

**The September Family Mass takes place in Our Lady of Lourdes Church today,
Sunday 28th September at 10.30am.**

Young Helpers wanted for Family Mass - Last Sunday of each Month

We are looking for young volunteers to help out once a month at our Family Mass. Children can participate by: Reading the Prayer of the Faithful. Reading the Scriptures, a Poem or a Reflection. Bringing up Gifts to the Altar. This is a lovely way for children to get involved in the Mass and be part of our parish life. All children are welcome even if they have helped before or are just getting started. If your child would like to participate, please contact Clare on 086 850 8955 or speak to us after Mass.

God First, St Peter's Youth Group is back after the summer break. Teens aged 13 - 17 are invited to come along on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month, 6.00pm – 8.00pm in the Family Room in Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

Drogheda Red Cross Teddy Bears: Enrolling New Members 4-9 years old. First Aid Training, Health & Hygiene, visits and talks from other Emergency Services. Saturday afternoon, 12noon -1.00pm. Lourdes Community and Recreation Centre, Yellowbatter. Contact 087 320 7447 or youth.drogheda@irishredcross.com

Drogheda COPD Support Group monthly meeting takes place in the Barbican Centre on Friday 3rd October 2025, from 2.30pm until 4.00pm. Light refreshments are served and all are welcome to attend. Exercise classes take place every Monday, also in the Barbican Centre, Drogheda from 12noon-1.00pm. Classes are €5 each. For further details contact Peter (087 807 1138) or Oliver (083 415 6104).

A Remembrance Mass for Missing People and their Families

St. Peter's Church, West Street, on Sunday, 5th October at 3.00pm.

The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Eamon Martin of Armagh. This is a poignant occasion to pray for missing people, for comfort and strength for families, and to guide all search efforts towards their successful return. Prayers will also be offered for Irish people missing abroad. We pray that the suffering of all these families will end. 11,088 people were reported missing in Ireland in 2024 of whom 66 are still missing. There are currently over 900 unsolved missing people cases in Ireland, including some from our own area. Refreshments will be served in The Marcy Hotel after the Mass.

Blessing of the Animals, Augustinian Garden of Remembrance, Shop Street, Drogheda on Saturday October 4th at 3.00pm

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.

St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

28th September 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
041 983 8239

Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery

041 983 1899

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

041 984 5355
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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

St Peter's Parish
Centre
041-980 7416

A **Prayer Service**, marking the 46th Anniversary of the Visit of St Pope John Paul II to Killineer, will take place at the Pope's Cross monument today, Sunday 28th September at 5.00pm. Many thanks to the locals who look after the monument so well throughout the year. A St Oliver oak sapling will be planted as part of the ceremony.

LMFM will broadcast Mass today, Sunday 28th September at 9.00am from St Peter's Parish. Celebrant, Fr Eugene Sweeney, PP; Homilist, Deacon David Durrigan; Music, St Peter's Male Voice Choir. The monthly Mass in honour of St Oliver Plunkett is incorporated into this Mass.

The following **Area Masses** will take place in Our Lady of Lourdes Church: Pearse Park Mass, Monday 29th September 2025 at 7.30pm
Newfield Mass, Monday, 6th October 2025, at 7.30pm

St Oliver Plunkett Golden Jubilee of Canonisation

In addition to marking the 400th Anniversary of the birth of St Oliver Plunkett this year, we also celebrate the Golden Jubilee of his canonisation by Pope Paul VI in Rome on 12th October 1975. Celebrations to mark the Canonisation giving thanks for the gift of our saintly Archbishop and asking his intercession for the renewal of faith in our land will be as follows:

St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, Friday 10th October, 6.30pm - Sung Evening Prayer followed by refreshments in the Synod Hall. This liturgy will be enriched by the participation of choir members from across the diocese and will be recorded for the BBC and later streamed.

St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, Sunday 12th October, 11.00am - Mass celebrated by Archbishop Eamon Martin, 23rd Successor to St Oliver Plunkett in Armagh.

St Peter's Church, Drogheda, Sunday, 12th October, 11.00am - Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael Router, Auxiliary Bishop of Armagh. Fr Martin Plunkett, a member of the Plunkett family and a priest of Westminster Archdiocese, a very fine singer, who will sing a song / hymn he composed in honour of his kinsman, will also be present.

The Dunsany Heritage Talk 2025, 'Archbishop & Martyr – The Life and Death of St Oliver Plunkett', a talk by Bishop Paul Connell of Ardagh and Clonmacnoise to mark the 400th anniversary of his birth and the 50th anniversary of his canonisation will take place on Thursday 2nd October, 7.30pm at Killeen Castle Golf Club, Dunsany, Co Meath C15 FH39. All welcome – Admission free. In association with Dunsany ICA Guild, supported by Meath County Council Heritage Office.

Season of Creation with the theme, Peace with Creation, is celebrated, 1st September – 4th October (Feast of St Francis of Assisi), 2025. See catholicbishops.ie and seasonofcreation.org.

Rosary and Benediction recommence in the Parish next Sunday 5th October, in St Peter's Church at 5.00pm. Sunday evening devotions take place in the months dedicated to Our Lady, namely May and October.

St Peter's Church Eucharistic Adoration Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St Peter's Church is as follows: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel; Wednesday in the main body of the church. Hours of Adoration, 11.00am – 5.00pm (Tuesday to 7.00pm).

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).

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.



Baptisms: Parents should please contact the sacristies to arrange 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.

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 next weekend. Local needs are great at this time.

Feast days this week

Monday 29 th September	SS Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
Wednesday 1 st October	St Therese of the Child Jesus
Saturday 4 th October	St Francis of Assisi

The annual **Venerable Matt Talbot Mass** will take place today, Sunday 28th September 2025 in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Sean McDermott St, Dublin at 3.00pm.

Feast of St Thérèse of Lisieux: Wednesday 1st October, is the Memorial of St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, better known as St Thérèse Collection of Lisieux or the Little Flower. The feast will be marked in a special way at the 10.30am Mass in St Peter's Church where roses will be blessed and a communal blessing of the congregation with the Saint's relic will be given.

Friday 3rd October 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 September 20th /21st September 2025

Loose €1,496 Envelopes €1,301 Tap to Donate €692 Total €3,489

St Patrick's Cathedral Armagh Collection €595.00

The 12 collected €1,323 and £20 last weekend in St Peter's Parish and convey their sincere thanks.

Autumn Dues for the support of the Priests of the Parish will be collected over the coming weeks. Many thanks for your great generosity, and to our collectors.

Deaths



We pray for the recently deceased Derek Matthews, Bredin Street, Anthony (Tony) Murphy, Hillview, formerly Boyle O'Reilly Terrace, Eamonn Wright, Ascal a Dó, Yellowbatter, Denis Doherty, Therease Leddy, Sr Maura (Maria Rosa) Magner, MMM, Fr James Gordon IC, Gerry Levins, Geraldine Reynolds. **May they rest in peace.**