

Pro-Life Holy Hour will be held on Saturday 8th November and 13th December 2025 from 9.50am – 10.50am followed by Mass at 11.00am. in St Saviour’s Church, Dominic Street, Dublin DO1 A4EA. Contact Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal 041 983 0441, www.franciscansisterscfr.com/st-anthony for further details.

Armagh Diocesan Congress, Youth, Family and Faith – Preparatory Consultation – The Barbican, William St on Wednesday 5th November at 7.30pm. In preparation for the Armagh Diocesan Congress of March coming, St Oliver’s Pastoral Area Consultation, as requested by the archdiocese, is hosting an autumn congress gathering. The main discernment question will be: “What can we do together, in our schools, homes, parishes and in the Archdiocese of Armagh, to help young people and families to grow in faith and get to know Jesus in a real and personal way?” Please come along.

Hope Fest, Awake - Rise Up a day to sing, share, and celebrate the hope we have in Christ. Experience powerful worship, inspiring talks and life-changing stories. Saturday 15th November 2025 15.00pm – 9.00pm, Ardee Parish Centre, Hale Street, Ardee.

Aras Mhuire Nursing Facility in Beechgrove Drogheda offers Long Term Care, Respite, Convalescence & Palliative Care. It is owned and managed by The Medical Missionaries of Mary and is fully HIQA compliant. Currently we have vacancies and are open to admissions. Please email your enquiries to nursemanager@arasmhuire.com

Are you, or someone you know, living with a long-term health condition? If so, then you may be interested in the ‘Living Well Programme’. Living Well is a FREE, 6week self-management group programme for adults living with long term health conditions, such as asthma, COPD, diabetes, heart conditions, stroke. There are spaces available on the following Programmes: Online - starting on Tuesday 4th November Ardee – starting on Friday 7th November in the Regional Education Centre To book your place please contact Aine 041 685 0676 / 087 114 0371, Elaine 041 686 0710 / 087 430 8735.

Abide in His Love Women’s Conference 21st-23rd November. The Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran Co. Donegal. A beautiful event for women exploring the beauty and gift of their feminine identity in Christ. Guest Speakers include Sr. Mary Madeline Todd OP (USA), Megan Madden from ‘A Mother’s Lace’ (USA/UK), Fr. Barry Braum, Fr. Mark Wharton (UK), Fr. Francesco Mary Gavazzi, CFR, the Nashville Dominican sisters. Mass with Archbishop Eamon Martin. Check Eventbrite for tickets and more information.

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

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Mission Sunday.

19th October 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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St Peter’s Presbytery 041 983 8239

Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery 041 983 1899

St Peter’s 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
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Mission Sunday which is celebrated on the second last Sunday in October each year, takes place today Sunday 19th October. World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father’s annual appeal in support of overseas mission. All offerings made at this time will help missionaries care for some of the world’s most vulnerable people in over 120 countries. **Missio** Ireland coordinates World Mission Sunday throughout all dioceses in Ireland. There is a second envelope this weekend for Mission Sunday.

Rosary and Benediction in St Peter’s Church at 5.00pm. At Pope Leo’s request we pray for peace during our Sunday evening devotions which take place in the months dedicated to Our Lady, namely May and October.



St Oliver Plunkett 400
St Oliver Plunkett was born on 1st November 1625. While the main 400th Anniversary of his birth was celebrated on 6th July, St Oliver will be remembered in a special way at the 10.30am Mass in St Peter’s Church on 1st November, All Saints Day.

We warmly invite all families to join us for our annual **October Dress-Up Family Mass** next Sunday 26th October at 10.30am at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. We encourage all children to come dressed as their favourite saint — whether it’s St Patrick, St Brigid, St Carlo Acutis, or any of the countless heroes of faith who inspire us! We’ll have a short procession of saints and gifts and treats for the children after mass. We

look forward to coming together as a parish family to honour all the saints in heaven and celebrate the call to holiness in our own lives.

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.

God First, St Peter's Youth Group 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.

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

Prayer of St Pope John Paul II for peace. Feast 22nd October

Lord hear my voice, for it is the voice of all the victims of all wars and violence among individuals and nations. Hear my voice, for it is the voice of all children who suffer, when people put their faith in weapons and war. Hear my voice when I beg you to instil into the hearts of all human beings, the wisdom of peace, the strength of justice and the joy of fellowship. Hear my voice, for I speak for the multitudes in every country and in every period of history, who do not want war and are ready to walk the road of peace. Hear my voice and grant insight and strength, so that we may always respond to hatred with love, to injustice with total dedication to justice, to need with sharing of self, to war with peace. O God, hear

my voice and grant unto the world Your everlasting peace. Amen.

Parish Collection for the weekend of October 11th /12th October 2025

Loose €1,433 Envelopes €1,380 Tap to Donate €602 Total €3,415

Baptism

We welcome Hannah Carmel Dunne, Leo James Mathews and Henrikas Aleksionas *into the Christian community*

Marriage

Congratulations to Gail Marcos & Kenneth Rukenbrod *on their recent wedding.*

Deaths



We pray for the recently deceased Freda Meehan, Brookville, Theresa McDonnell, Springfield Park, Ann Kelly, Beaulieu View, Gabrielle (Gay) Rigney, Bettystown, Jenny Collins, Vincent Healy, William (Willie) Cummins, Patrick (Pat) Sheehan, Gay Gorman, Anthony Connor, Keith Gorman, Bernard Gallagher Jnr, Derek Matthews, Anthony (Tony) Murphy, Eamonn Wright. *May they rest in peace.*

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

November Parish List of the Dead envelopes are available in both churches. All Masses on Sunday 2nd November, Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day), will be offered for those whose names are on the 2025 List of the Dead, as well as Masses throughout November, monthly Masses in both St Peter's and Our Lady of Lourdes Churches, and other dedicated Masses. Please leave the envelopes in the secure box provided or in the Sunday basket.

November Remembrance of the Dead and Prayer for the Bereaved

Our parish celebration will take place in Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Saturday 8th November at the 7.00pm Vigil Mass. The names of all those whose funerals have taken place in the Parish, and/or who have been buried in the Parish, in the past twelve months, will be read out. A candle will be lit for each of the deceased.

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. If your child would like to participate, please contact Clare on 086 850 8955 or speak to us after Mass.