

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje Dublin direct to Mostar – Medjugorje (returning via Split) Departing from Dundalk on Wednesday 10th June, returning on Wednesday 17th June 2026. Early Booking Discount: € 50 per person for all deposits of €200 received before January 31st 2026. Price €845 per person sharing, duration 7 nights, half-board. Spiritual Director Fr. Paul Montague, Reaghstown Parish. For more information about joining the group, please contact James at 087 220 2173.

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. Spaces on the programme in the Barbican Centre, Drogheda are available, starting Monday 19th January, 10.30am – 1.00pm for 6 weeks. To book your place please contact Aine 041 685 0676 / 087 114 0371, Elaine 041 686 0710 / 087 430 8735.

Family Carer Training in Louth, an upcoming course "**Insights into Dementia – Informing and Empowering Family Carers**", designed specifically for family carers and supporters. This 7-week face-to-face course offers valuable information, practical guidance, and emotional support for those caring for a loved one living with dementia. Course Details: Venue: Fairways Hotel, Dublin Rd, Haggardstown, Dundalk, A91 E6KC, Mondays 9th February- 23rd March 2026, 7:00pm – 9:30pm. Tutor: Angelica Kayode. Further details from Alyson Greville 087 033 1480

Learning to Meditate for Beginners: An 8week introduction course on meditation in the Barbican Centre, from 12noon -1.15pm, Wednesday 21st January to 11th March 2026. All welcome (over18's). for more information and to register call 087 927 1107.

Scoil Aonghusa: Application forms for Junior Infant pupils for September 2026 are now available from Scoil Aonghusa, Drogheda's Irish language primary school, or on our website www.scoilaonghusa.com Completed application forms to be returned to oifig.scoilaonghusa@gmail.com or to Scoil Aonghusa, Sunday's Gate, Drogheda A92 PY18 Contact details: 041 9832531 oifig.scoilaonghusa@gmail.com



The Order of Malta Holy Family Hospital in the birthplace of our Lord has delivered its 100,000th baby. Support the Next Miracle. Donate Today! Order Of Malta/Malta Charities, tel 085 712 7191. Registered Charity Number: 20005924.

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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

18th January 2026

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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Catholic Schools Week 2026

Sunday 18th January - Saturday 24th January

This year's theme is '**Catholic Schools – Normal Lives, Called to Holiness**', inviting pupils, families and school communities to reflect on how holiness is lived through ordinary daily life. Inspired by the words of Pope Francis on Saint Carlo Acutis, the theme emphasises that holiness is not reserved for a select few, but is a universal calling. "Holiness does not mean performing extraordinary things, but doing ordinary things with love and faith," Pope Francis said, reflecting on the young Italian whose life of friendship, study and digital creativity was rooted in a deep love of the Eucharist. Thank you to the principals, teachers, staff, chairs and Board of Management members of the eight excellent Catholic schools – five national, two secondary, and one national/secondary - in St Peter's Parish. We are very fortunate indeed. Sincere gratitude to Presentation, St Brigid's & St Patrick's, St Joseph's CBS, St Oliver's and Scoil Aonghusa at primary level, to Our Lady's College, Greenhills and St Joseph's CBS at post-primary level, and to St Ita's at both primary and secondary level, for all that they so generously and competently bring to the youth and the wider Drogheda community. We pray for and support our local Catholic schools so that, together with us, the parish community, they will be alive with the joy and hope that is Christ.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on 18th – 25th January 2026

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an important time for the Church to reflect on the progress being made on the ecumenical journey. It is an annual occasion for prayer, reflection and dialogue on the journey towards that unity which Christ himself prayed (John 17:21-23), with the theme: 'There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope

of your calling' (Ephesians 4:4). Over recent decades much progress has been made in building friendships, relationships and reconciliation along that pathway for which we praise God.

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 (Tuesday to 7.00pm).

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Sunday afternoon, 1.00pm – 4.00pm, except the First 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).

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.

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: 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.

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 intention for January: For prayer with the Word of God. Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

Parish Collection for the weekend of 10th /11th January 2026

Loose €1,542 Envelopes €1,372 Tap to Donate €510 Total €3,424

The **2026 parish envelope year has commenced**. If you wish to register for a box of weekly envelopes or would like to contribute by standing-order please contact the parish office or leave your name in the sacristy.

Baptism

We welcome Croíá Callan **into the Christian community**

Deaths

We pray for the recently deceased Gus Mathews, Matthew's Lane, Philip Thornton, Pearse Park, Rita Cowley, Brookville, Geraldine Rock, Creveen Terrace, Deirdre Copas, Clogherhead, Maggie Thornton, Ciaran Hogan, Kathleen McQuillan, Jim Fulcher, Margaret Coyle, Phyllis Rooney, Ann Darcy, Tommy Costelloe, Phillip Nulty, Aileen Cassidy, Peter McKenna, James Paul McArdle, Imelda McPartlin.

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



Come as You Are, a conference for young adults, 17-35years, organised by a young Catholic adult group to come together to explore faith. Why not take some time out from the busyness of everyday life? Spend a day listening to inspiring talks and deepen your relationship with Christ. Guest speakers Ciarán Clarke, Fr Oisin Emmanuel CFR, Nadine Clerkin, Sarah McArdle. Live Music Conor Taaffe. Sunday 1st February 2026, 11.00am-5.00pm, Oasis of Peace centre, Mellifont Abbey, Collon, A92 YP73. Info: Instagram; comeasyouare_group www.apostlesoflove.ie Donation only. Booking, 089 615 2568.

Armagh Diocesan Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from 10th – 15th May 2026. Pricing for this year's Pilgrimage has been structured differently from previous years to include the following accommodation. The Accueil Notre Dame: For our Assisted Pilgrims sharing in the Accueil fares will be €1,050.00 (this includes JWT Travel Insurance) The Agena and The Jeanne d'Arc cost €1,020.00 per person sharing. Single room supplement costs an additional €195.00. The St Sauveur cost €1,020.00 per person sharing. Single room supplement costs an additional €235.00. The La Solitude cost €1,040.00 per person sharing. Single Room supplement costs an additional €245.00. These prices exclude travel insurance. JWT Pilgrimage Travel Insurance will cost €55 per person up to 79 years and €75 per person 80-94 years. Booking or further information contact Cora at dundalklourdescommittee@gmail.com or phone 087 261 0026.

Pilgrimage to Pietrelcina and San Giovanni Rotondo visiting all sites linked to Padre Pio. Travelling on 15th June 2026 for 5 nights, with Spiritual Director Fr Maciej Zacharek. Hotel within walking distance of the sanctuary. €995pps with flights to Naples. Single supplement applies. For full details visit www.marian.ie (Shrines of Italy) or contact Paul Johnstone on 086 828 2977.