

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.

**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, 6 week 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.



**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.

#### Thought for the Day

Beginning here we glimpse the Three-in-one;  
The river runs, the clouds are torn apart,  
The Father speaks, the Spirit and the Son  
Reveal to us the simple loving heart  
That beats behind the being of all things  
And calls and keeps and kindles us to light.  
The dove descends, the spirit soars and sings  
'You are beloved, you are my delight'  
In that swift light and life, as water spills  
And streams around the Man like quickening rain,  
The voice that made the Universe reveals  
The God in Man who makes it new again,  
He calls us too, to step into that river,  
To die and rise and live and love forever.

*Malcolm Guite*

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 Wednesday evening each week.

## St Peter's Parish Newsletter

### St Oliver's Pastoral Area

#### The Baptism of the Lord (Cycle A)

**11<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**

**041 983 8537**

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**Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery**

**041 984 5355**

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#### The Baptism of the Lord

Jesus is anointed with the Spirit and his power. He is proclaimed Messiah. He now goes about doing good, working the signs that make him known as the Servant of God. He is the one who brings good news to the poor and tells of salvation. Through our Baptism each one of us is ordered to the life of Christ – Priest, Prophet and King – and the Father looks on us with favour.

#### 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

**Care for Creation Conference** themed, *Let Justice Flow Like Rivers*, will be hosted by the Irish Inter-Church Meeting, the Irish Council of Churches and the Church leaders on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2026 in the Canal Court Hotel, Newry, Co Down, from 10.00am to 3.30pm. Keynote speakers will be Dr Hillary Marlow, Girton College, Cambridge; Dr Jim McAdam, an environmental and agricultural researcher in the Government sector in Northern Ireland and Queens University, Belfast, and, Dr Gail Heffner, author of Reconciliation in a West Michigan Watershed. Tickets cost £10 and may be purchased at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1870086843089?aff=odddtcreator>

#### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on 18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Parish Pastoral Council** meeting tomorrow evening, Monday 12th January

**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.

**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.

The **SVP Christmas collection** at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in December amounted to €1,895. Grateful thanks to all who contributed.

**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.

**Christmas Collection 24<sup>th</sup> / 25<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

Loose €9,491 Envelopes €3,606 Total €13,097

**Parish collection for the weekend of 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

Loose €1,544 Envelopes €1,403 Tap to Donate €453 Total €3,400

**Parish Collection for the weekend of 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

Loose €1,327 Envelopes €927 Tap to Donate €521 Total €2,775

The **2026 parish envelope year** commenced on Sunday 4th January. Anybody wishing to register for a box of weekly envelopes or who would like to contribute by standing order may leave one's name with the sacristy or contact the parish office.

### **Baptism**

**We welcome** Cameron Stephen Flood, Goldie Rae Gillivan, Charlie Thomas Garcia and Elajus Aaron Kiaulakis *into the Christian community*

### **Deaths**

**We pray for the recently deceased** Maggie Thornton, Moneymore, Ciaran Hogan, Clogherhead formerly Glenmore Drive, Kathleen McQuillan, Moneymore, Jim Fulcher, Fair Street, Margaret Coyle, Newfield, Phyllis Rooney, Lourdes Square, Ann Darcy, Scarlet Street, Tommy Costelloe, Bóthar Brugha, Phillip Nulty, Glenmore Drive, Aileen Cassidy, Anneville Crescent, Peter McKenna, Matson Lodge, James Paul McArdle, Imelda McPartlin, Ita Cunningham Kennedy, George Floyd, Rita McAuley, Ciaran O'Rourke.

**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](mailto:info@droghedacsc.net)



*Apostles of Love.ie*

**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](http://www.apostlesoflove.ie)

**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 sharing. Single Room supplement costs an additional €245.00. These prices exclude travel insurance. JWT Pilgrimage Travel Insurance will cost €55 per