

Divine Mercy Conference RDS Dublin 2026 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.

Deaths



We pray for the recently deceased Mary Andrews, Rathmullen Park formerly Pearse Park, Eamonn Johnson, Church Street, Robert Williams, Maple Drive, Tommy Bracken Rooney, Dundalk formerly Moneymore, Margaret Tuite Smyth, Forest Park, Paul McDonnell, Jean Murphy, David Curran, Jennifer Rooney, Sylvie Kierans, Maureen McCrumlish Altolaguirre, Gus Mathews, Philip 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

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.

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, 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.

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.

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.

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.

St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary - Day of Prayer for Temperance

15th 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

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The Barbican
St Peter's Parish
Centre 041 980 7416

Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse in the Catholic Church 2026

As part of the Catholic Church response to victims of abuse the Irish Bishops have designated the first Friday of Lent each year as a special day of prayer for victims and survivors of abuse in the Church. This year that day will happen *next Friday, 20th February*. All Churches across Ireland are invited to offer prayers on that day for all those who have been impacted by the terrible sins and crimes of abuse in the Church. A Candle of Atonement will be lit, and the Prayer of Atonement offered as we acknowledge the wrongs of the past and pray for the assistance and guidance of the Holy Spirit as we work to ensure they cannot be repeated.

Archdiocese of Armagh Safeguarding Briefing will be read at all Masses today.

There is a second envelope collection this 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.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday, 18th February, the first day of Lent, a Day of Fast and Abstinence. Masses in St Peter's Church at 8.30am and 10.30am, and in Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 10.00am and 7.30pm. Ashes will be distributed at all Masses.

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church,

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.

Lenten Days of Fast and Abstinence: *Ash Wednesday* and *Good Friday*. Catholics, aged 18+ and under 60 years, are encouraged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All Catholics, 14 years and older, are encouraged to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent. Fasting means partaking of only one full meal and two other light meals in the day. However, if you are in ill health or if there are other mitigating factors, you are exempt.

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 Sunday 22nd 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 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.

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 on Sunday next, 22nd February at 10.30am, the last Sunday of the month.

The monthly Mass in honour of **St Oliver Plunkett** will be celebrated on Saturday 21st February in St Peter's Church at 6.15pm.

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 7th/8th February 2026
Loose €1,450 Envelopes €1,160 Tap to Donate €486 Total €3,096

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.