

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](mailto: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](http://www.marian.ie) (Shrines of Italy) or contact Paul Johnstone on 086 828 2977.

**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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

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. Venue: Fairways Hotel, Dublin Rd, Haggardstown, Dundalk, A91 E6KC, Mondays 9th February- 23rd March 2026, 7:00pm – 9:30pm. Further details from Alyson Greville 087 033 1480

**A Prayer by Telephone:** The Sisters of Mercy “Bethany” 34 Point Road, Dundalk. All requests are confidential. Tel: 042-933 1602, 9.00am -9.00pm daily. One of the sisters will be happy to Listen and Pray with you.

**Learning to Meditate for Beginners:** An 8week introduction course on meditation in the Barbican Centre, from 12noon -1.15pm, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January to 11<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.scoilaonghusa.com) Completed application forms to be returned to [oifig.scoilaonghusa@gmail.com](mailto:oifig.scoilaonghusa@gmail.com) or to Scoil Aonghusa, Sunday’s Gate, Drogheda A92 PY18 Contact details: 041 9832531 [oifig.scoilaonghusa@gmail.com](mailto:oifig.scoilaonghusa@gmail.com)

The **Parish Newsletter** is available at the back of the churches throughout the week. Items for the Parish Newsletter may be emailed to [office@sppd.ie](mailto: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

Third Sunday in Ordinary - Sunday of the Word of God

25<sup>th</sup> 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

St Peter’s Parochial House  
St Peter’s Presbytery

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

Email [office@sppd.ie](mailto:office@sppd.ie)

**The Barbican**  
St Peter’s Parish Centre  
041-980 7416

The **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** with the theme ‘One Body, One Spirit’ concludes today. The Church, though diverse in culture and tradition, is meant to live as one body in Christ, united by humility, patience, love, and the bond of peace.

**Feast of St Brigid Sunday 1st February**  
A limited number of St Brigid’s Crosses will be available from next Thursday 29th January in both Church sacristies and in St Peter’s Church Shop, (€3 each or two for €5). Many thanks to St Peter’s Church shop team for making these beautiful crosses. All crosses will be blessed at the Sunday Vigil and morning Masses, 1st February, the Feast of St Brigid.

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February is the **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, Candlemas Day** and **World Day for Consecrated Life**.  
Blessing of candles at all Masses. We thank the Lord for the great witness of the Augustinians, the Medical Missionaries of Mary, and the Dominican Contemplatives (Siena sisters) in our parish. We also remember all deceased Religious who served in Drogheda, and those living, now based elsewhere.

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February is the **Feast of St Blaise**. Communal and individual blessing of throats at all morning and evening Masses with a number of priests present.

**Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, World Day of the Sick, Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February.**  
The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes will be celebrated in Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February, with a Mass at 3.00pm. **Bishop Michael Ruter**, Auxiliary Bishop of Armagh, Chair, Council for Healthcare, Irish

episcopal Conference, **will celebrate and preach**. As it is World Day of the Sick individual anointing of the sick will take place at the Mass. Special Lourdes candles will be available in Our Lady of Lourdes Church (€2 each or 3 for €5). These candles may be used in your home, or left in the basket provided in the Church. Candles will be lit on the Feast-day at the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes for your intentions. Pope Leo in 2026 for World Day of the Sick invites us to consider the Samaritan's compassion and how we too can offer love by bearing the pain of others.

**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](http://www.sppd.ie) or [www.churchservices.tv](http://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.

**God First St Peter's Youth Group** for teenagers 13-17 years old, meets on the second and fourth Friday of each month in the Family Room of 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 church gate** collection will be held next weekend.

The monthly **Mass in honour of St Oliver Plunkett** will be celebrated next Saturday in St Peter's Church at 6.15pm.

**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.

**First Friday Visits** Those who would like a First Friday visit from a priest for themselves or for a loved one should contact any of the priests of the parish, or give the details (name, address and telephone number) to the sacristy, or by email to the Parish, [office@sppd.ie](mailto:office@sppd.ie)

#### **Parish Collection for the weekend of 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

Loose €1,870 Envelopes €1,140 Tap to Donate €475 Total €3,485

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

#### **Deaths**



**We pray for the recently deceased** Sylvie Kierans, Newtownstalaban, Maureen McCrumlish Altolaguirre, Spain formerly Trinity Street, Gus Mathews, Philip Thornton, Rita Cowley, Geraldine Rock, Deirdre Copas, Maggie Thornton, Ciaran Hogan, Kathleen McQuillan, Jim Fulcher, Margaret Coyle, Phyllis Rooney, Ann Darcy, Tommy Costelloe.  
**May they rest in peace.**

**Drogheda Community Services** provide a one-to-one Bereavement Counselling Service at Dermot Kierans Centre, Scarlet Crescent, Drogheda. This is a free service. To make an appointment please call 041 983 6084 or email [info@droghedacsc.net](mailto: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 Oisín 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](http://www.apostlesoflove.ie)  
Donation only. Booking, 089 615 2568.

**Armagh Diocesan Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes** takes place from 10<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> 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