

Baptisms

We welcome Mia Saras, Iarlaith Fallen Bailey and Rian Richard Harty *into the Christian community.*

Deaths



We pray for the recently deceased Denis Doherty, Brookville, Therease Leddy nee Montague, Ardee formerly Yellowbatter, Sr Maura (Maria Rosa) Magner, MMM, Fr James Gordon IC, Gerry Levins, Geraldine Reynolds, Olive Lynn, Sheila Marie Belotindos, Alan Kenny. **May they rest in peace.**

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

Sonaírí Launch Concert: **Awakening** – Drogheda will welcome the official launch of Sonaírí, an exciting new Irish vocal duo bringing fresh energy and elegance to opera, musical theatre, Irish song, and timeless classics, featuring Amie Dyer & David Corr. Thursday 2nd October 2025 at 8.00pm in St Peter's Church of Ireland, Drogheda Tickets: €20 – available at www.sonairi.com with limited availability at the door.

A Remembrance Mass for Missing People and their Families

will be held in **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, and 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.

Hope Fest A Day of Praise and Worship Inviting you to a day to sing, share, and celebrate the hope we have in Christ. Experience powerful worship, inspiring talks, and life-changing stories. Ardee Parish Centre, Saturday 15th November 2025, 3.00pm – 9.00pm. Tickets available from eventbrite.ie

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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

21st 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

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 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

The 12 is a group of Intentional Disciples from different walks of life founded by Fr Gerry Campbell, PP, Knockbridge, and commissioned by Cardinal Brady in 2012. Their Mission Statement records that their aim is “to know and love Jesus more, and to make him better known and loved.” Fr Paul Clayton-Lea has written a book telling their story and outlining their testimonies. Members of The 12 will speak at all Masses (with exception of 8.00am and 9.00am) this weekend and will sell their book, retailing at €5.00 (50% towards printing, 50% towards Trócaire Gaza).

A **Prayer Service** to mark the 46th Anniversary of the Visit of St Pope John Paul II to Killineer will take place at the Pope's Cross monument on Sunday 28th September at 5.00pm. Many thanks to the locals who look after the monument so well throughout the year.

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.



TheWay.ie is a new digital platform set up by the Irish Bishops' Conference dedicated to sharing the 'Good News' and the witness of the Catholic Church in Ireland. It is intended to help people discover the faith, live the faith and pass on the faith. It is for both seekers and followers. Use QR code to access the site

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.

Diaconate

The seminarians, Gabriel Neal and Jacek Tuszkiwicz of the Redemptoris Mater Seminary, Dundalk will be ordained Deacons for the Archdiocese of Armagh on Saturday 4th October 2025 at 3.00pm in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh. Please God they will be ordained priests of the archdiocese next year.

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

Pope Leo's monthly intention for September: For our relationship with all of creation: Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

Feast days this week

Tuesday 23rd September

St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

Feast of St Thérèse of Lisieux: Wednesday 1st October, is the Memorial of St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, better known as St Thérèse 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.

St Joseph's Young Priests' Society monthly meeting will be held in Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery, Hardman's Gardens on Thursday 25th September at 10.30am. New members are welcome. Contact Margaret on 086 602 4982 for further information.

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

Parish Collection for the weekend of September 13th /14th September 2025

Loose €1,303 Envelopes €935 Tap to Donate €580 Total €2,818

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.

There will be a **second envelope** this weekend for **St Patrick's Cathedral Armagh** for the ongoing restoration and maintenance of the Cathedral so that it might remain a centre of hope and prayer for generations to come.



Marriage

Congratulations to Jake Faulkner & Lauren Smyth ***on their recent wedding***