

**Drogheda and Districts Men's Shed** invites you to its Open Day on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2025 from 11.00am to 5.00pm. Why not pop in and bring along the whole family to our Shed at Mullaghcrone, Donore Road, just 1 km from the roundabout at the M1 motorway. There's lots to see in workshops and gardens among other things. The barbeque will be lit and there will be some light refreshments served on the day. New members are welcome.

**Altar Society Church Gate Collection** on the weekend of 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> July. Many thanks to the altar societies of both churches for their wonderful work.



**“Blessed are those who have not lost hope” (cf. Sir 14:2)**

Join the National Grandparents Pilgrimage at Knock Shrine on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2025, celebrating World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Chief celebrant Archbishop Francis Duffy. Grandparents, families and all the faithful are invited to this joyful celebration. Those unable to attend can take part online at [www.knockshrine.ie/watch](http://www.knockshrine.ie/watch)

Lord Jesus, you were born of the Virgin Mary, the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne. Look with love on grandparents the world over. Protect them! They are a source of enrichment for families, for the Church and for all of society.

Support them! As they grow older, may they continue to be for their families strong pillars of Gospel faith, guardians of noble domestic ideals, living treasures of sound religious traditions. Make them teachers of wisdom and courage, that they may pass on to future generations the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience. Lord Jesus, help families and society to value the presence and roles of grandparents. May they never be ignored or excluded, but always encounter respect and love. Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed in all the years of life which you give them.

**Extract from prayer by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI for the Catholic Grandparents Association:**

**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](mailto: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.

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. The Newsletter will return on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

## St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area

### Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6<sup>th</sup> July 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

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Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery

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

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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



### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 Homilist: Archbishop Eamon Martin DD, 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of St Oliver. Refreshments afterwards in The Marcy Hotel, West St. Parishioners may wish to make this Mass their Sunday Mass.

Refurbishment work at St Oliver Plunkett Shrine in St Peter's Church has been completed. We are honoured to be custodians of the relic of the head of the Patron of Peace, Forgiveness and Reconciliation.

**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.

**Welcome** to Ciarán Carragher, a seminarian for the Archdiocese of Armagh who will be with us for the month of July. Ciarán who has completed his second year of theology in St Patrick's College, Maynooth is a native of Warrenpoint, Co. Down, and is a former fire fighter and personal trainer.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> July, 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 gate collection will be taken up this weekend.

**Pope Leo'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**

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July

St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe

***Parish Collection for the weekend of 28<sup>th</sup> / 29<sup>th</sup> June 2025***

Loose €1,295 Envelopes €1,035 Tap to Donate €651 Total €2,981

**Cemetery Sunday Thanks**

Sincere thanks to all who prepared family graves in St Peter's Cemetery or Newtown Cross Cemetery for the Cemetery Blessings last Sunday. Thank you to those who contributed to the collection at St Peter's Cemetery, by envelope, or online for the upkeep of St Peter's Cemetery through the parish website [www.sppd.ie](http://www.sppd.ie) (donate / general parish upkeep / message – St Peter's Cemetery). The total amount realised so far is €7,080, which is very generous. Many thanks to the Gardaí, Red Cross, the CE participants for maintaining the Cemetery so well, collectors, soloist, the sound people, clergy, sacristans and those who organised and participated in the liturgy in any way.

**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.

**Deaths**



***We pray for the recently deceased*** Ted (Edmund) Grant, Scarlet Crescent, Olive Tiernan, Ashfield View, Peter Woods, Paddy Townley, Ann McDonagh, Jean Lambe, Tony Duff, Ian McCormack, Dennis Fitzsimons, Noeleen Keelan. ***May they rest in peace.***

**No 8.30am Mass St Peter's Church, Monday to Friday, July & August 2025**

As in previous years, there will be no 8.30am Mass in the parish, Monday to Friday, for July & August. Weekday Masses, Monday to Saturday, in St Peter's Church at 10.30am and in Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 10.00am continue throughout the summer. There is no change to the Parish Sunday Mass, Baptism and Confession schedules. Many thanks for your understanding. The Church will open as usual during the summer at 8.00am. The 8.30am St Peter's Church weekday Mass will resume on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September.

**Leinster Fleadh Mass**

Mass will be celebrated in St Peter's Church next Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 6.15pm featuring traditional Irish music.

**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](mailto:info@droghedacsc.net)