

# St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

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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

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### The Barbican

St Peter's Parish  
Centre 041 980 7416

**Season of Creation 2024** continues until 4th October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. This year's theme is "To Hope and Act with Creation".

**Parish Creation Meeting:** As we continue to appreciate God's beautiful Creation and our care for it, maybe now is a good moment to meet and share our ideas about Creation and its care in our parish and town? Sharing our experiences about our gardens, yes, what about our hedgerows, wild fruits and nuts, our small birds, their habitat, other well-loved hobbies, we will never run out of ideas. You are invited to come to the reception door of our house MMM, next door to Our Lady of Lourdes Church on **Tuesday 24th September at 7.00pm**. I would hope to share ideas so we might do something with them in the New Year. Parents, please bring your teenagers. Sr Ruth MMM, 089 465 1819.

**Pope Francis' intention for September: For the Cry of the Earth:** We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the earth and of victims of natural disasters and climatic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

There is a second envelope this weekend, 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> September for the **Sick and Retired Priests of the Archdiocese of Armagh** which has some 30 priests who are retired, in nursing homes or on long-term sick-leave. We thank you sincerely for your continued generosity towards our sick and retired priests.

**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).

**God First, St. Peter's Youth Group** is back after the summer break. Teens aged 13-17 are invited to come along on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month at 5.30pm to the Family Room in Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

The September **Family Mass** takes place in Our Lady of Lourdes Church next Sunday, 10.30am.

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

**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, when exposition will not take place.

**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 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.

## Feast Days this week

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), priest

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September

St Vincent de Paul, priest

## Baptisms

**We welcome** Jessica Mia McDonnell, Fíbí Stonkus and Lorcan Bernard O'Brien **into the Christian community.**



## Deaths

***We pray for the recently deceased*** Mary O'Neill, Glenmore Drive, Terry Carroll, Beechgrove Terrace, Enda McDonnell, Frank Murphy, Sharon Lawless, Maureen Mackey, Breen Brady. ***May they rest in peace***

## ***Parish Collection for the weekend of 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> September 2024***

Loose €1,590 Envelopes €1,215 Tap to donate €428 Total €3,233

Collection for St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh €720

**Autumn Dues** for the support of the Priests of the Parish will be collected over the coming weeks. Many thanks for your great generosity, and to our collectors.

**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)

**Venerable Matt Talbot Mass:** Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart. Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes Church Sean Mc Dermott Street Dublin, today, 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 at 3.00pm. All are welcome to join us.

A **Prayer Service** to mark the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the visit of Pope John Paul II to Killineer will take place at the Pope's Cross monument next Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> September at 5.30pm.

***Do you want to learn more about your Faith*** and develop more confidence around your baptismal calling? If you are interested, why not consider joining the Diocesan Theology Programme. The programme is accredited by St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth. There are no educational entry requirements, and completion of the course is based on submitted work. There are no formal exams. Our Theology Programme will start this year on 28<sup>th</sup> September. The closing date for applications is 26<sup>th</sup> September. The application form is available on the diocesan website

<https://www.armagharchdiocese.org/diocesan-theology-programme-2/>.

When completed, please send to milandaoprpm@gmail.com as soon as possible. For more information, please contact Milanda at 042 934 2954 (9.00am-2.00pm Monday to Friday).

### **Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital - Service of Remembrance**

Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda, Women and Children Services annual service of remembrance for families affected by pregnancy, infant and child loss. The service will take place in MMM Auditorium, Hardman's Gardens, on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 3.00pm. All welcome.

**St Vincent de Paul** The amount collected at the September church gate collection at Our Lady of Lourdes Church was €1,024. Thank you to all who contributed.

**Are you interested in becoming a Catholic?** "How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, Your God reigns!" Isaiah 52:7. An Information evening will be held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October in St Patrick's Church, Dundalk at 7.00pm. Contact Sharon on 087 641 7334 or email [dunnesharon.pastoralcentre@gmail.com](mailto:dunnesharon.pastoralcentre@gmail.com)

**Vocation Discernment Weekend 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> October 2024**, Monastery of St. Catherine of Siena, The Twenties, Drogheda, A92 KR84 - Vocation Discernment Weekend (Dominican Contemplative life), 18th - 20th October 2024. Other weekends by arrangement. Single women, aged 18-35. Contact Sr. Mairead, 041 983 8524 or email [sienavoc@gmail.com](mailto:sienavoc@gmail.com). [www.dominicannuns.ie](http://www.dominicannuns.ie)

**Tours of St Patrick's Cathedral and Museum** St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Armagh is delighted to launch a series of tours of St Patrick's Cathedral & Museum. Parishioners & visitors to Armagh have the unique opportunity to explore the Cathedral and museum with the help of our expert guides. Places are limited. For information and booking, visit <https://tinyurl.com/CathedralTours2024>

**North Drogheda Community Employment Scheme** is currently recruiting for a cleaner for St Peters Church, a cleaner for the Lourdes Church and a caretaker for the Special Olympics Hall. This position involves working 19.5 hours a week in accordance with North Drogheda policies, as directed by the supervisor. They are developmental positions with no experience necessary with accredited training provided to support your career. Please contact Geraldine or Laura on 041 984 3678 or at [northdroghedaceltd@gmail.com](mailto:northdroghedaceltd@gmail.com) or your local Intreo office, or Jobs Ireland to apply for further information.

**The Parish Newsletter** is available at the back of the churches throughout the week. Also see church noticeboards, parish website, Facebook, X and Instagram. 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.