

Lady promised at Fatima, that there would be peace in the world and that many souls would be saved through this devotion. For further details please visit firstsaturdays.ie

Healing Ministry/Prayer Ministry. Individual prayer for emotional, physical or spiritual healing is held monthly in Mellifont Catholic Church, Tullyallen, Drogheda after 11.00am Sunday Mass. It is organised by Mellifont Parish Small Christian Community. The next date Sunday 7th December 2025.

Choose your **Trócaire Gifts of Change** today, and help change lives around the world this Christmas, send life -saving chicks, plant seeds of hope, shine a solar light. There are so many gifts to choose from. Will you bring comfort and joy this Christmas, with your Trócaire Gifts of Change? Go to trocaire.org

Catholic Mothers Ireland hosts a special Mass, celebrated by Archbishop Eamon Martin on Tuesday 9th December at 6.30pm, for mothers and grandmothers, in St Malachy's Church, Armagh. For more information, please email: catholicmothers@outlook.ie



St Peter's Male Voice Choir "Wonderful Christmastime"
Musical Director Edward Holly, Compere Gerry Kelly, with international guests, Celine Byrne, Soprano, violinist Jennifer Murphy, singer Claire Regan and a live band of some of Ireland's top musicians. A magical evening not to be missed! Friday 12th December at 8.00pm in St Peter's Church, West Street. Tickets €25, no booking fee, available from St Peter's Church Sacristy and Shop, 041 984 5355, Paddy Davis 087 201 9166, Liam Kelly 086 311 5114 or Credit Card purchase 087 220 7383. www.eventbrite.ie

The new publication '**Further Up and Deeper In**' by Fr. Paul Clayton-Lea is the continuation of the story of Belfast writer C. S. Lewis and his links with Co. Louth. It includes a unique account of Christmas, with Lewis and his brother Warnie in Oxford spent with Frank and Vera Henry from Dunleer, as well as details of the times and places where Lewis stayed in the 'wee county' in the 1940s & 50s and other stories. The book is now available in St. Peter's Parish shop, price €10. Fr Paul will be at Masses in the Parish on the weekend of 13th/ 14th December to promote his book.

Once again St Peter's Parish is supporting **Drogheda Women's & Children's Refuge** and **Drogheda Homeless Aid** in their Christmas appeals. Items such as non-perishable food and toiletries are needed at this time. Please donate into the boxes provided in both St Peter's and Our Lady of Lourdes Churches by Wednesday 17th December.

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

First Sunday of Advent

Cycle A

30th November 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 041 983 8537
St Peter's Presbytery 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



Today is the First Sunday of Advent.

The Advent wreath with the progressive lighting of its four candles, Sunday after Sunday, until the Solemnity of Christmas, is a recollection of the various stages of salvation history prior to Christ's coming and a symbol of the prophetic light gradually illuminating the long night prior to the rising of the Sun of Justice (Mal 3: 20, Lk1:78).

The **November Family Mass** will be celebrated in Our Lady of Lourdes Church today, Sunday 30th November at 10.30am.

Young Helpers wanted for Family Mass

We are looking for young volunteers to help out once a month at our Family Mass. If your child would like to participate, by reading, helping with prayers of the faithful, bringing up the offertory gifts to the altar, please contact Clare on 086 850 8955 or speak to us after Mass.

#HaveYourSay about your Catholic School

For Attention of Parents of children attending Primary Schools or who have yet to start. The Department of Education is currently conducting a Primary School Survey that will determine the future provision of Primary Schools and crucially could lead to lasting changes in your school. In simple, direct terms, you are being asked if you want your school to stay a Catholic school or if you want that to change. Don't leave it to others, have your say before 16th December 2025. See - <https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-education/campaigns/primary-school-survey/>

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. 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.

Confessions are held as follows:

St Peter's Church, Wednesdays and Saturdays, 12.30–1.00pm;
Saturday evening in both churches 30 minutes before the Vigil Mass

Baptisms: 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 -12noon. 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.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Church Gate Collection will take place next weekend, 7th December. Local needs are great.

Friday 5th December 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 22nd/23rd November 2025

Loose €1,661 Envelopes €1,120 Tap to Donate €519 Total €3,300

Christmas Dues will be collected in the coming weeks. The 2026 parish envelopes boxes will also be distributed and the parish Christmas card. Many thanks to our distributors. We thank parishioners in a special way for your continued generosity. Anyone wishing to receive a weekly envelope or who would like to contribute via standing order is asked to contact the sacristy or any of the priests.

Deaths



We pray for the recently deceased Susan McGuigan, Newfield, John Grant, Lynda Cowley, Ronan Quigley, Josephine Kiernan, Owen Brannigan, Doreen Cluskey, Olive McEvoy, Bryan Black, Teresa Hill, Annie McGeough, Elizabeth Devine, Kevin Thornton. **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



Lourdes Youth Choir sings at Drogheda Male Voice Choir Christmas Concert: Friday 5th December at 8.00pm in the TLT Drogheda. www.thetlt.ie

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

Prayer with Music of Taize: All are welcome to Prayer around the Cross in candlelight, a quiet, reflective time with the music of Taize. Friday 5th December 8.00pm -9.00pm. Followed by Tea/Coffee, "Bethany" 34 Point Road, Dundalk A91W0C 9

First Saturday Conference in Knock The 100th anniversary of the First Saturday Apparition in Pontevedra, Spain will be marked by a special conference in Knock on the first Saturday of December – Saturday 6th December. The day will begin with adoration and confessions at 10.00am in the Reconciliation Chapel. There will be three talks from Bishop John Keenan, Antonia Moffat, and Fr Philip Kemmy in St John's Centre. The Rosary will be led by the Children's Rosary group, a 15minute meditation led by Fr. Marius O'Reilly, as Our Lady requested for the First Saturdays, followed by time for lunch. Our