

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, coffin plate, relic, reliquary. 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 performance of play 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 next weekend, 21st/22nd June after Masses.

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, with Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishops of Ireland and several visiting bishops and other dignitaries. 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 Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area

The Most Holy Trinity

15th 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

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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

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The Barbican

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Day for Life 2025

This year's Day for Life taking place today, Sunday 15th

June, is an invitation to pray for those who suffer and to remain with them like the Good Samaritan, bearing witness to their unique and unrepeatable value. We see this closeness in the generous and fruitful service of healthcare professionals whose mission continues even when there is no longer any prospect of physical healing. We see it in another way in families, carers and chaplains who support their brothers and sisters who are sick or frail or struggling with the many burdens of life. As Christians, we affirm them and hold out to them the hope of Jesus Christ who does not disappoint us. To read the full Irish Bishops' message visit www.councilforlife.ie.

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day takes place today 15th June. Let us respect and protect our older brothers and sisters.

The National Pilgrimage for Life organised by the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, will be celebrated on Saturday 21st June at Knock Shrine at 3.00pm during which the Anointing of the Sick will take place. Main celebrant and homilist will be Bishop Martin Hayes of Kilmore.

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. 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 on Sunday 29th June will be offered for all those interred in our cemeteries.

June - Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

1. Sunday 22nd June, Archbishop Eamon Martin will consecrate Ireland to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Knock. Families are invited to bring their Sacred Heart pictures to Mass on the weekend of 21st /22nd June for a prayer of rededication and blessing of homes and families to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
2. Friday 27th June is the Solemn Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. 3. The stained-glass window in St Peter's Church beside the Sacred Heart Altar depicts beautifully Our Lord revealing his Sacred Heart to Sr Margaret Mary Alacoque.

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, 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.

Parish Collection for the weekend of 7th / 8th June 2025

Loose €1,566 Envelopes €1,245 Tap to Donate €535 Total €3,346

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 Kyle Madeja and Skylar Rosie Smith *into the Christian community*

Deaths



We pray for the recently deceased Jean Lambe, Killineer Cottages, Tony Duff, College Rise, Ian McCormack, North Road, Dennis Fitzsimons, Boyne Meadow, Slane Road, Noeleen Keelan, Michael Thornton, Sandy Martin, Betty Levins, Kevin Kelly. **May they rest in peace.**

St Padre Pio monthly novena will be held in St Mary's Church, James Street on Thursday 19th June. Rosary at 7.00pm and Mass at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Lough Derg 3 Day Pilgrimage, 28th -30th June 2025. Contact Mary 086 403 2364/ 041 685 1754, Rose 086 845 8808/ 041 982 2504. Bus departs from Drogheda, Monasterboice, Ardee, Monaghan. Faithful to a tradition inspired by Patrick, Lough Derg is here to offer opportunities for deep encounter with self and with God in these changing times.

Blood Donor Clinic coming to the TLT Monday 23rd June – Thursday 26th June 2025 from 4.00pm – 8.00pm. Check your eligibility and book an appointment at giveblood.ie or call us on 1800 222 111.

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. 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. If you are interested and would like more information contact Milanda on 042 934 2954 or milanda@parishandfamily.ie (9.00am – 2.00pm).

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.