

**Divine Mercy Conference RDS** Dublin 2026 Friday 27th February – Sunday 1st March. A coach will leave from Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Saturday 28th February 2026 at 8.30am sharp. Coach, return fare €15 per person. Conference ticket payable at RDS €35. To book contact Jimmy on 086 255 7528.



**Sacramental Preparation Evening** for parents and guardians of pupils in 2nd and 6th classes of the national schools in St Peter's Parish will take place on Wednesday, 25th February in Our Lady of Lourdes Church. The schedule is as follows: First Holy Communion Session: 7.00pm. – 7.35pm; Confirmation Session: 7.45pm – 8.20pm.



**Contemplative Dominican Monastic Vocation Discernment weekends** in the Monastery of St. Catherine of Siena, The Twenties, Drogheda, A92 KR84, from the 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026 and the 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026. For single women between the ages of 18- 35 years old. Please contact: Sr. Mairead OP at sienavoc@gmail.com Tel: 041 983 8524.

**Residential Vocational Discernment Weekend:** The Vocations Directors of the North of Ireland have arranged a Residential Vocational Discernment Weekend in Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne, Co Antrim from 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> March. If you are interested, please contact the Archdiocese of Armagh Vocations Director - Fr Barry Matthews on armaghpriest@gmail.com to book a free place.

**Marriage Enrichment Weekend** 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026 St Mary's Retreat Centre, Knock. Marriage Enrichment has, for many years, supported married couples in their Sacrament of Matrimony by offering them a sacred space to deepen their relationship, renew their commitment, and grow together through reflection, prayer, and dialogue.

**Armagh Diocesan Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes** takes place from 10th – 15th May 2026. Contact Cora at dundalklourdescommittee@gmail.com or phone 087 261 0026.

**A Prayer by Telephone:** The Sisters of Mercy "Bethany" 34 Point Road, Dundalk welcome any person requesting prayer. 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.

In Ireland today, over 45,000 people live with epilepsy. For further information, please visit [www.epilepsy.ie](http://www.epilepsy.ie). **Purple Day** (or *Epilepsy Awareness Day*) will take place on Thursday 26th March.

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  
**First Sunday of Lent**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> February 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 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

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

**The Barbican**  
 St Peter's Parish  
 Centre 041 980 7416

"The identity of the People of God flows from **Baptism** in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. This identity is lived out as a call to holiness and a sending out in mission, inviting all peoples to accept the gift of salvation (cf. Mt 28:18-19). The missionary synodal Church springs from Baptism, in which Christ clothes us with Himself (cf. Gal 3:27) and enables us to be reborn of the Spirit (cf. Jn 3:5-6) as children of God" Baptised and Sent, Irish Synodal Pathway, 60. [www.synod.ie](http://www.synod.ie)

### Youth, Family and Faith - Armagh Diocesan Congress Prayer 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026

God our Father, we your people take time to be still and to bid ourselves to pray, listen and learn. In the stillness of our searching, you remind us that all journeys of faith begin in your Word ... Love one another as I have loved you. And so, Father, through you, with you and in you, full of love and respect for each other and all you have created, we go forward renewed as pilgrims of hope. With hearts full of hope and anticipation, we your people in the Archdiocese of Armagh pray for your blessing and guidance for our Congress on Youth, Family, and Faith. As we strive to meet the pastoral needs of the young in our faith community at this time and in this place, send your Holy Spirit to inspire and guide us. May this Congress empower our youth in their faith journeys, strengthen their families of origin and foster deeper encounters with your love and grace. Through our prayer and dialogue let us grow in understanding of our calling as your people and align our plans with your divine will. May we be a Church of families living and working for justice, peace and love in the world. We ask this through the intercession of the saints of Armagh, Patrick, Brigid, Malachy and Oliver and the protection of our Blessed Mother, Mary. We have God's work to do. So, rise, let us be on our way.

**Lent** began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism and then became a time of penance by all Christians. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, growing as disciples and extending themselves, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of themselves for others. Lent is a special time of prayer, penance and almsgiving. Attendance at daily Mass, if possible, is commendable.

Parishioners who wish to take a **short-term pledge for Lent** are invited to speak to a Pioneer in the parish or to visit [www.pioneers.ie](http://www.pioneers.ie)

**Trócaire:** Trócaire boxes are available in the churches. Trócaire is the overseas development agency of the Catholic Church in Ireland.

This year's theme is **'Strength and Honour are her Clothing'** (Proverbs 31:25). The 2026 Lenten Campaign accompanies a three-generation family in rural Rwanda, led by Uwamahoro, a young mother supporting her daughter, niece and elderly mother. Through their story, parish communities are invited to reflect on themes of resilience, care for our common home, and the dignity of every person in the face of poverty caused by climate injustice

**Stations of the Cross** in Our Lady of Lourdes Church each Sunday during Lent at 5.00pm, commencing today, Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, led by the priests and deacons of the Parish.



**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).

**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.

Our Lady of Lourdes Praesidium **Legion of Mary** meets in the Stables Meeting Room (Augustinian Church) on Wednesday each week at 4.45pm. All are welcome

**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** monthly church collections next weekend. Local needs are great at this time.

**Pope Leo's intention for February:** For children with incurable diseases: Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

The monthly **Family Mass** will be celebrated in Our Lady of Lourdes Church today Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 10.30am, the last Sunday of the month.

**Parish Collection for the weekend of 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> February 2026**  
Loose €1,540 Envelopes €1,335 Tap to Donate €503 Total €3,378  
**Bishops' Conference Collection €500**

#### Spring dues

The priests of the Parish are grateful for your support and thank you for the Spring Dues which are being collected from now to St Patrick's weekend. Many thanks to our loyal Dues Collectors. Dues envelopes also available in both churches.

#### Baptism

**We welcome** Lachlan Patrick Russell O'Donovan **into the Christian community**

#### Deaths



**We pray for the recently deceased** Nancy Evers, Mellifont Park, Bernadette Kevitt, Moneymore, Joseph Durnin, Pearse Park, Paul Reilly, Germany formerly Brookville, Mary Andrews, Eamonn Johnson, Robert Williams, Tommy Bracken Rooney, Margaret Tuite Smyth, Paul McDonnell, Jean Murphy, David Curran, Jennifer Rooney, Sylvie Kierans. **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)

The monthly meeting of **St Joseph's Young Priests' Society** will be held on Thursday 27th February at 10.30am in Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery. All current and new members are invited to attend. Contact Margaret on 086 602 4982 for further information.