

St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area
Pentecost Sunday
 24th May 2026

Canon Eugene Sweeney PP	St Peter's Parochial House	041 983 8537
Fr Aidan Murphy PE, AP	St Peter's Presbytery	041 983 8239
Fr Cleophas Lungu, Priest in Residence		
Fr Desmond Branigan CC	Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery	041 983 1899
Fr Piotr Wojtala CC		
Deacons: David Durrigan & John Taaffe		
	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

Fr Piotr Silver Jubilee, 2001 - 2026

Congratulations to Fr Piotr on celebrating the Silver Jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood. We thank God for the gift of Fr Piotr's priesthood, for his coming among us, and for his enriching and fruitful ministry in St Peter's Parish. Fr Piotr will mark his Jubilee giving thanks to God by celebrating Mass in St Peter's Church on Tuesday 26th May at 7.30pm (St Anthony's Novena). All welcome.

The **National Synodal Pathway** has reached an important moment in its journey. Currently, the working groups are meeting periodically to explore more deeply the seven priorities identified by the Catholic Church in discerning what God is asking of the Church in Ireland today. The seven priorities are belonging, co-responsibility and lay ministry, Faith formation and catechesis, family, healing, women, and young people. To learn more about this journey, please scan the QR code or see theway.ie or synod.ie



The **May Family Mass** takes place in Our Lady of Lourdes Church next Sunday 31st May at 10.30am. All those who have received First Communion or Confirmation this year, and those preparing for exams are especially welcome.

Pray for Life Novena 23rd – 31st May 2026 The Pray for Life Novena is an invitation to join thousands of people across Ireland to pray for the protection of human life, from Saturday 23rd May to Sunday 31st May. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life in Ireland. Visit www.prayforlife.ie for the daily novena prayers and to sign up for daily reminders. The prayers will also be posted on facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena and [@prayforlifenovena](https://instagram.com/prayforlifenovena) on Instagram. This is an initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference.

Congratulations to the children of St Oliver's NS, St Brigid's & St Patrick's NS and Scoil Aonghusa who received their First Holy Communion on Friday and Saturday. 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

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.

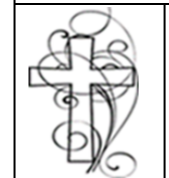
Lourdes Youth Choir Director

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.

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

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

Vocations Society of St Joseph formerly St Joseph's Young Priests' Society monthly meeting will be held in Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery on Thursday 28th May at 10.30am. If you would like to become a member or a supporter please contact Margaret on 086 602 4982.



We pray for the recently deceased Gerard Byrne, Bredin Street, Paddy McEntegart, Moneymore, Gertie Brennan, Noreen White, Frank McShane, Paul Floody, Joan Smith, Kevin Kirwan, Jackie Moran, John Quinn, Mary Black, John Murray, Angela Dunne, Christopher Gregan, Kathleen Meade, Rita Kenny. **May they rest in peace**

Deaths

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

Parish Collection for the weekend of 16th/17th May 2026
 Loose €1,608 Envelopes €1125, Tap to Donate €693
 Total €3,426
Central Diocesan Fund €500

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.

Summer Dues for the support of the priests of the parish will be collected over the coming few weeks. Many thanks for your support. Envelopes at the back of the churches. Many thanks to our collectors.

SportUile (Louth & Meath Louth Local Sports Partnerships) A 6-week Social Bowls programme at Lourdes Stadium Drogheda on Wednesday mornings from 10:00am–12:00pm. No experience needed. All equipment provided. Tea/coffee afterwards. Cost €5 for 6 weeks. Limited places, booking essential. Contact Sean: seandoherty@meathcoco.ie or 087 433 8378

St Anthony's Novena
 St Peter's Church
 Friday 5th June – Saturday 13th June 2024
 Preacher: Fr Ailbe Ó Murchú OFM, Rossnowlagh Friary.
 Masses 10.30am & 7.30pm daily, except Saturday 6th & 13th June, 10.30am & 6.15pm
 Sunday 7th June Mass at 11.00am, Holy Hour at 7.30pm
 Wednesday 10th June Blessing & Anointing of the Sick
 Saturday 13th June: Blessing of lilies at both Masses.
 Blessing of children 4.00pm.

LMFM Mass Those who wish to register their hope that the Sunday 9.00am broadcast Mass on LMFM might recommence should please contact the station directly on info@lmfm.ie or write to the Station at LMFM, Rathmullan Rd, Drogheda, A92 T274.

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.