

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.

The next meeting of the **Drogheda COPD Support Group** will take place tomorrow Monday 2nd March, at 11.00am in the Barbican Centre, Drogheda. The meeting will be followed by the weekly exercise classes from 12noon until 1.00pm, classes are €5 per person. All are welcome. Contact Peter 087 807 1138 or Oliver 083 415 6104 for further details.

We welcome you this **Lent** to "Bethany" 34 Point Road, Dundalk on Friday 6th March for **Prayer Around the Cross** in Candlelight with the music of Taize. Join us in the peace and joy of the Holy Spirit, as we remember your intentions. Followed by tea/coffee.

The **Boyne Community Sponsorship Group** will hold a Fundraising **Table Quiz** in the Marcy Hotel on Thursday 5th March at 7.30pm. €10 per person at the door. Raffle with numerous spot prizes.

Purple Day (or *Epilepsy Awareness Day*) will take place on Thursday 26th March. visit www.epilepsy.ie.

Join St Patrick's Cathedral Choir and Jubilus Choir, accompanied by the Cathedral Sinfonia, for the opening concert of the 2026 Home of St Patrick Festival on Sunday 8th March at 7.00pm in St Patrick's Cathedral. Experience an inspiring evening of choral music featuring extracts from 'The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace,' by Karl Jenkins, alongside other works drawn from the rich Celtic tradition. Set within the breath-taking surroundings of St Patrick's Cathedral, this special concert promises to be a memorable start to the festival. Book now and join us for an unforgettable evening of music. Tickets cost £10 and can be purchased by scanning the QR Code. Please do come along and support this special evening



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 further details and booking see www.marian.ie or email info@marian.ie or call 028 956 80005 or 01 878 8159.

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

Second Sunday of Lent

1st 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

'Lent' is like a long "retreat" during which we can turn back into ourselves and listen to the voice of God, in order to defeat the temptations of the Evil One. It is a period of spiritual "combat" which we must experience alongside Jesus, not with pride and presumption, but using the arms of faith: prayer, listening to the word of God and penance.

In this way we will be able to celebrate Easter in truth, ready to renew the promises of our Baptism'.

Pope Benedict XVI

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

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



Trócaire Lenten Campaign 2026 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. 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. Last year, Trócaire worked with over 40,000 people in at-risk communities across Rwanda, helping vulnerable families build resilience against climate change by: • Supporting over 2,500 women to receive training in sustainable resource management • Providing over 20,000 families with fuel-efficient cookstoves to reduce firewood use • Planting over 320,000 trees across the country. Trócaire boxes are available in the Churches, please take one home.

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, 6.00pm-8.00pm.

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.

SVP church gate collection, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, February 2026 amounted to €1,192. Many thanks.

St Vincent de Paul monthly church collection this weekend. Local needs are great at this time.

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.

Friday 6th March is the **first Friday** of the month. The clergy will visit the sick in accordance with Government and diocesan norms, but only after consultation with the person concerned or their family. Please contact the parish office, either sacristy or any priest if you or your loved one would like a visit.

The **Divine Mercy Chaplet** is recited after the 10.00am Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes Church each First Friday.

The monthly Mass in honour of the **Sacred Heart** (Pioneer Association) will be celebrated on Friday at 10.30am in St Peter's Church.

Parish Collection for the weekend of 21st/22nd February 2026
Loose €1,712 Envelopes €1,210 Tap to Donate €462 Total €3,384

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 Zachary Hunter Doyle *into the Christian community*

Deaths

We pray for the recently deceased Eileen Carter, Ballsgrove, Ann Nawn, Termonfeckin formerly Boyle O'Reilly Terrace, Bernadette Tormey, Mount St Oliver, Eileen McCormack, Ascal a Trí, Yellowbatter formerly Hand Street, Donal Kelly, Rathmullen formerly Chord Terrace, Nancy Evers, Bernadette Kevitt, Joseph Durnin, Paul Reilly, Mary Andrews, Eamonn Johnson, Robert Williams, Tommy Bracken Rooney, Margaret Tuite Smyth, Paul McDonnell, Jean Murphy. **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.

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 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.