

St Oliver Plunkett 400, 1625 – 2025

Exhibition of St Oliver Plunkett Artefacts

An exhibition to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the birth of St Oliver Plunkett continues in Drogheda Civic Offices, Fair Street until 6th July 2025. The exhibition includes a number of artefacts and memorabilia, some on public display for the first time, including St Oliver's crozier, episcopal ring, vestments and coffin plate. It also includes a large collection of banners, books, coins and a written account of the then Archbishop's trial in London in 1681 and much more. Open Monday to Friday, 10.00am – 4.00pm. This excellent exhibition is highly recommended. Entrance Free.



Saturday 5th July Family Fun Day, West St,

The Trial of Oliver Plunkett, St Peter's Church, Plaza, West St – Screening of play performance by local drama groups.

Celebrating St Oliver 400 presents a Gala Concert

Saturday 5th July 2025, 8.00pm. St Peter's Church, West Street. Conductor: Edward Holly, Compère: Gerry Kelly. This will be a magical evening featuring guest international soprano Celine Byrne, St Peter's Male Voice Choir Drogheda, violinist Jennifer Murphy and tenor Seán Tester as well as some of Ireland's top musicians. Tickets €25, no booking fee. St Peter's Church Shop, West St., Drogheda (041) 984 5355. Our Lady of Lourdes Church Sacristy, Hardman's Gardens (041) 983 1973. Paddy Davis (087) 201 9166 / Tommy Burns (087) 769 3477, Credit Card Purchase: (087) 220 7383 or saintoliverplunkett@gmail.com Tickets also available on Eventbrite: www.eventbrite.ie Tickets on sale this weekend, 21st /22nd June after Masses, as well as next weekend, 28th /29th June.

Glorious Martyr St Oliver, who willingly gave your life for your faith, help us also to be strong in faith. May we be loyal like you to the See of Peter. By your intercession and example, may all hatred and bitterness be banished from the hearts of men and women. May the peace of Christ reign in our hearts, as it did in your heart, even at the moment of your death. Pray for us, for Ireland and the whole world. Amen.

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 6.00pm on Wednesday each week.

St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area

SS Peter and Paul, Apostles

29th 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

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Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery

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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

Cemetery Sunday

Cemetery Sunday takes place today, Sunday 29th June, in St Peter's Cemetery at 3.00pm and Newtown Cross at 5.00pm.

As always, people are invited to prepare family graves. Priests and deacons will bless the graves during the ceremonies. Not everyone will be able to attend the annual Cemetery Sunday celebration. Some parishioners may prefer to make a private visit to the Cemetery later on the Sunday evening or during the week beginning Monday 30th June.

A Garda Traffic Management Plan will be in operation. Please comply with directions.

There will be a **Gate Collection** for the upkeep of the Cemetery. Please use the special envelope in your box (29th June) which can be put into the basket in the Cemetery or in the church. We rely on your support. Thank you.

Masses at 11.00am and 12.00 noon today will be offered for all those interred in our cemeteries.

Sunday 6th July - St Oliver Plunkett 400 Sunday

Procession of Relics from Holy Family Church at 3.00pm. Mass at 4.00pm in St Peter's Church, West St.

Celebrant and Preacher: Archbishop Eamon Martin DD, 23rd Successor to St Oliver in the See of Armagh. Visiting bishops and other dignitaries will also be in attendance.

All are welcome to attend this special Mass to mark the 400th anniversary of the birth of St Oliver.

Refreshments afterwards in The Marcy Hotel, West St.

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 and Fourth Sunday of each month, today 29th June, 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.

The Pope's monthly intention for July:

For formation in discernment: Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

Feast days this week

Tuesday 1 st July	St Oliver Plunkett, bishop and martyr
Thursday 3 rd July	St Thomas, Apostle

Friday 4th July 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 21st / 22nd June 2025

Loose €1,493 Envelopes €1,325 Tap to Donate €535 Total €3,353

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.

Baptism

We welcome Skaiste Gervinskaite and Luca McKenzie *into the Christian community*

Deaths



We pray for the recently deceased Peter Woods, Highfield formerly Windmill Road, Paddy Townley, Boyle O'Reilly, Ann McDonagh, London, Jean Lambe, Tony Duff, Ian McCormack, Dennis Fitzsimons, Noeleen Keelan, Michael Thornton, Sandy Martin, Betty Levins, Kevin Kelly. **May they rest in peace.**

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

The next meeting of the **Drogheda COPD Support Group** will take place on Friday 4th July 2025, from 2.30pm until 4.00pm, in The Barbican Centre, Drogheda. Light refreshments are served and all are welcome to attend. For further details, contact Peter 087 807 1138 or Oliver 083 415 6104.

Do you want to learn more about your faith? If you are interested, why not consider joining the Armagh Diocesan Theology programme, starting in late September by contacting Milanda on 042 934 2954 or milanda@parishandfamily.ie (9.00am – 2.00pm). The programme is accredited by St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth. There are no educational entry requirements, and completion of the course is based on submitted work and does not include sitting exams.

'Surely we need to 'abound in hope' (Rom 15:13) so that we may bear credible and attractive witness to the faith and love that dwell in our hearts; that our faith may be joyful and our charity enthusiastic; and that each of us may be able to offer a smile, a small gesture of friendship, a kind look, a ready ear, a good deed, in the knowledge that, in the Spirit of Jesus, these can become, for those who receive them, rich seeds of hope.'

Pope Francis