

The **Annual Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock**, led by Archbishop Eamon Martin, will take place on Trinity Sunday 26th May. A coach will leave from Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 7.45am. Cost €25. Spiritual Director Fr Piotr Wojtala, CC. Booking available from Damien 083 350 4551 or Jacqueline 086 160 7287. Early booking advisable.

**Taize Prayer** All are welcome to "Prayer Around the Cross", in candlelight, a quiet and reflective time, with the music of Taize. Friday 3rd May, 8.00pm -9.00pm, followed by Tea/Coffee) "Bethany" 34 Point Road, Dundalk A91W0C9

**Reflection Day at SMA Dromantine** Saturday 4th May, 9.30am – 5.00pm. Forgiveness; the journey from hurt to healing, freedom, peace and happiness. Led by Fr. Des Corrigan SMA. Cost (incl. lunch) £38/€43 Tel 028 3082 1964. email: admin@dromantineconference.com

**Carmel Boyle**, local and international singer/songwriter, spiritual director and retreat facilitator, will launch three new albums under the title, 'Songs for the Everyday Mystic', on May 19th at 4.00 pm in the MMM Auditorium, Hardman's Garden, Drogheda. Carmel who has recorded more than a dozen albums, will sing a selection of songs from her new albums, inspired by Christian mystics. Admission is free. Booking is essential. Tel./Text 0876240071 or email:carmelboylecroi@gmail.com www.ancroi.ie or www.carmelboylemusic.com

**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 for more information.

**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

**The Crafty Traders Market** will be held in the Barbican today Sunday 28th April, 12noon - 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.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

### Youth Synodal Gathering 9th May at 7.00pm


The Diocesan Pastoral Team would like to extend an invitation to young people between the ages of 18 and 35, and young families, to a synodal gathering to discuss issues relating to the Church and to faith. The main question discussed on the night will be: How can you imagine the life of your parish where you as a young person are welcomed and included, and your gifts and talents are appreciated and used? It will be held in the Confraternity Room in St. Patrick's Church, Dundalk at 7.00pm on the 9th May. Please note those younger than 18 who wish to come must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

## St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area

### Fifth Sunday of Easter

28th 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 office@sppd.ie	
	X@PetersDrogheda	

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

### Confirmation Congratulations

Congratulations to the children of St Joseph's CBS NS and St Oliver's NS who made their Confirmation on Friday 19th April, to the children of St Brigid's and St Patrick's NS who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday last 25th April, and to the children of Aston Village Educate Together NS who were confirmed on Saturday 27th April. Many thanks to the teachers who prepared the children so well for the beautiful liturgies, and to the parents, school principals and clergy.

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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.

Due to the **Armagh Diocesan Clergy Retreat** there will be a deacon-led liturgy in St Peter's Church on Wednesday next, 1st and Thursday 2nd May at 8.30am. Otherwise, weekday Masses as usual.

**Sunday Devotions** Rosary, Exposition and Benediction in St Peter's Church each Sunday in May at 5.00pm in honour of Our Blessed Mother.

**Congratulations** to the Reverend Brian O'Reilly who was instituted as Rector of the Unions of Drogheda, Ardee and Kilsaran last Friday by Archbishop John McDowell in St Peter's Church of Ireland Church, Drogheda.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** The Syro-Malabar community will have an afternoon Mass each first Sunday of the month in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, beginning in May. Therefore, from now on there will be no afternoon Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the First Sunday of the month in Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

**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, except the First Sunday of each month.

**Cemetery Sunday 2024** Cemetery Sunday will take place as usual in St Peter's Parish on the last Sunday of June, this year, Sunday 30th June, in St Peter's Cemetery at 3.00pm, and in Newtown Cross Cemetery at 5.00pm.

**Ministers of the Word and Eucharist** Anyone who would like to be become a Minister of the Word or Eucharist in either St Peter's or Our Lady of Lourdes Church should please give their names and contact details to any of the priests or sacristans. We welcome more people to partake in these important ministries.

**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.

**SVP monthly collection** next Sunday 5th May. Local needs are great at this time.

The amount collected at the April SVP Church Gate collection at Our Lady of Lourdes Church was €714. Grateful thanks to all who contributed. .

The **Parish Newsletter** is available at the back of the churches throughout the week. Also see church noticeboards, parish website and  isit our Parish X / Twitter account @PetersDrogheda

**Pope Francis' intention for May:** For the formation of religious and seminarians: We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

**Friday 3rd May** is the first Friday of the month. The clergy will visit the sick in accordance with Government and diocesan norms, but only after consultation with the person concerned or their family. Please contact the parish office, either sacristy or any priest if you or your loved one would like a visit.

The **Divine Mercy Chaplet** is recited after the 10.00am Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes Church each First Friday.

The monthly Mass in honour of the **Sacred Heart (Pioneer Association)** will be celebrated on Friday at 10.30am in St Peter's Church.

First Saturday **Fatima Devotions** in St Peter's Church on Saturday 4th May after 10.30am Mass.

#### **Feast days this Week**

Monday 29th April	St Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church and Patron of Europe
Friday 3rd May	Ss Philip and James, Apostles

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

#### **Baptisms**

**We welcome** Noah Alexander Gallagher, Bonnie Edel Brady and Nell Nowak **into the Christian community.**

#### **Deaths**

**We pray for the recently deceased** Breda Daly, Marion Mooney, Kay McDonnell, Dessie Hand, Jimmy Black, Julia Maguire, Patrick Joseph Kane, Dom Hoey. **May they rest in peace.**



#### **Parish Collection for the weekend of 20th / 21st April 2024**

Loose €1,733 Envelopes €1,335 Tap to donate €377 **Total €3,445.**

**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)

The next meeting of the **Drogheda COPD Support Group** takes place next Friday 3rd May 2024, from 2.30pm until 4.00pm, in The Barbican Centre, Drogheda. Light refreshments are served and all are welcome to attend. Exercise classes take place every Monday (with the exception of Bank Holidays) from 12noon to 1.00pm in The Barbican Centre, Drogheda. The classes are free of charge, you do not have to suffer with COPD to participate in these classes, all are welcome. For further details contact Peter 087 807 1138 or Oliver 083 415 6104.

**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