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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

Do you want to learn more about your faith? Do you want more confidence to play a role in your parish? If you are interested, why not consider joining the Armagh Diocesan Theology programme. 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. Our Theology programme will be continuing this year, starting late September. If you are interested and would like more information contact Milanda on 042 934 2954 or milanda@parishandfamily.ie (9.00am – 2.00pm).

St Oliver Plunkett, 1625 – 2025 - Promoter of Peace and Reconciliation



St. Oliver brought peace and order to each diocese that he visited by settling countless disputes, writing: “I found serious divisions in them...But by the grace of God, all is now quiet in the dioceses which I have visited.” He also went in person to the hideout of the Tories or Raparees who were carrying on a war of attrition and successfully negotiated ‘as Gaeilge’ a peace agreement between them and the Government, writing: ‘The [Metropolitan] Province [of Armagh] has not had greater peace in thirty years.’ St. Oliver is recognised as Patron for Peace and Reconciliation and we give thanks to God that in the early decades of the twenty-first century, we can now repeat those same words of St. Oliver. We pray through his intercession that this may continue into the future as we crave for lasting peace and reconciliation in our country and throughout the world, not least in East Africa, the Ukraine and the Holy Land. St Oliver, pray for us.

St Oliver Plunkett Exhibition: Civic Offices, Fair St, Drogheda. Monday to Friday, 9th June – 6th July, 2025, 10.00am - 4.00pm. St Oliver artefacts and memorabilia, some on public display for first time. Part of the St Oliver Plunkett 400 celebrations.

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
Pentecost Sunday**

8th 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 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 Anthony’s Novena
St Peter’s Church
continues until Friday 13th June 2024
Preacher: Fr Michael Nicholas OFM, Ennis Friary.
Masses 10.30am & 7.30pm daily,
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.

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
St Peter’s Parish
Centre
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June - Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
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. During the month of June, we are encouraged to recite the invocation, “Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, we place all our trust in you.”
2. Archbishop Eamon Martin will consecrate Ireland to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Knock on Sunday 22nd June. 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.
3. Friday 27th June is the Solemn Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

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.

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.

God First St Peter's Youth Group for teenagers 13-17 years old meets on the second and fourth Friday of each month in the Family Room of Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Come along to encounter God, make new friends and have fun.

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.

Feast Days this week

Monday 9 th June	St Columba (Colmcille) Abbot & Missionary, Second Patron of Ireland
Wednesday 11 th June	St Barnabas, apostle
Friday 13 th June	St Anthony of Padua, priest and doctor of the Church

Parish Collection for the weekend of 31st May/ 1st June 2025

Loose €1,439 Envelopes €1,260 Tap to Donate €631 Total €3,330

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 this weekend 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.

Marriage

Congratulations to Katie Matthews and Ciaran Haughey **on their recent wedding**

Deaths



We pray for the recently deceased Noeleen Keelan, Brookville, Michael Thornton, St Laurence's Park, Sandy Martin, Betty Levins, Kevin Kelly. **May they rest in peace.**

Lough Derg 3 Day Pilgrimage, 28th - 30th June 2025. Further details from 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, who himself found new hope and purpose in his stime among the mountains, Lough Derg is here to offer opportunities for deep encounter with self and with God in these changing times.

St Peter's Male Voice Choir and Musical Director Edward Holly presents **"Keep It Country Too"** in the Barbican Centre on Saturday 14th 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

Scoil Aonghusa – Drogheda's Gaelscoil since 1981. 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