

further details and booking see www.marian.ie or email info@marian.ie or call 01 878 8159.

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

Come on **St Patrick's Way Pilgrim Walk** in Downpatrick, Saturday 14th March, with guides Martina Purdy and Elaine Kelly in honour of Ireland's patron saint and the 25th Anniversary of The Saint Patrick Centre. Includes the fabulous 180° IMAX film of St Patrick, with internal bus transfers, pilgrimage lunch, an authentic Camino passport and a 6mile pilgrimage walk finishing at St Patrick's grave. A special 25% discount price is on offer of £40 (normally £55). To book ring 00 44 28 4461 9000 or online,

www.saintpatrickcentre.com



Tuesday 17th March, is **St Patrick's Day**, a Holy day of obligation.

Mass times as follows:

Our Lady of Lourdes Church: 7.00pm (Monday) Vigil. Tuesday: 9.00am, 10.30am.

St Peter's Church: Tuesday, 8.00am, 11.00am. 11.00am Mass will be bilingual – Irish and English.

St Anthony's Novena will be read at the 11.00am Mass. No 7.30pm Novena Mass on St Patrick's Day.

Triduum of Prayer for Vocations from St Patrick's Day 17th March to the Solemnity of St Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 20th March. Prayer for vocations of St Joseph's Young Priests' Society, in union with the Society branch in St Peter's Parish, will be recited at all Masses.

The **Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal** invite you to **Light the Fire** Tuesday 17th March, St Patrick's Day: 5.15pm Hill of Slane Reflection on the life of St. Patrick, followed by Vespers and Rosary Procession to St. Patrick's Church. 6.30pm St Patrick's Church, Mass celebrated by Bishop Paul Connell, Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnois, followed by Eucharistic Adoration and a cup of tea. For further information contact The Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal 041 983 0441 or www.franciscansisterscfr.com/st-anthony

Purple Day (or Epilepsy Awareness Day) Thursday 26th March. visit www.epilepsy.ie.

Thought for the Day: Men lose all the material things they leave behind them in this world, but they carry with them the reward of their charity and the alms they give.

St Francis of Assisi

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 6.00pm.

St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area

Third Sunday of Lent

8th 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

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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

International Women's Day – Sunday 8th March 2026

Today our parish joins the Archdiocese of Armagh and Dromore Diocese in celebrating International Women's Day. We give thanks for the women who contribute so much to the life of our Church—through ministry, service, leadership, and quiet dedication.

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



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

Prayer for the Congress

Heavenly Father,

As we prepare for the Congress on Youth, Family, and Faith, we come before You with grateful hearts.

You have walked with us through the synodal journey, teaching us to listen deeply, to speak with love, and to walk together in hope.

Send forth Your Holy Spirit upon our parishes, schools, and homes.

Renew our faith and unite us as one family in Christ.

Bless our Congress with wisdom, compassion, and courage, that it may bear fruit for the renewal of our Church and for the flourishing of all Your people.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A special **Congress Novena** will be recited at all Masses on 11th – 19th March.

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 Youth Group - Next meet-up will take place on Friday 13th March, 6.00 - 8.00pm in the Family Room at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Please contact Clare on 086-850 8955 if you would like more information, or just come along on the evening. New members are always welcome.

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.

Parish Collection for the weekend of 28thFebruary/1st March 2026

Loose €1,590 Envelopes €1,250 Tap to Donate €685 Total €3,525

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 Leo Alexander Johnson Marsella and Daniel James Kelly **into the Christian community**

Deaths



We pray for the recently deceased Patrick (Pat) Dennis, Pearse Park, Mary Smyth, Hand Street, Eileen Carter, Ann Nawn, Bernadette Tormey, Eileen McCormack, Donal Kelly, Nancy Evers, Bernadette Kevitt, Joseph Durnin, Paul Reilly, Mary Andrews, Eamonn Johnson, Robert Williams, Tommy Bracken Rooney, Margaret Tuite Smyth. **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



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Contemplative Dominican Monastic Vocation Discernment weekends in the Monastery of St. Catherine of Siena, The Twenties, Drogheda, A92 KR84, from the 20th – 22nd March 2026 and the 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.

Marriage Enrichment Weekend 20th-22nd March 2026 St Mary's Retreat Centre, Knock. supporting married couples in the Sacrament of Matrimony by offering them a sacred space to deepen their relationship and grow together through reflection, prayer, and dialogue.

Trócaire Lenten Campaign 2026 This year's theme is 'Strength and Honour are her Clothing' (Proverbs 31:25). Trócaire boxes are available in the Churches, please take one home.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje, Wednesday 10th June 2026, direct flight from Dublin to Mostar, return flight via Split, cost €895 per person for 7 nights on a half-board basis. Pilgrimage Spiritual director Fr. Paul Montague, Reaghestown parish. For more information on joining the group, please contact James at 087 220 2173

The **Camino de Santiago de Compostela** 27th July 2026 for 7 nights. Walk the Camino (The Portuguese Way), beginning in Vigo. Over the course of the week, pilgrims will walk approximately 100km, spending the last day in the city of Santiago de Compostela, home of the tomb of St James. A spiritual director and guide will accompany the group. For