

**Holy Week/Easter Triduum (including Confessions)
St Peter's Parish 2025**


	St Peter's Church	Our Lady of Lourdes Church
Monday 14th April		Penance Service 7.30pm (several confessors available)
Tuesday 15th April		Seven Last Words of Jesus Music Glóir 7.30pm
Holy Thursday 17th April	Mass of the Lord's Supper 6.15pm Confessions after Mass Adoration at Altar of Repose until 9.00pm. Music SPMVC	Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm Confessions after Mass Adoration at Altar of Repose Until 10.00pm
Good Friday 18th April	Outdoor Stations of the Cross St Mary's Church 10.30am The Passion of the Lord 3.00pm Music SPMVC Confession after Liturgy	The Passion of the Lord 3.00pm Music – Lourdes Youth Choir Stations of the Cross 7.30pm Confessions after both Liturgies
Holy Saturday 19th April	Confessions 12.00 noon – 1.00pm	Confessions 12.00 noon – 1.00pm The Easter Vigil, 7.00pm Music St Peter's Male Voice Choir
Easter Sunday 20th April	Mass Times 8.00am, 11.00am Music SPMVC	Mass Times 9.00am 10.30am Music - Lourdes Youth Choir 12.00 noon
Divine Mercy Sunday 27th April	Exposition, Chaplet, Prayers & Confessions. 3.00pm. Mass 4.00pm Music Glóir	

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 each week.

St Peter's Parish Newsletter
St Oliver's Pastoral Area
Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
13th April 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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, the beginning of Holy Week. Palms are available at the back of both churches. Please take the first sprig available.



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.

Last Words from the Cross An hour of reflection and meditation on the Last Words from the Cross will take place in Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Tuesday of Holy Week, 15 April at 7.30pm. It will offer an opportunity to ponder quietly on the last few hours of the Agony of the Crucifixion while leaving us with the hope that comes with the Resurrection.



Archbishop Eamon, along with the clergy of the diocese, will celebrate the **Chrism Mass** on Wednesday 16th April at 7.00pm in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh. All are welcome. An invitation to attend is extended, in particular, to families and schools in the diocese with children who will make their Confirmation this year. The Mass is also available via Armagh Parish Cathedral webcam at www.armaghparish.net

Outdoor Way of the Cross: The Ecumenical Way of the Cross commences on Good Friday from St. Mary's Church at 10.30am, making its way through the medieval streets of Drogheda. The procession will stop at the churches of different Christian denominations where prayers will be recited. The ceremony will conclude at 12 noon on the steps of St Peter's

Church in West Street following a blessing by the assembled clergy.

Good Friday Collection There is a special envelope in your box this week for the Holy Land, which will be taken up on Good Friday. This collection is the main source of income for the maintenance and sustainability of the Christian identity in the Holy Land, and used towards pastoral, social, educational, health and welfare initiatives, but also to provide for our fellow Christians who have been forced to flee the Holy Places due to violence and the threat of war.

Trócaire boxes may be returned to the designated box in either church during the Easter Triduum or Easter Week. 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. This story is told through, Ilma, Julio and their family. Find out more at trocaire.org.

In union with the Universal Church **no morning Masses Thursday to Saturday of Holy Week.**

Bottles of Easter Holy Water available in both churches from the Easter Vigil/ Easter Sunday. Many thanks to the Parish Pastoral Council for organising this initiative.

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.

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.

Pope Francis' intention for April: For the use of the new technologies. Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

Parish Collection for the weekend of

5th/6th April 2025

Loose €1,577 Envelopes €1,195 Tap to donate €541 Total €3,313

Baptism

We welcome Kodi Jason O'Connor Bennett, Levi Temidayo Agboola and Ariya Maria O'Connor **into the Christian community**

Deaths



We pray for the recently deceased Eamonn Leech, Pearse Park, Jack Sheils, Brookville, Donal Floyd, Rhoda McDonnell, Robert Black, Karl Vogelaar, Pauline O'Neill, Thomas Kerr, Ceta Leonard. **May they rest in peace.**

The **Drogheda Civic Trust**, with the support of Louth County Council, is delighted to announce a **Festival of Drogheda History** — a new series of public history seminars to take place throughout 2025, celebrating the rich and diverse heritage of Drogheda and its wider historical context. The festival will consist of three major seminars, beginning with **Oliver Plunkett in Historical Context** on Saturday 3rd May 2025, at St. Peter's Church of Ireland Parish Hall, Peter St, Drogheda. The event will open with a welcome from the Mayor of Drogheda, Cllr. Paddy McQuillan, and will feature a distinguished panel of speakers including Dr. Paul Smith (Trinity College), Dr. Eamon Darcy (Maynooth University), Dr. Annaleigh Margey (Dundalk Institute of Technology), Rev Iggy O'Donovan OSA, and Sean Collins of the Drogheda Civic Trust. Admission is free and the event begins at 10.00am. All are welcome.

The Captain and the Saint - St Oliver Plunkett Art Exhibition of 24 prints (watercolours) from Fintan Tracey's book, *The Captain and the Saint*, which illustrated the life and story of St Oliver Plunkett, in the Barbican Centre, open daily, Monday – Friday, 9.00am to 9.00pm, Saturday, 9.30am - 2.30pm, Sunday 9.30am – 1.30pm.

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.

Lough Derg One Day Retreat 5th May 2025. Further details from Mary 086 403 2364/ 041 685 1754 or Rose 086 845 8808/ 041 982 2504. Bus from Drogheda, Monasterboice and Ardee.