

St Oliver Plunkett 400 An excellent Commemorative Book and a specially commissioned crafted lapel pin badge to mark the 400th anniversary, are now on sale for €5 each in St Peter's Church shop and both church sacristies. We hope to make the book available after weekend Masses in the near future.

Light the Fire Monday 17th March, St Patrick's Day: 5.00pm Vespers on the Hill of Slane and procession. 5:00 p.m. - Vespers on the Hill of Slane followed by Rosary Procession to the Church. 6:15 p.m. - Holy Mass in St. Patrick's Church, Slane, celebrated by Papal Nuncio Archbishop Luis Mariano Montemayor and Bishop Tom Deenihan, followed by Eucharistic Adoration. Let us carry the Light of Christ into the next generation. For further information contact The Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal 041 983 0441 or www.franciscansisterscfr.com/st-anthony

A short-term pledge is available via www.pioneerassociation.org for parishioners who wish to become a "pilgrim of hope" for people who are living under the shadow of addiction.

Synodal Pathway: Parishioners are invited to a Parish Group Consultation on themes and priorities, in preparation for the October 2025 National Pre-Synodal Assembly. This will be held in the Barbican Centre, William Street, on Monday 24th March at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Dominican Contemplative Monastic Weekend 28th – 30th March for young single women (18-35), discerning a vocation. Contact: Sr. Mairéad O.P. sienavoc@gmail.com Tel 041 983 8524, Monastery of St. Catherine of Siena, The Twenties, Drogheda, Co Louth, A92 KR84

Flowers & Fun Fest: The MMMs bring a new community event to Drogheda. "Flowers & Fun Fest" will be held on Saturday 3rd May 2025 from 10.00 am to 3.00pm at the Convent Auditorium, Hardman's Gardens. People are being invited as art, craft or food vendors or to share their specific knowledge or talent about nature. Volunteers who would like to help on the day or donate items are welcome. "We are very passionate about sharing our love for the earth with the community. We want it to be a fun Family Day too. We will be creating fun experiences with something for everyone to enjoy while spreading the word of how we can care for our Earth", Sr Sheila Campbell, MMM said about the new event. MMMs conduct medical and healing missions helping the world's most vulnerable people. Many of their mission projects involve developing eco-friendly energy, clean water systems, growing food and caring for the planet. The event is an expansion of the MMM Sisters' successful Christmas Craft Fair. The new Mother Mary Martin's children's book will be available for sale. The authors will be there to personalise and sign copies. If anyone would like to be involved in the event, please email MMMcraftfair@gmail.com The deadline for signing up is 3rd April, 2025.

St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area
First Sunday of Lent

9th March 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 Peter's Parish, Drogheda wishes to appoint a Sacristan (permanent part-time) 13hours per week (Saturday and Sunday).

Duties and responsibilities include the smooth running of Our Lady of Lourdes Church at all times and assistance at liturgical events, as required.

Candidates must be trustworthy, reliable, have good organisational skills and be able to work using their own initiative, as well as being part of a team. Ideally, they will have related previous experience although this is not essential as all necessary training will be provided. A full job description and application form shall be provided upon request to The Secretary, St Peter's Parish, 9 Fair St, Drogheda, Co. Louth, A92 T6WY. Tel 041 983 8537 (please leave a message). E office@sppd.ie

The closing date for submission of completed applications is 12.00 noon on Monday 24th March, 2025. This post is subject to vetting. Applicants will be required to provide evidence that they have the right to work in the Republic of Ireland. The Parish of St Peter, Drogheda is an Equal Opportunities Employer.



Stations of the Cross in Our Lady of Lourdes Church each Sunday during Lent at 5.00pm, led by the priests and deacons of the Parish.

Trócaire: Trócaire boxes are available in the churches. Trócaire is the overseas development agency of the Catholic Church in Ireland. This year, Trócaire's Lenten campaign focuses on Guatemala, a country which is one of the least responsible for causing the climate crisis, yet is

bearing the brunt of the consequences. We tell this story through, Ilma, Julio and their family. Find out more at trocaire.org

Lent is a special time of prayer, penance and almsgiving. Attendance at daily Mass, if possible, is commendable.

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).

Adorers are needed for the following hours: Monday 12noon - 1.00pm. Friday 1.00pm - 2.00pm & 3.00pm - 4.00pm. Please contact Breda on 087 2148422 or Josie 087 771 0264.

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 March: For families in crisis: Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

Parish Collection for the weekend of

1st/2nd March 2025

Loose €1,350 Envelopes €1,325 Tap to donate €503 Total €3,178

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.

Baptism

We welcome Jolene Diane Elizabeth Ward O'Reilly, Teresa Louise Jane Ward O'Reilly and Sarah Marie Coffey **into the Christian community**

Deaths

We pray for the recently deceased Ann Burke, Park View, Clare Fitzpatrick, Glenmore Drive, Anne Keegan, North Road, Thomas Carolan, Pearse Park, Anthony Burke, Olive Dempsey, Dorota Kucharska, Mary Boyle, Kieran Kelly, William (Billy) Cummins, Sean Holdcroft, Sr Ursula Cott, MMM. **May they rest in peace.**

Monday week 17th March, is St Patrick's Day, a Holy day of obligation.

Mass times as follows:

Our Lady of Lourdes Church: 9.00am, 10.30am, 7.00pm.

St Peter's Church: 8.00am and 11.00am. 11.00am Mass in St Peter's will be bilingual – Irish and English.

There is a *special envelope* in your weekly envelope box for St Patrick's Day to support the pastoral care of Irish emigrants abroad. The Emigrants Collection is aimed at creating an awareness of the plight of the Irish abroad. Since 1957, the Irish Church continues to identify projects and offers essential support to provide pastoral and practical outreach to the most marginalised and vulnerable groups of Irish emigrants in Britain, America, Australia and elsewhere, where many struggle greatly.

Scoil Aonghusa – 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

Irish Blood Transfusion Service: Blood Donor Clinic in St. Oliver's Primary School, Ballymakenny Road, Thursday 13th March, 2025. All Blood Donor Clinics are still by appointment. www.giveblood.ie or 041 685 9994.