



## Deaths

**We pray for the recently deceased** Sandy Martin, John Paul Court, Betty Levins, Pearse Park, Kevin Kelly, Massachusetts, and formerly Church Street, Charlie Farrell. **May they rest in peace.**

The next meeting of the **Drogheda COPD Support Group** takes place on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2025, from 2.30pm until 4.00pm, in The Barbican Centre, Drogheda. Light refreshments are served and all are welcome to attend. Contact Peter 087 807 1138 or Oliver 083 415 6104 for further details.

**Prayer around the Cross** in candlelight with the music of Taize on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June, 8.00pm – 9.00pm, followed by tea / coffee. “Bethany”, 34 Point Road, Dundalk, A91 WOC9. Tel: 042 933 1602.

**St Peter’s Male Voice Choir** and Musical Director Edward Holly presents “**Keep It Country Too**” in the Barbican Centre on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 8.00pm, with special guests Dawn, Claire Reagan, violinist Jennifer Murphy and a live band. Compere Gerry Kelly. Tickets €25, no booking fee, from the Barbican, Paddy Davis 087 201 9166, Credit Card Purchase 087 220 7383 or on Eventbrite: [www.eventbrite.ie](http://www.eventbrite.ie)

**Cemetery Sunday** will take place as usual on the last Sunday of June, this year, Sunday 29th June, in St Peter’s Cemetery at 3.00pm and Newtown Cross at 5.00pm.

### St Oliver Plunkett, 1625 – 2025 – Founder of Schools

A former teaching professor, St. Oliver believed that education of the young should be a priority in his apostolate as Archbishop of Armagh. Within three months of his arrival back in Ireland, and despite huge opposition, he founded a school in Drogheda. He also retrained priests in this college at Drogheda, as for many decades priests in Ireland had not had an opportunity of a proper priestly formation. Within three and a half years, the school was knocked to the ground by the secular authorities, causing him great sadness. Despite the school’s short duration, it achieved much, and left an enduring legacy among the youth. The college for priests also played a crucial and lasting role in educating and reforming the clergy of the time. St. Oliver Plunkett, pray for us.



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 6.00pm on Wednesday each week.

## St Peter’s Parish Newsletter

St Oliver’s Pastoral Area

### The Ascension of the Lord

#### World Communications Day

1<sup>st</sup> June 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  
St Peter’s Presbytery

041 983 8537  
041 983 8239

Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery

041 983 1899

St Peter’s Church Sacristy  
Our Lady of Lourdes Church Sacristy

041 984 5355  
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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](mailto:office@sppd.ie)

##### The Barbican

St Peter’s Parish

Centre

041-980 7416



#### St Anthony’s Novena

St Peter’s Church

Thursday 5th June – Fri 13th June 2024

Preacher: Fr Michael Nicholas OFM, Ennis Friary.

Masses 10.30am & 7.30pm daily,

except Saturday 7th June, 10.30am & 6.15pm

Sunday 8th June Mass at 11.00am, Holy Hour at

7.30pm

Friday 13th June: Blessing of lilies at both Masses.

Blessing of children 4.00pm. Closing Mass at  
7.30pm.

Tomorrow (Monday) is a **Bank Holiday**. There will be no 8.30am Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Mass at 10.00am in Our Lady of Lourdes and 10.30am in St Peter’s as usual.

#### Confirmation / First Communion 2025

Many thanks to Bishop Michael Router for coming to officiate at Confirmation during the week. All our 2025 Confirmation ceremonies and First Communion Masses have now been held. Many thanks to the school principals and teachers who do such wonderful work preparing the children and for such spirit-filled and meaningful liturgies.

**Ordination to the Priesthood** We rejoice that Giacomo Taffi of the Neo Catechumenal Way and the Redemptoris Mater Seminary, Dundalk, a native of Italy, was ordained to the priesthood of the Archdiocese of

Armagh by Archbishop Eamon Martin yesterday, 31st May, in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh. We wish him much peace, blessing and a fruitful ministry. Ad multos annos.

### June - Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Archbishop Eamon Martin invites us to join him in dedicating the month of June to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, invoking Christ's gift of peace - peace in our hearts, our homes, our country and our world.

Earlier this week the Irish Bishops said: "We in Ireland must pray for a change of heart. Throughout the month of June - the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus - we call on everyone to pray for an outpouring of the compassion of God on a heartless world. To see the relentless bombardment of civilian areas, the deliberate withholding of food from the starving, as well as the callous holding of hostages, it appears that humanity has lost its heart. In the face of these horrors, we invite everyone to turn to the heart of Jesus throughout the month of June by praying for the renewal of heart that our world so desperately needs."

2025 marks the 350th anniversary of the Sacred Heart revelations to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque at Paray-le-Monial, France. The following are some significant initiatives for this month of June:

1. The relics of St Margaret Mary Alacoque and St Claude arrived in Sacred Heart Church, Cloghogue, Newry, on Friday 30th May and will remain there for one week. All are welcome. 2. During the month of June, we are encouraged to recite the invocation, "Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, we place all our trust in you." 3. The Irish Bishops call on all Catholics to make the First Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June, a day of prayer and fasting in solidarity with our sisters and brothers who are suffering at this time in the Holy Land. 4. In Knock, on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, Archbishop Eamon Martin will consecrate Ireland to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Families are invited to bring their Sacred Heart pictures to Mass on the weekend of 21<sup>st</sup> /22<sup>nd</sup> June for a prayer of rededication and blessing of homes and families to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. 5. Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June is the Solemn Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

**St Peter's Church Eucharistic Adoration** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St Peter's Church is as follows: Monday - Friday in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel (including Wednesday due to restoration work at St Oliver's Shrine). Hours of Adoration, 11.00am – 5.00pm (Tuesday to 7.00pm).

**St Peter's Church Perpetual Adoration:** Adorers are needed for the following hours: Tuesday 3.00pm – 4.00pm, Wednesday and Thursday 4.00pm – 5.00pm. Contact Breda on 087 214 8422 or Josie on 087 771 0264.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Our Lady of Lourdes Church,** Sunday afternoon, 1.00pm – 4.00pm, except the First (today 1<sup>st</sup> June) and Fourth Sunday of each month, when exposition does 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).**



**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.

**St Vincent de Paul** monthly church collections this weekend.

**The April SVP Our Lady of Lourdes church gate** collection amounted to €950, and the May collection amounted to €1056. Many thanks to all who contributed.

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June is the **First Friday** of the month. The clergy will visit the sick in accordance with Government and diocesan norms, but only after consultation with the person concerned or their family. Please contact the parish office, either sacristy or any priest if you or your loved one would like a visit.

The **Divine Mercy Chaplet** is recited after the 10.00am Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes Church each First Friday.

The monthly Mass in honour of the **Sacred Heart** (Pioneer Association) will be celebrated on Friday at 10.30am in St Peter's Church.

### **Parish Collection for the weekend of 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

Loose €1,611 Envelopes €1,185 Tap to Donate €699 Total €3,495

**Summer Dues** for the support of the priests of the parish will be collected over the coming weeks. Many thanks for your support. Envelopes are available at the back of both churches.

There will be a second envelope next week for **Peter's Pence**. This collection enables Pope Leo to continue the mission of the Universal Church, to support the upkeep of the Vatican offices and missions abroad, and for the discretionary use by the Holy Father for any charitable initiatives he may support within the Universal church, including for the relief of those most in need.

### **Baptism**

**We welcome** Fiadh Catherine Branigan and Munachimso Jason Iwuh **into the Christian community.**