Diocesan Congress on Youth, Family and Faith

Next March the Archdiocese of Armagh will hold a Diocesan Congress on Youth, Family and Faith in the Armagh City Hotel. All are invited to take part in preparing for this special time of renewal and reflection. Parish listening sessions are now underway to gather ideas and hopes for the future of our diocesan family. If you have not yet taken part, or are unable to attend one of these gatherings, you can participate online. The web address is https://forms.gle/ejKACLbCYTxNwouc8 Please take home a copy of the Congress Prayer or download it from the Armagh Prays website, and pray it daily for our young people, families and for the renewal of faith in our diocese.

Congress Prayer

God our Father, we your people take time to be still and to bid ourselves to pray, listen and learn. In the stillness of our searching, you remind us that all journeys of faith begin in your Word "Love one another as I have loved you".

And so, Father, through you, with you and in you, full of love and respect for each other and all you have created, we go forward renewed as pilgrims of hope. With hearts full of hope and anticipation, we your people in the Archdiocese of Armagh pray for your blessing and guidance for our Congress on Youth, Family, and Faith.

As we strive to meet the pastoral needs of the young in our faith community at this time and in this place, send your Holy Spirit to inspire and guide us.

May this Congress empower our youth in their faith journeys, strengthen their families of origin and foster deeper encounters with your love and grace. Through our prayer and dialogue let us grow in understanding of our calling as your people and align our plans with your divine will. May we be a Church of families living and working for justice, peace and love in the world.

We ask this through the intercession of the saints of Armagh, Patrick, Brigid, Malachy and Oliver and the protection of our Blessed Mother, Mary. We have God's work to do. So, rise, let us be on our way. Amen.

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.

World Youth Day 2000 Reunion Friday 25th November, Benburb Priory, 6.00pm Welcome, Mass at 6.30pm Celebrant Fr Gerry Campbell. 7.30pm Food and craic. Contact Brenda Lacey, 00 44 7856 968091.

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

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

26th October 2025

Canon Eugene Sweeney PP
Fr Aidan Murphy PE, AP
Fr Cloophes Lyray Priest in F

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

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Mass Times St Peter's Church Monday to Friday 8.30am & 10.30am

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

Rosary and Benediction in St Peter's Church this Sunday evening at 5.00pm. At Pope Leo's request we pray for peace.



St Oliver Plunkett 400

St Oliver Plunkett was born on 1st November 1625. St Oliver will be remembered in a special way at the 10.30am Mass in St Peter's Church on Saturday 1st November, All Saints' Day.

In preparation for **All Saints' Day**, we extend a warm welcome to all families as they join us for our annual **October Dress-Up Family Mass**, today Sunday 26th October at 10.30am in Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Well done to all the children who have come dressed as their favourite saint. We'll have a short procession of saints and gifts and treats for the children after mass. We come together as a parish family to honour all the saints in heaven and celebrate the call to holiness in our own lives.

Tomorrow, Monday, is a **Bank Holiday.** There will be no 8.30am Mass in St Peter's Church. Mass as usual in Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 10.00am, and in St Peter's Church at 10.30am.

Saturday 1st November is the Solemnity of All Saints,

a Holy day of Obligation.

Vigil Mass on Friday in Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 7.30pm. Saturday morning masses in St Peter's Church at 8.30am and 10.30am, and in Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 10.00am.



The rosary and prayers for all the faithful departed will be recited each day during the month of November in **St Peter's Cemetery** at 3.00pm, beginning on **Saturday 1st November**, meeting at the Calvary memorial and then walking around the cemetery. All are welcome to attend and to remember their loved ones in prayer.

Sunday 2nd November is **All Souls' Day.** Sunday Masses as usual.

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 – 4.00pm winter schedule. (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. <u>www.sppd</u>.ie or <u>www.churchservices</u>.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 2^{nd} and 4^{th} 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

St Vincent de Paul monthly church gate collection next weekend. Local needs are great at this time.

Feast days this week

Tuesday 28th October SS Simon and Jude, Apostles

Saturday 1st November All Saints

St Joseph's Young Priests' Society monthly meeting on Thursday 30th October at 10.30am in Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery at 10.30am. All welcome.

Parish Collection for the weekend of October 18th /19th October 2025 Loose €1,495 Envelopes €1,090 Tap to Donate €585 Total €3,170 Mission Sunday Collection €820.00

Deaths



We pray for the recently deceased Joe Leech, Pearse Park, Marie McAuley, Newtownstalaban, Nuala Kavanagh, Windmill Road, Pat Donaghy, Ascal a Dó, Yellowbatter, Freda Meehan, Theresa McDonnell, Ann Kelly, Gabrielle (Gay) Rigney, Jenny Collins, Vincent Healy, William Cummins, Patrick Sheehan, Gay Gorman, Anthony Connor, Keith Gorman, Bernard Gallagher Jnr. 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.

Armagh Diocesan Congress, Youth, Family and Faith – Preparatory Consultation – The Barbican, William Street, 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.