

Presbytery on Thursday 27th February at 10.30am. New members and supporters are invited to attend. Contact Margaret On 086 602 4982 for further information.

Human Life International Speaking Tour HLI (Ireland) is organising an event at St Mary's Parish Centre, Drogheda from 7.00 pm to 9.30 pm on Sunday 2nd March. Speakers include: bestselling author Mr John Pridmore; HLI Executive Director Mr Patrick McCrystal; and the President of HLI International Fr Shenan Bouquet. No prior booking is required and entrance is free.

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

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

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

Louth Local Development: Join our Team, Community Health workers. Primary Healthcare for Travellers Project in Drogheda. Part-time position, 12 hours per week. No experience necessary as full paid training provided. If interested please contact Teresa Comiskey at 087 001 7553.



Whenever a person thinks, questions and reflects on his or her true identity, strives to understand the deeper questions of life and to seek God, or experiences the thrill of catching a glimpse of truth, it leads to the realization that our fulfilment as human beings is found in love. In loving, we sense that we come to know the purpose and goal of our existence in this world. Everything comes together in a state of coherence and harmony. It follows that, in contemplating the meaning of our lives, perhaps the most decisive question we can ask is, 'Do I have a heart?'

Pope Francis, Dilexit Nos, On the Human and Divine Love of the Heart of Jesus Christ

We remember Pope Francis in our prayers at this time, that he may recover from this current bout of illness. Our Lady of Lourdes pray for him.

St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

23rd February 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

St Oliver Plunkett 400

An excellent Commemorative Book, including colour photographs and beautiful illustrations is now available. Articles include those on the life of Saint Oliver, his trial, genealogy, key people, and significant places associated with the Saint, 17th century Drogheda, memories of the 1975 canonisation, and the great role which the Medical Missionaries of Mary played in the Saint's canonisation through the miracle attributed at the MMM clinic in Naples, Italy. Contributors include the editors, Tommy Burns and Tomás Hodgins, Cardinal Seán Brady, Senator Alison Comyn, community historian Brendan Matthews, Fr Paul Clayton-Lea and Fr Eugene Sweeney, with forewords from both Archbishop Eamon Martin, and Bishop Tom Deenihan of Meath. The book retails at €5 and is available in St Peter's Church shop. We hope to make it available after weekend Masses in the near future. A wonderfully crafted lapel pin badge, specially commissioned to mark the 400th anniversary, is for sale in St Peter's Church shop costing €5. The book and badge are also available from both church sacristies.



This month's **Family Mass** will be celebrated in Our Lady of Lourdes Church today, Sunday 23rd February at 10.30am.

Jubilee Year 2025 – 'A call to action'

The celebration of Jubilee 2025 has now begun throughout the universal

Catholic Church on the theme 'Pilgrims of Hope'. Everyone is invited to participate in the special year of faith. Specifically, Pope Francis is encouraging each of us to be messengers of hope in our very troubled world during this holy year. The Jubilee, in our Christian tradition, has a strong family focus on reconciliation and renewal, including reaching out to people on the margins. It is normally celebrated every 25 years, so that more people can experience it at least once in a lifetime. People in dioceses and parishes around Ireland are celebrating specific Jubilee occasions both locally and in Rome. Reflecting the Jubilee Year in the Universal Church, the Irish Synodal Pathway will also focus on hope ahead of the national pre-synodal assembly in Kilkenny on 18th October 2025. For further information on Jubilee 2025 Year of Hope, see the dedicated page on CatholicBishops.ie

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.

All Masses are streamed live by webcam. www.sppd.ie or www.churchservices.tv (Drogheda).



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.

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.

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, 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.*

Pope Francis' intention for February:

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

Parish Collection for the weekend of

15th / 16th February 2025

Loose €1,615 Envelopes €1,235 Tap to donate €650 Total €3,500

Irish Bishops' Conference Collection €625

The priests of the parish are grateful for your support and thank you for the **Spring Dues** which are being collected from now to St Patrick's weekend. Many thanks to our loyal Dues Collectors. Dues envelopes also available in both churches.

Deaths



We pray for the recently deceased Mary Boyle, Boyne Hall formerly Cearnóg Brugha, Kieran Kelly, Brookville, William (Billy) Cummins, Sean Holdcroft, Sr Ursula Cott, MMM, PJ McCourt, Sr Pauline Mary Dean, MMM, Mary (May) McArdle, Kathleen Fay, Eileen Byrne, Alice Carroll, Ursula Fagan. **May they rest in peace.**

Baptism

We welcome George Willows **into the Christian community**

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.

Vocations - Anyone considering God's call to Priesthood in the Archdiocese of Armagh is invited to contact Fr Barry Matthews, Vocations Director (www.armaghpriest.com) to arrange a meeting to discuss the process and the programme of formation. This Jubilee Year is an ideal time to consider God's call for your life. Family members also can do their bit by encouraging a young person to consider a vocation to Priesthood or Religious Life and by praying for Vocations.

St Joseph's Young Priests' Society monthly meeting will be held in Our Lady of Lourdes