

St Joseph's Young Priests' Society monthly meeting will be held in Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery on Thursday 26th March at 10.30am. New members are always welcome.

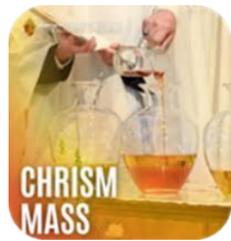
Insights into Dementia – Informing and Empowering Family Carers, designed specifically for family carers and supporters. This 7-week face-to-face course offers valuable information, practical guidance, and emotional support for those caring for a family member or friend living with dementia. Course Details: Venue: Newgrange Hotel, Bridge St, Townparks, Navan, Co. Meath, C15 A6WV Dates: Mondays 11th May- 29th June 2026 Time: 7:00pm – 9:30pm Tutor: Sharon Phelan. Further information on familycarertraining@alzheimer.ie.

The **Living Well** programme is an evidence based Self-Management programme for people living with long term health conditions e.g. Heart issues, Asthma, Stroke, Parkinson's, Diabetes etc. Each Online programme runs for 7 weeks (2.5 hrs 1 day per week) and each programme has roughly between 15 – 18 participants. The next programme will run from Tuesday 22nd April to Tuesday 27th May from 10:30am – 1:00pm. For further information contact Elaine Duffy 041 686 0710 / 087 430 8735.

Our Lady of Lourdes Youth Choir

After over 35 years as Director of the Lourdes Youth Choir, Jackie Walshe is calling it a day. She will finish in June. We will have an opportunity to say a formal farewell before the summer. Under Jackie's outstanding leadership the Lourdes Youth Choir (currently 24 girls, 9 – 17 years) has truly distinguished itself. The standard of music on Sundays in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, is really exceptional. There is an adult team which works with Jackie. St Peter's Parish, Drogheda seeks a new Director. Suggestions in this regard or expressions of interest should be made to the Parish Office / Parish Priest. Email office@sppd.ie Tel 041 983 8537.

Chrism Mass



Archbishop Eamon, with the clergy of the diocese, will celebrate the Chrism Mass on Wednesday 1st April at 7.00 pm in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh. All are welcome. In particular, an invitation to attend is extended to families and schools in the diocese with children who will make their Confirmation this year. The Mass is also available via Armagh Parish Cathedral webcam at www.armaghparish.net

The Medical Missionaries of Mary **Spring Fest**, celebrating community, creativity and care. Craft vendors, art, raffle, food, plants, flowers, bake sale, family fun and eco-talks. Saturday 18th April, 10.00am-3.00pm, in The Auditorium, MMM Convent, Beechgrove. Admission free. Free parking will be available at Our Lady of Lourdes church beside the venue. Email commoffice@mmmworldwide.org with all queries.

St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area

Fifth Sunday of Lent

22nd March 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

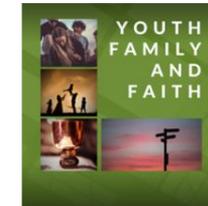
St Peter's Church Sacristy 041 984 5355
Our Lady of Lourdes Church Sacristy 041 983 1973

www.sppd.ie

Email office@sppd.ie



Armagh Diocesan Congress on Youth, Family and Faith. Details: 20th – 22nd March 2026, Armagh City Hotel



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

Over the last five years, people of the 61 parishes across the archdiocese of Armagh have been working towards a 'Congress on Youth, Family and Faith', which will involve 300 delegates gathering this weekend. The Congress Assembly will take the form of a Diocesan Synodal Assembly, bringing together clergy, religious, lay delegates, young people, families, educators, pastoral leaders, and representatives of diocesan agencies to reflect upon and respond to proposals emerging from the Listening and Dreaming phases of the process.

The purpose of the Congress is:

- To consider the pastoral priorities of the archdiocese in relation to youth, family life, belonging, faith formation, and mission over the coming seven years;
- To reflect on pathways for implementation over the next seven years; and,
- To strengthen co-responsibility for the Church's mission at diocesan and parish level.

Please pray for the success of the Congress.

St Joseph's Young Priests' Society: A Holy Hour of prayer and adoration for vocations to the priesthood and religious life will be held in Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Sunday 22nd March from 4.00pm to 5.00pm followed by the Stations of the Cross. All welcome.

Stations of the Cross in Our Lady of Lourdes Church each Sunday during Lent at 5.00pm, 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.

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

Pope Leo's intention for March: For disarmament and peace: Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

Feast Days this Week

Wednesday 25th March

The Annunciation of the Lord

The monthly Mass in honour of **St Oliver Plunkett** will be celebrated at 6.15pm in St Peter's Church on Saturday 28th March.

The monthly **Family Mass** for March will be celebrated next Sunday, 29th March in Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 10.30am.

Parish Collection for the weekend of 14th /15th March 2026
Loose €1,702 Envelopes €1,255 Tap to Donate €971 Total €3,928

Baptism

We welcome Billie-Mae Heeney *into the Christian community*

Deaths



We pray for the recently deceased Declan Bennett, Mellifont Park, Stephen McCluskey, Glenmore Drive, Patrick (Paddy) Nulty, Mellifont Park, Seamus Mullen Jimmy Cudden, Marian Dom White, Donore, Michael Dowd, Patrick (Pat) Dennis, Mary Smyth, Eileen Carter, Ann Nawn, Bernadette Tormey, Eileen McCormack, Donal Kelly, Nancy Evers. **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

Contemplative Dominican Monastic Vocation Discernment weekends in the Monastery of St. Catherine of Siena, The Twenties, Drogheda, A92 KR84, 2026, 17th – 19th 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.

Pilgrimage to Rome and Umbria, 27th July - 4th August 2026 Nine-day pilgrimage led by Canon Michael Toner (Lower Creggan Parish) and Fr Paul Murphy (Kilmore Parish, formerly CC, St Peter's) to Rome and Umbria. Excellent value at €1395, includes flights, accommodation, most dinners, coaches and all tours. Visiting some of the most beautiful places in Italy including Assisi, Orvieto and Spoleto. Mass at the tomb of St Carlo Acutis. For more information email info@myriam.ie or call 057 935 5050 during office hours.

ACCORD NEEDS YOU: ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG/NI is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators to support couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. The marriage preparation programmes are fun and interactive and very popular with couples. Working as part of an enthusiastic, friendly, and experienced team, facilitators typically provide four marriage preparation programmes per annum. Each team works from Accord centres which are located in every diocese, north and south. Successful applicants will receive free professional training during seven in-person workshops at venues around the country and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes in their local area. Closing date for receipt of application forms to be included in Selections for this year is Friday 29th May 2026. Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to marriagepreparation@accord.ie