

Last year St Peter's Parish reluctantly introduced a summer schedule taking account of the following factors: no summer supply priest in St Peter's Parish; the need to allow priests to take their holidays; an increased commitment by the parish clergy to Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital as locum chaplains; a desire to continue the practice that funerals in the Parish are not celebrated at scheduled weekday Masses; a summer schedule has been the norm for several years in other churches in Drogheda and throughout Ireland. Weekday Masses, Monday to Saturday, in St Peter's Church at 10.30am and in Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 10.00am continue throughout the summer. There is no change to the Parish Sunday Mass, Baptism and Confession schedules. We are very grateful for the understanding of parishioners. The Church will open as usual during the summer at 8.00am. The 8.30am St Peter's Church weekday Mass will recommence on Monday 2nd September.

**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)

**Lough Derg is Recruiting:** Exciting career opportunity at Lough Derg! Recruitment has begun for a full-time Pastoral Programmes Coordinator. If you or someone you know might be interested in applying please contact Maureen at [mboyle@loughderg.org](mailto:mboyle@loughderg.org) or see advert on [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org) for further details. Lough Derg, Sanctuary of St Patrick, Pettigo, Co Donegal.

Catholic Grandparents Association celebrating **World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly** at Knock Shrine on 28<sup>th</sup> July, celebrant Archbishop Luis Mariano Montemayor, Apostolic Nuncio to Ireland. [www.knockshrine/watch](http://www.knockshrine/watch)

### St Brigid 1500

As part of the 1500th anniversary commemorations of Saint Brigid in the Archdiocese of Armagh a Mass will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh on Monday 22nd July at 7.00pm, the Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene, to honour the contribution of women to the Universal Church, and specifically within the Archdiocese of Armagh. Sr Breege from the Poor Clare Convent in Faughart will offer a reflection during the Mass. All are welcome.

### St Brigid's Camino for Children

Join the Archdiocese of Armagh in celebrating the 1500th anniversary of St. Brigid's life and ministry. We have created a special Camino to St. Brigid for children, inviting children and their families to visit Churches and holy sites dedicated to St. Brigid across the Archdiocese of Armagh. Discover more and learn how to participate in this unique pilgrimage at <https://www.armaghprays.com/st-brigids-camino>



## St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area  
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Canon Eugene Sweeney PP  
Fr Aidan Murphy PE, AP  
Fr Cleophas Lungu, Priest in Residence  
Fr Desmond Branigan CC  
Fr Piotr Wojtala CC  
Deacons: David Durrigan & John Taaffe

St Peter's Parochial House  
St Peter's Presbytery

041 983 8537

041 983 8239

Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery

041 983 1899

St Peter's Church Sacristy  
Our Lady of Lourdes Church Sacristy

041 984 5355

041 983 1973

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### Mass Times

**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 –  
2.00pm

Masses broadcast live by  
webcam

Email [office@sppd.ie](mailto:office@sppd.ie)

### The Barbican

St Peter's Parish Centre  
041 980 7416



### St Oliver Plunkett Sunday

St Oliver Plunkett Sunday takes place today, Sunday, 7th July. Procession of Relics from Holy Family Church at 3.00pm. Mass at 4.00pm in St Peter's Church. Celebrant: Bishop Michael Router. Homilist: Rev. Conor McDonough, OP. Please come along. Preparations are already underway for the 400th anniversary of the birth of St Oliver which will be marked next year.

### Prayer to St Oliver Plunkett

Glorious Martyr, St Oliver, who willingly gave your life for your faith, help us also to be strong in faith. May we be loyal like you to the See of Peter. By your intercession and example, may all hatred and bitterness be banished from the hearts of Irish men and women. May the peace of Christ reign in our hearts, as it did in your heart, even at the moment of your death. Pray for us and for Ireland. Amen.

### Cemetery Sunday Thanks

Sincere thanks to all who prepared family graves in St Peter's Cemetery or Newtown Cross Cemetery for the Cemetery Blessings last Sunday. Thank you to those who contributed to the collection at

St Peter's Cemetery, by envelope, or online for the upkeep of St Peter's Cemetery through the parish website [www.sppd.ie](http://www.sppd.ie) (donate / general parish upkeep / message – St Peter's Cemetery). The total amount so far is €6,850 which is very generous. Many thanks to the Gardaí, Red Cross, the CE participants for maintaining the Cemetery so well, the Cemetery Committee, collectors, Glóir, our Sound people, clergy, sacristans and those who organised and participated in the liturgy in any way.

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**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, today 7<sup>th</sup> July, when exposition will not take place.



**Perpetual Adoration Chapel:** Adorers are needed for the following hours:  
Thursday 11.00am -12.00noon and 3.00pm-4.00pm.  
Friday 1.00pm – 2.00pm  
If you are willing to volunteer, please contact Breda 087 214 8422 or Josie 087 771 0264.

**All Masses are streamed live by webcam. [www.sppd.ie](http://www.sppd.ie) or [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv) (Drogheda).**

**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

**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.



**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

**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.

**St Vincent de Paul** church gate collections this weekend. Local needs are great at this time.

**The Parish Newsletter** is available at the back of the churches throughout the week. Also see church noticeboards and parish website. *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.* The Newsletter will return on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024.

**Pope Francis' intention for July:** *For the Pastoral Care of the sick* We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer on those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

#### **Feast Days this Week**

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July

St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe

#### **Parish Collection for the weekend of 29<sup>th</sup> /30<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

Loose €1,561 Envelopes €1,140 Tap to donate €452 Total €3,153

**Summer Dues** for the support of the priests of the parish will be collected over the coming few weeks. Many thanks for your support. Envelopes available in both churches.

#### **Baptism**

**We welcome** Evelyn Smyth Rogers *into the Christian community.*

#### **Deaths**



**We pray for the recently deceased** Sean Gerrard, Brookville, Noeleen McKenna, Brookville, Tony Smith, Boyle O'Reilly Terrace, Antanas Rimkus, Eoin Thornton, Tommy O'Brien, Kenneth Ijomah, Tess Hoey.

**May they rest in peace.**

**Altar Society church gate collection** in both St Peter's and Our Lady of Lourdes Churches will be held on the weekend of 27<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> July. Many thanks to the altar societies in both churches for their great work.

#### **8.30am Mass St Peter's Church, Monday to Friday, July & August 2024**

After consultation with the Parish Pastoral Council and the St Peter's Church weekday 8.30am Mass congregation, it has been decided that the St Peter's Church, Monday to Friday, 8.30am Mass won't take place this year during the months of July and August.