

Scoil Aonghusa – Drogheda’s Gaelscoil since 1981. Applications for new Junior Infant pupils for September 2025 are now available from Scoil Aonghusa or on our website 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

"Opening the Bible": A free six-part video introduction to the Bible for those interested in Scripture, and those unsure where to begin. Available from January 26th at:
www.tarsusscriptureschool.ie

St Peter’s Parish Medjugorje Pilgrimage Join us on this independent pilgrimage from 29th April to 6th May 2025. Early booking deposit of €50 to avail of prices from €545 for 7 nights, half board accommodation per person sharing, flights included. Daily programme with spiritual director and music ministry. Led by Fr Eugene Sweeney, PP, Deacons John Taaffe and Pat Butterly. Contact 089 615 2568 for further details.

Archdiocese of Armagh Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place 5th – 10th May 2025. Cost per person sharing €995.00, single room supplement €205.00. Further details and bookings please contact Cora on 087 261 0026 or dundalklourdescommittee@gmail.com

Volunteers needed in Drogheda Library for **Age Action’s** free one-to-one digital literacy classes for older people with basic or no computer/smart device experience. Time commitment two hours per week for five weeks. Training and volunteer support provided. Contact us on 0818 911 109 or volunteering@ageaction.ie

The Jubilee Prayer 2025

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your Son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with all the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the Grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth,

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

Pope Francis



St Peter’s Parish Newsletter

St Oliver’s Pastoral Area
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday of the Word of God
26th January 2025

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 041 983 8537
St Peter’s Presbytery 041 983 8239

Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery 041 983 1899

St Peter’s Church Sacristy 041 984 5355
Our Lady of Lourdes Church Sacristy 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
Email office@sppd.ie
The Barbican
St Peter’s Parish Centre
041-980 7416

Welcome to the MMM Sisters who join us in Our Lady of Lourdes Church today, Sunday 26th January at the 10.30am Mass for Mother Mary Martin’s 50th Anniversary Mass.

Seminarians from **Redemptoris Mater Seminary** in Dundalk, will be present at Masses in the Parish this weekend. They will give a brief introduction to themselves and life in the seminary, as well as offer St Brigid prayer cards and Crosses for donation.

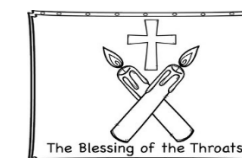


Feast of St Brigid 1st February

A limited number of St Brigid’s Crosses will be available from Thursday 30th January in both Church sacristies and in St Peter’s Church Shop, (€3 each or two for €5). All crosses will be blessed at the Saturday morning Masses, 1st February, the Feast of St Brigid. Many thanks to St Peter’s Church shop team for making these beautiful crosses.

Sunday 2nd February is the **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, Candlemas Day, and World Day for Consecrated Life.**

Blessing of candles at all Masses. We thank the Lord for the great witness of the Augustinians, the Medical Missionaries of Mary, and the Dominican Contemplatives in our parish.



Monday 3rd February is the **Feast of St Blaise.** Communal and individual blessing of throats at all morning Masses.

St Peter's Church Eucharistic Adoration Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St Peter's Church is as follows: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel; Wednesday in the main body of the church. Hours of Adoration, 11.00am – 4.00pm (Tuesday to 7.00pm).

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Sunday afternoon, 1.00pm – 4.00pm, except the First Sunday of each month when exposition does not take place.

God First St Peter's Youth Group for teenagers 13-17 years old, meets on the second and fourth 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.

All Masses are streamed live by webcam. www.sppd.ie or 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.

St Vincent de Paul monthly church collection next 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, parish website, Facebook, X and Instagram. *Items for the Parish Newsletter, may be emailed to office@sppd.ie or handed into the Parish Office by Wednesday evening each week.*

First Friday Visits Those who would like a First Friday visit from a priest for themselves or for a loved one should contact any of the priests of the parish, or give the details (name, address and telephone number) to the sacristy, or by email to the Parish, office@sppd.ie

Pope Francis' intention for January: For the right to an education. Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

Parish Collection for the weekend of

18th/19th January 2025

Loose €1,497 Envelopes €1,130 Tap to donate €656 Total €3,283

Sick and Retired Priests' Collection €825

The **2025 parish envelope year** has commenced. Anybody wishing to register for a box of weekly envelopes or who would like to contribute via standing order may leave one's name into the sacristy or the parish office.

Baptism

We welcome Ethan James Kirwan *into the Christian community*

Deaths



We pray for the recently deceased Eileen Byrne, Trinity Gardens, Alice Carroll Maple Drive, Ursula Fagan, Maple Drive, Paddy Smith, Glenmore Drive, Una Reynolds, Jimmy Coyle, Sr M Monica Prendergast, MMM, Tracy Verblis, Rosaleen Reilly, Mary Flanagan, Mary Marley, Margaret (Rita) O'Brien, Frank Murphy, Peter Keegan, Paul Kelly, Helen Kelly, Vera Brady, Oliver Walsh, Carmel Smith. **May they rest in peace**



In marking the 400th anniversary of the birth of St Oliver Plunkett, Archbishop Eamon Martin has named St Peter's Church, Drogheda, as a Jubilee Church in the Archdiocese of Armagh, along with St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh.

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

St Peter's Parish Schools

Common Applications and Enrolment Timeline System Junior Infants September 2025 Presentation Primary School, St Brigid's & St Patrick's NS., St Joseph's CBS, St Oliver's NS., (all co-ed, i.e. boys and girls). Parents/Guardians may obtain an application form and explanatory notes from any participating school and from local creches (also available online from schools). **Wednesday 5th February 2025:** Closing date for completed applications to be in at 12.00 noon at school of first choice, including birth certificate and proof of address, dated within three months of application (e.g. utility bill).