

St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Day of Prayer for Vocations

26th April 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 Sacristy 041 983 1973



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St Peter's Church

Monday to Friday
8.30am & 10.30am
Tuesday
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

Vocations Sunday/Discernment/Ordinations

Pope Leo reminds us that every vocation begins with a personal relationship with God. Whether we are called to the priesthood, religious life, marriage or the single life, each vocation starts with knowing God and being open to His plan. We pray for deacons Gabriel, Paul and Jacek of the Redemptoris Mater Seminary who will be ordained priests in the Cathedral on Saturday 9th May at 3.00pm. All are welcome. Fr Barry Matthews & the Vocations Commission are inviting men discerning **a Vocation to Diocesan Priesthood** in the Archdiocese of Armagh to join them in the Synod Hall, St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh on Saturday 23rd May at 3.00pm.

Today is Vocation Sunday. There is a second envelope in your box. This collection goes primarily towards the tuition and accommodation fees of 20 students preparing for the priesthood, the permanent diaconate, and those lay faithful in vocational on-going formation in the Archdiocese of Armagh. We currently support students for the priesthood in Maynooth. and at our own Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary in Dundalk who are preparing to be ordained as Priests for the Archdiocese of Armagh. We continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Vocations Society of St Joseph formerly St Joseph's Young Priests' Society: The monthly meeting will be held in Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery on Thursday 30th April at 10.30am. If you would like to become a member or supporter please contact Margaret on 086 602 4982.



Confirmation Congratulations to the children of St Oliver's NS who made their Confirmation with Archbishop Eamon on Friday last. Many thanks to the teachers who prepared the children so well for the beautiful liturgy. We also express our gratitude to the school principal, parents and clergy.

The annual **May Day Procession** in honour of Our Lady of Fatima and St Joseph the Worker will take place on Friday 1st May, assembling at Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 6.45pm, processing via Bóthar Brugha, George's Street, and West Street, to arrive at St Peter's Church for Mass at 7.30pm.

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 - 5.00pm (Tuesday to 7.00pm).



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.

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.

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

Baptism

We welcome Olanna Amaya Chukuru *into the Christian community*

Parish Collection for the weekend of 18th/19th April 2026

Loose €1,567 Envelopes €1,090
Tap to Donate €669 Total €3,326

Feast days this week: Wednesday 29th April

St Catherine of Siena, virgin and doctor of the church, Patron of Europe.



Deaths

We pray for the recently deceased Paul Russell, Rope Walk, Patrick Ferry, Brendan Rothwell, Malachy Reilly, Angela Millar, Anne Wynne, Joe Synnott, Phil Conyngham, Patricia Hoek, Dessie Murray, Fr Colm O'Mahony, OSA, John Breen, Jim Rock, Marion Smith, John Russell, Seamus Harrison. **May they rest in peace.**

Drogheda Community Services provide a one-to-one Bereavement Counselling Service at Dermot Kierans Centre, Scarlet Crescent, Drogheda.. To make an appointment for this free service please call 041 983 6084 or email info@droghedacsc.net

Cemetery Sunday 2026 will take place as usual on the last Sunday of June, which falls this year on Sunday 28th June. St Peter's Cemetery at 3.00pm and Newtown Cross at 5.00pm.

St Peter's Parish, Drogheda seeks a new Director for the **Lourdes Youth Choir**. 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

Lough Derg, One Day Retreat: 4th May 2026. Bus leaves from Drogheda, Monasterboice, Ardee and Monaghan. Contact Mary 086 403 2364 or Rose 086 845 8808

ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG/NI is currently recruiting volunteers to train as facilitators to support couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. The 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 www.accord.ie.

St Vincent de Paul monthly church gate collection will be taken up next weekend.

A new exercise programme '**Strength and Balance**' designed specifically for older adults, which focuses on improving and promoting overall muscular strength, endurance, balance, Thursdays 12.15pm-1.15pm in the Lourdes Stadium, €3 per class, pay as you go, tea/coffee after each class, parking on site. Lourdes Stadium, Boyle O'Reilly Terrace, Drogheda A92 DA31. Contact Lorna, T: 041 987 6101. M: 087 172 165 www.louthcoco.ie, @louthcoco

Items for the Parish Newsletter, may be emailed to office@sppd.ie or handed into the Parish Office by 6.00pm on Wednesday each week.

All Masses are streamed live by webcam. www.sppd.ie or [www.churchservices.tv\(Drogheda\)](http://www.churchservices.tv(Drogheda))

Healing Prayer with Laying of Hands. Sunday 26th April in Tullyallen Catholic Church after 11.00am Mass. Individual prayer for emotional, physical and spiritual healing with our two prayer teams.