

St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area
Sixth Sunday of Easter
10th May 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



Rosary and Benediction will be held in St Peters Church, West St, at 5.00pm each Sunday in May, in honour of Our Lady.

Pope Leo XIV Last Friday was the first anniversary of the election of Pope Leo XIV. We ask the Lord to continue to grant the Holy Father much strength, health, courage and wisdom as he leads the Church.

The Pope's Monthly Intention *That everyone might have food:* Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

We are united in spirit with all the pilgrims from St Peter's Parish and throughout the Archdiocese on the **Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** taking place this week, 10th – 15th May. May Mary, Our Blessed Mother, protect us all.

Ordinations to the Priesthood

We pray for Deacons Gabriel Neal, California, Paul O'Reilly, Cork and Jacek Tuskiewicz, Poland, all from the Neo Catechumenal Way / Redemptoris Mater Seminary, Dundalk, who were ordained priests yesterday, 9th May, by Archbishop Eamon for the Archdiocese of Armagh. Ad multos annos.

St Elizabeth Convent of Minsk, Belarus, will once again visit St Peter's Parish, on Monday 11th & Tuesday 12th May, at the three morning Masses. They sell various religious and secular articles produced with love and prayer in the convent's workshops. The convent provides spiritual and social help to the sick and the suffering. Since its establishment the sisters have been patronizing 200 orphaned children with psychophysical needs. They also run a recovery shelter for 200 men (homeless, drug or alcohol addicts, ex-prisoners and the less able), as well as a rehabilitation facility for women. More than twenty workshops and studios operate under the aegis of the Sisters. St Elisabeth Convent was founded in 1999 and currently counts some one hundred nuns.

Confirmation Congratulations to the children of Presentation NS & Aston Village ET who made their Confirmation in recent days. Many thanks to the teachers who prepared the children so well for the beautiful liturgies. We also express our gratitude to the school principals, parents and clergy.

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).

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.

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

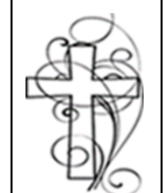
Lourdes Youth Choir Director

St Peter's Parish seeks expressions of interest by 5th June 2026 with regard to the expenses-paid directorship of the Lourdes Youth Choir, a vibrant and highly accomplished girls' choir that sings at the Sunday 10.30am Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes Church. St Peter's Parish, 9 Fair St, Drogheda, Co. Louth, A92 T6WY. Email office@sppd.ie Tel 041 983 8537.

Annual Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Sunday 31st May 2026. Coach departs from Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 7.45am sharp, cost €30. To book contact Damien 083 350 4551, Jacqueline 086 160 7287 or St Peter's Church Sacristy/Shop.

Vocations to Armagh Diocesan Priesthood Fr Barry Matthews, Adm & 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.

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



Deaths

We pray for the recently deceased Frank McShane, London formerly Boyle O'Reilly Terrace, Paul Floody, Marsh Road & New York, Joan Smith, Ballsgrove formerly Francis Street, Kevin Kirwan, Rathmullen Park, Jackie Moran, Georgian Close, John Quinn, Maple Drive, Mary Black, St Teresa's Terrace, Scarlet Street, John Murray, Bryanstown Manor formerly Pearse Park, Angela Dunne, Christopher Gregan, Kathleen Meade, Rita Kenny, Marian Close, Paul Russell, Patrick Ferry, Brendan Rothwell, Malachy Reilly, Angela Millar, Anne Wynne, Joseph Synnott. **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.

Feast days this week:

Thursday 14th May St Matthias, Apostle

Fr Mike Schmitz – The Parables Tour, in the National Stadium, Dublin, on Monday 20th July 2026, from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. The Evangelisation and Youth Ministry Sub-Council of the Irish Bishops' Conference will host a special Mass for young people that same day at 5.00pm in Saint Teresa's Church, Donore Ave., Dublin, at which Fr Mike Schmitz will preach. This promises to be an engaging opportunity for young people to gather with others from across the wider Church for an evening of faith, reflection, and encouragement. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster.ie.

Pilgrimage to Lisieux 18th-21st September staying in a beautiful hotel across the road from the Carmel of St Therese. Cost €795 includes flights, coach, full religious programme, all dinners, and some lunches. Please phone 057 935 5050 or email info@myriam.ie

Employment Opportunities: Are you looking for part-time or full-time work? If you're unemployed due to accident, illness, injury, disability, or are recovering from depression, EmployAbility Service Louth is here to support you in finding employment. For more information, please contact us at: ☎ 042-938 6718 or 087-638 6885.

Healing Service: Life is busy, but we all need time to recharge. We invite you to a Healing Service to pray for physical, emotional and spiritual restoration in Tullyallen Catholic Church, A92RY73, on Wednesday 20th May at 8.15pm. Music, talk, testimonials, Adoration. Whether you're seeking healing for yourself or for a loved one, come find some quiet time in God's presence.