

**Postgraduate and Mission & Ministries Programmes at St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth.** Programme applications close from 30th June to 30th August for different programmes. Visit [sppu.ie/courses](http://sppu.ie/courses) for more information.

**All Ireland Rosary Rally - Knock** – 1st June 2024 beginning 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 Annual One Day Retreat** Monday 6th May. For further details contact Mary 086 403 2364/041 685 1754 or Rose 086 845 8808/041 982 2504. Bus departs Drogheda, Monasterboice, Ardee.

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

**The Crafty Traders Market** will be held in the Barbican next Sunday 28th April, 1.00pm - 5.00pm.

**St Peter's Male Voice Choir** presents **Keep it Country**. Conductor Edward Holly, Compere Gerry Kelly, with special guests: Dawn, Claire Regan and Jennifer Murphy in the Barbican Centre on Saturday 18th May at 8.00pm. Tickets €25 (no Booking fee) available from the Barbican, Paddy Davis 087 201 9166, Donal Black 086 812 9495. Credit card purchase 041 982 9124 or 087 220 7383.

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

**St Joseph's Young Priests' Society** monthly meeting will be held in Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery on Thursday 25th April at 10.30am. New members and supporters most welcome. Further information available from Margaret on 086 602 4982


*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

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

21st 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, Italy, of the Redemptoris Mater Archdiocesan Missionary Seminary, Dundalk, were ordained as priests for the Archdiocese of Armagh in St Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday 20th April at 2.30pm. We offer them our congratulations and will keep them in our prayer.

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### Education of Clergy and Laity

This collection goes primarily towards the tuition and accommodation fees of students preparing for the priesthood, the permanent diaconate, and those lay faithful in theological and vocational on-going formation in the Archdiocese of Armagh. We currently support twenty students for the priesthood in Maynooth, Rome, Salamanca and in our own Redemptoris Mater Seminary in Dundalk, who are preparing to be ordained as Priests for the Archdiocese of Armagh. Please give generously.

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**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting on Monday 22nd April 2024 at 7.00pm.**

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### St Ita's School 1964-2024

Congratulations to St Ita's School which is celebrating 60 years, 1964 - 2024. The St Ita's School community will lead the liturgy at the 10.00am Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Friday 26th April to mark this auspicious milestone.



## 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.

## Feast days this Week

Thursday 25th April

St Mark, Evangelist

The **monthly Mass** in honour of **St Oliver Plunkett** will be celebrated next Saturday, 27th April in St Peter's Church at 6.15pm.

The **April Family Mass** takes place in Our Lady of Lourdes Church next Sunday, 28th April at 10.30am

## Baptisms

**We welcome** Alex Jack Hughes, Lilly Mae Morgan, Joey Paul Aspell-McDonagh and Isobella Niewedum **into the Christian community.**

## Deaths

**We pray for the recently deceased** Breda Daly, Shamrock Villas, Marion Mooney, Springfield Park, Kay McDonnell, Ashtown formerly Tullyallen, Dessie Hand, Mount St Oliver formerly Pearse Park, Jimmy Black, Ascal Brugha, Julia Maguire, Cement Road, Patrick Joseph Kane, Dom Hoey, Margaret Leavy, John McGahey, Ray Rimkus, Carol Delahan, Niall MacEaney, Margaret Hackett, Mavis Campbell Plunkett, Patricia Duggan. **May they rest in peace.**



## Parish Collection for the weekend of 13th /14th April 2024

Loose €1,523 Envelopes €1,480 Tap to donate €146 **Total €3,149.**

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.

**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. Thursday 25th April, 4.45pm – 9:00pm St. Oliver's National School, Ballymakenny Road.

**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](mailto:armaghpilgrimagebookings@gmail.com)