

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 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.



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. Launched in Annagassan on Friday 21st November, the book is available in St. Peter's Parish shop, price €10.

Divine Mercy Conference Dublin 2026: Bus departing from the Old Magnet Cinema, Dundalk on Saturday 28th February 2026. Further details from Laurena on 085 1833 110.

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

23rd 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

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St Peter's Presbytery

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Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery

041 983 1899

St Peter's 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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The Barbican
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RTE Live Broadcast Mass from St Peter's Church, Sunday 23rd November

Mass is being broadcast live from St Peter's Church, today Sunday 23rd November, 11.00am, the Solemnity of Christ the King, honouring the 400th Anniversary of the Birth of St Oliver Plunkett, and recalling the 50th Anniversary of the death of Mother Mary Martin, MMM.

The Mass of the Bells, composed by Michael Holohan for female voices is being sung. We welcome choir members from Réalta, Voices of the Boyne, the Lourdes Youth Choir and members of The Augustinian Church Choir and Tredagh Singers.

The 40 tubular chime bells of St Augustine's Church, known as the "bell tree" have been brought to St Peter's Church specially for the Mass.

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

#HaveYourSay about your Catholic School

For Attention of Parents of children attending Primary Schools or 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/departments-of-education/campaigns/primary-school-survey/>

November Parish List of the Dead Envelopes are still available in both churches. Masses are offered for those whose names are on the 2025 List of the Dead 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.



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

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.

Pope Leo's monthly intention for November: *For the prevention of suicide:* Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care and love they need in their community and be open to the beauty of life.

Parish Collection for the weekend of 15th/16th November 2025
Loose €1,805 Envelopes €1,180 Tap to Donate €636 Total €3,621

Baptism

We welcome Fionn Conlon Mallon, D'Andre Jordan O'Rourke and Harry Jack Callaghan
into the Christian community.

Deaths



We pray for the recently deceased John Grant, Scarlet Crescent, Lynda Cowley, Moville formerly Drogheda, Ronan Quigley, Drumcar formerly Bóthar Brugha, Josephine Kiernan, Harmony Heights, Owen Brannigan, Doreen Cluskey, Olive McEvoy, Bryan Black, Teresa Hill, Annie McGeough, Elizabeth Devine, Kevin Thornton, Dolores Clarke, Joe Leech.
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

St Joseph's Young Priests' Society monthly meeting will be held on Thursday 27th November at 10.30am in Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery. New members are welcome. For further information contact Margaret on 086 602 4982.

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. If your child would like to participate, by reading, 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.

Church Gate Collection for Our Lady of Lourdes Altar Society will be held this weekend 22nd/ 23rd November.

Drogheda Hospice Homecare Foundation is seeking volunteer drivers to assist cancer patients with transportation to their appointments, both within the local area and in Dublin. This service is essential and available to all, providing crucial support, particularly to more marginalized and elderly patients. There are no minimum hour requirements; drivers are simply asked to contribute the time they are able to offer. For any interested parties contact Ann on 086 326 4825 for further information.