

MISSIO Children Helping Children Children’s Day of Mission Prayer Friday 10th October
Young people sharing hope and solidarity with the world’s poorest children.

Thanks to young people living out our motto Children Helping Children, the Missio family can support millions of the world’s poorest children every year. This is done when children offer solidarity and hope through their prayers and donations. As a result, thousands of children’s projects, led by missionaries, are supported. Children Helping Children is a beautiful exchange of friendship and faith – while schoolchildren here in Ireland may fundraise for girls and boys overseas, the children they are supporting also share by keeping Irish children in their prayers. We are so grateful for the generosity shown by children in Ireland because it has allowed us to send life-giving aid to many missionary-led projects around the world. 100% of donations received from children in Ireland is sent to projects overseas. To find out how you can get involved, or if you have any questions, we’d love to hear from you. Contact us at schools@missio.ie

Pope Leo XIV speaks: *Be Creators of Peace*

In the midst of the many challenges facing our world at this time, including widespread armed conflict, division among peoples, and the challenges of forced migration, efforts to promote nonviolence are all the more necessary. We do well to remember that after the violence of the Crucifixion, the risen Christ’s first words to the Apostles offered peace, one ‘that is unarmed and disarming, humble and persevering’ (First Blessing ‘urbi et Orbi’, 8th May 2025). Jesus continues to send his followers into the world to become creators of peace in their daily lives. In parishes, neighbourhoods, and especially on the peripheries, it is all the more important for a Church capable of reconciliation to be present and visible.

Armagh Diocesan Congress, 20th - 22nd March 2026
Youth, Family and Faith

Family Prayer

Loving God our Father, we are your children.
We listen to you quietly and learn how to be brothers and sisters in Jesus.
Teach us to love with all our hearts. Help us to be gentle, kind, patient and helpful in our homes, schools and communities. As our church family here in the archdiocese gets ready for a special gathering next March, fill us with hope and courage. Help us to share your Good News with everyone and to grow in faith and love of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
Saints Patrick, Brigid, Oliver and Malachy pray for us. Amen.

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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

5th 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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Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery

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

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A Remembrance Mass for Missing People and their Families
St. Peter’s Church, West Street, today, 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.

Remember Nicaea
This year is the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea when Christians came together against a backdrop of controversy and created a statement of faith to summarise, in the Nicene Creed, their beliefs about Jesus Christ. It was expanded by the Constantinople Council several decades later and has been affirmed by followers of Jesus ever since. Christian congregations across Ireland are warmly invited to participate in remembering Nicaea this Sunday 5th October, especially before the Profession of Faith.

The following **Area Mass** will take place in Our Lady of Lourdes Church: 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.

Rosary and Benediction recommence in the Parish today, 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 this weekend. Local needs are great at present.

Pope Leo's monthly intention for October: *For collaboration between different religious traditions:* Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

Parish Collection for the weekend of September 27th /28th September 2025

Loose €1,580 Envelopes €1,180 Tap to Donate €550 Total €3,310

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.

Baptism

We welcome Cillian Robert Walsh-Moran and Sean William Walsh-Moran **into the Christian community**

Deaths



We pray for the recently deceased Gay Gorman, Windmill Road, Anthony Connor, St Finian's Park, Keith Gorman, Castlemanor, Bernard Gallagher Jnr, Yellowbatter, Derek Matthews, Anthony (Tony) Murphy, Eamonn Wright, Denis Doherty, Therease Leddy, Sr Maura (Maria Rosa) Magner, MMM, Fr James Gordon IC, Gerry Levins. **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

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.