

St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area

Third Sunday of Easter

19th 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

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The Barbican
St Peter's Parish Centre
041 980 7416

Pope Leo XIV at the Prayer Vigil for Peace in Rome, 11th April 2026

War divides; hope unites. Arrogance tramples upon others; love lifts up. Idolatry blinds us; the living God enlightens Enough of the idolatry of self and money! Enough of the display of power! Enough of war! True strength is shown in serving life.

Novena of Peace in response to the Holy Father's Call to pray for Peace

Lord God, you are the source of peace and the creator of every human heart. In a world wounded by division and violence, we turn to you with trust and hope. Send your Holy Spirit upon our world. Heal what is broken, reconcile what is divided, and guide the hearts of all people in the ways of justice and peace. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Welcome to Archbishop Eamon Martin, who will administer the sacrament of Confirmation in Our Lady of Lourdes Church this coming Friday, 24th April.

Feast days this week Saturday 25th April St Mark, Evangelist

The monthly Mass in honour of **St Oliver Plunkett** will be celebrated at 6.15pm in St Peter's Church on Saturday 25th April

Our monthly **Family Mass** will be held next Sunday, 26th April, 10.30am in Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

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.

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

Lourdes Youth Choir: 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.

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).

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

Baptism

We welcome Sonny Blue Cannon *into the Christian community*

Wedding

We congratulate Melissa Matthews & Stephen McCartan *on their recent marriage*

Parish Collection for the weekend of 28th /29th March 2026

Loose €1,559 Envelopes €1,290 Tap to Donate €767 Total €3,616

Divine Mercy Collection €1,260.00



Deaths

We pray for the recently deceased Patrick Ferry, late of Sienna, Drogheda, Brendan Rothwell, Termonabbey, Malachy Reilly, Brookville, Angela Millar, Anneville Crescent, Anne Wynne, Windmill Road, Joe Synnott, College Rise, Phil Conyngham, Brookville, Patricia Hoek, Dessie Murray, Fr Colm O'Mahony, OSA, John Breen, Jim Rock, Marion Smith, John Russell, Seamus Harrison, John Murray, Declan Bennett. **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. To make an appointment for this free service please call 041 983 6084 or email info@droghedacsc.net

All Masses are streamed live by webcam. www.sppd.ie or www.churchservices.tv (Drogheda).

Community Clothing Drive, Saturday 25th April, 10.00am - 1.00pm, Presentation School, Ballymakenny Road. Please donate unwanted clothing and accessories, except bed clothes, to raise money for the Parents' Association to enable funding of additional resources for the school.

National Epilepsy Week 2026 takes place on 18th May - 25th May. For further information, please visit www.epilepsy.ie/content/national-epilepsy-week-2026-epilepsyweek.

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 A92DA31. Contact Lorna, T: 041 987 6101. M: 087 172 165 www.louthcoco.ie, @louthcoco

SportUile - Intro to Outdoor Bowls (Adults 50+), a 4-week programme, Tuesday 21st April in the Lourdes Stadium Drogheda 11.00am-12noon 1 All equipment provided. Cost €5 for 4 weeks. Limited places, booking essential. Contact Sean, email: seandoherty@meathcoco.ie or 087 433 8378

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje departing From Dundalk on Wednesday 10th June for 7 nights, cost €895 Spiritual Advisor Fr. Paul Montague, Reaghestown Parish. Phone James on 087-220 2173 for more details.