 983 2531 [oifig.scoilaoonghusa@gmail.com](mailto:oifig.scoilaoonghusa@gmail.com)


*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

### Third Sunday of Easter

14th April 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 <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

### Ordination to the Priesthood

Davis Jordan Haberkorn, Colorado, USA and Francesco Campiello from Italy, of the Redemptoris Mater Archdiocesan Missionary Seminary, Dundalk, will be ordained as priests for the Archdiocese of Armagh in St Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday coming, 20th April at 2.30pm. We offer them our congratulations and will keep them in our prayers.

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

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### 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.

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*Trócaire boxes should be returned to the designated box in either church as soon as possible.*

**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](http://www.sppd.ie) or [www.churchservices.tv](http://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 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.

#### **Baptisms**

**We welcome** Mia Belle O'Connor and Ruairi James Wade *into the Christian community.*

#### **Deaths**

**We pray for the recently deceased** Patrick Joseph Kane, Ballsgrove formerly George's Street, Dom Hoey, Newtownstalaban, Margaret Leavy, John McGahey, Ray Rimkus, Carol Delahan, Niall MacEaney, Margaret Hackett, Mavis Campbell Plunkett, Patricia Duggan, Frankie Brennan.



**May they rest in peace.**

#### **Parish Collection for the weekend of 6th /7th April 2024**

Loose €1,456 Envelopes €1,360 **Total** €2,816.

**Easter Sunday parish collection amounted to €2,238.**

**Easter Dues amounted to €4,570.**

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](http://catholicbishops.ie) Sharing the Good News offers five brief news reports on the life of the Church in Ireland.

**Padre Pio Devotions** Thursday 18th April in St Mary's Church. Rosary 7.05pm and Mass 7.30pm. All are welcome.

**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)

**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. Support your local blood clinic!

**Irish Blood Transfusion Service.** Give blood, save lives. As a result of Covid19 we are now **appointment only** please phone to 1800 222 111, 9.00am – 5.00pm as we only have a certain number of slots per day.

Monday 15th - Thursday 18th April, 3:45pm – 8:00pm Tommy Leddy Theatre  
Thursday 25th April, 4.45pm – 9:00pm St. Oliver's National School, Ballymakenny Road.

**Special Olympics** is holding its annual collection day next Friday, 19th April in Drogheda to continue its work of supporting athletes living with an intellectual disability. Volunteers needed. Contact Special Olympics Leinster, 01 869 1635 or 085 801 2797. [www.specialolympics.ie](http://www.specialolympics.ie).

**'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.