

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

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

22nd 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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Cemetery Sunday

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.

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.

June - Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

1. Archbishop Eamon Martin will consecrate Ireland to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Knock today, Sunday 22nd June. Families are invited to bring their Sacred Heart pictures to Mass this weekend, 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.

Feast days this week

Tuesday 24 th June	The Nativity of St John the Baptist
Friday 27 th June	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Parish Collection for the weekend of 14th / 15th June 2025

Loose €1,475 Envelopes €1,195 Tap to Donate €519 Total €3,189

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.

Marriage

Congratulations to Keith Drenham and Urunda Deshpande **on their recent wedding**

Baptism

We welcome Victoria Crosbie **into the Christian community**

Deaths



We pray for the recently deceased Jean Lambe, Tony Duff, Ian McCormack, Dennis Fitzsimons, Noeleen Keelan, Michael Thornton, Sandy Martin, Betty Levins, Kevin Kelly. **May they rest in peace.**

Lourdes Youth Choir annual awards night will be held this Tuesday 24th June 2025 at 7.00pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Everyone is welcome to attend. The choir will perform on the night and awards will be presented. Many thanks to the Lourdes Youth Choir for its superb music at the 10.30am Sunday Mass.



St Anthony's Novena Many thanks to those who bought the Brief magazine or who made a donation to the Franciscan Missionary Union during the recent novena. The amount raised was €885.00

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 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.