

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

Divine Mercy Conference RDS Dublin 2026 A coach will travel from the old Magnet Cinema Dundalk to the RDS in Dublin on Saturday 28th February 2026. Further details please phone Laurena – 085 183 3110.

A Prayer by Telephone: The Sisters of Mercy “Bethany” 34 Point Road, Dundalk welcome any person requesting prayer, especially during these difficult times. 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.



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The Mother and Baby Institutions Payment Scheme is open for applications. The Payment Scheme provides financial payments and health supports to people who spent time in Mother and Baby and County Home Institutions in the Republic of Ireland. For further information, please visit gov.ie/paymentscheme call our helpline at +353 1 522 9992, or scan the QR code:

Louth Local Development Supporting Communities, Families, Enterprise & the Environment. **Rural Dweller Pilot Programme.** Are you a rural dweller in Co. Louth looking for meaningful work in your community? Work within your local community, only 19.5 hours per week. Make a real impact on rural life. Are you between 50 & 66 years of age, live in Co. Louth and in receipt of a qualifying social welfare payment? Apply today. Contact: derbhille.clarke@lldc.ie

Employment Opportunities: Are you looking for part-time or full-time work? If you're unemployed due to accident, illness, injury, disability, or are recovering from depression, EmployAbility Service Louth is here to support you in finding employment. For further information, please contact us 042-938 6718 or 087-638 6885

Thought for the Day In a world where the poor are increasingly numerous, we paradoxically see the growth of a wealthy elite, living in a bubble of comfort and luxury, almost in another world compared to ordinary people. This means that a culture still persists- sometimes well disguised- that discards others without even realising it and tolerates with indifference that millions of people die of hunger or survive in conditions unfit for human beings. A few years ago, the photo of a lifeless child lying on a Mediterranean beach caused an uproar; unfortunately, apart from some momentary outcry, similar events are becoming increasingly irrelevant and seen as marginal news items. **Pope Leo XIV Dilexi Te, Love for the Poor**

St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary - International Day of Prayer & Awareness against Human Trafficking

8th 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
St Peter's Presbytery

041 983 8537
041 983 8239

Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery

041 983 1899

St Peter's Church Sacristy
Our Lady of Lourdes Church Sacristy

041 984 5355
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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

The Barbican

St Peter's Parish Centre 041 980 7416

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes is celebrated in Our Lady of Lourdes Church today, Sunday 8th February, with Mass at 3.00pm.

Bishop Michael Router, Auxiliary Bishop of Armagh, Chair, Council for Healthcare, Irish episcopal Conference, will **celebrate and preach**.

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.

International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking

was first observed in 2015, on the memorial of St Josephine Bakhita, who became a Catholic religious sister after winning her freedom from slavery. Each year about 2.5million people are victims of trafficking and slavery. Through the Day of Prayer, we reflect on the experience of those who have suffered, but we are also called to reach out to victims and survivors.

There is a second envelope collection next weekend, 15th February, for the national services offered by the **Irish Bishops' Conference**, which include: Pastoral Renewal and Youth Ministry; Catholic Education; Marriage, Family, Migrants & Pastoral Care; National Safeguarding of Children; Communications; Worship & Faith Development; Drugs Initiative; support for Irish prisoners overseas; Synodal Way.

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.

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.

SVP Our Lady of Lourdes church gate collection, January 2026 amounted to €551.10. Grateful thanks to all who contributed.

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 or handed into the Parish Office by Wednesday evening each week.

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.

Feast days this week

Wednesday 11th February Our Lady of Lourdes, World Day of the Sick

Saturday 14th February SS Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop, Patrons of Europe

Reception of Holy Communion

When receiving Holy Communion in both churches, typically approach the priest, deacon or minister in one or two lines and then return to your seat by the wall or column. For those approaching the distribution point from the side (e.g., side aisles in St Peter's Church, seats near the walls or family room in Our Lady of Lourdes Church) please stand close to the sanctuary or to the seat nearest the Minister to allow for safe and dignified reception of Communion and movement for all. Those not able to come to any distribution point should raise their hand, or someone with them should do so, and the Minister/Cleric will go to them. Those requiring a gluten-free host should mention this to the priest/sacristan before Mass or to the priest at Holy Communion time. Thank you for your cooperation.

Parish Collection for the weekend of 31st January/1st February 2026

Loose €1,608 Envelopes €1,235 Tap to Donate €619 Total €3,462

Baptism

We welcome Sienna Kim McDowell, Cian Anthony Boyle Allen & Cillian Liam Boyle Allen **into the Christian community.**

Deaths



We pray for the recently deceased Paul McDonnell, Termonfeckin, formerly Newfield, Jean Murphy, Anneville Crescent, David Curran, Jennifer Rooney, Sylvie Kierans, Maureen McCrumlish Altolaguirre, Gus Mathews, Philip Thornton, Rita Cowley, Geraldine Rock, Deirdre Copas, Maggie Thornton. **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

Residential Vocational Discernment Weekend

Drumalis Retreat Centre 6th -8th March.

The Vocations Directors of the North of Ireland have arranged a Residential Vocational Discernment Weekend in Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne, Co Antrim from 6th -8th March.

If you are interested in attending please contact the Archdiocese of Armagh Vocations Director - Fr Barry Matthews on armaghpriest@gmail.com to book a free place.

Marriage Enrichment Weekend

20th -22nd 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.