

St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area
The Ascension of the Lord
 World Communications Day
 17th May 2026

Canon Eugene Sweeney PP
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 Fr Cleophas Lungu, Priest in Residence
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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

Tomorrow, Monday, marks the first anniversary of the inauguration of the Petrine Ministry of Pope Leo XIV, Bishop of Rome. 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.

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.



Congratulations to the St Oliver Plunkett 400 Committee on receiving an award from the Mayor last Monday in honour of the wonderful celebrations last year. The award citation reads as follows: "The Mayor of The Borough District of Drogheda, Councillor Michelle Hall, confers this Mayoral Award upon the Saint Oliver 400 Group in recognition of the organisation's role in honouring and commemorating the life and legacy of Saint Oliver Plunkett through heritage events marking the 400th anniversary of his birth."

Congratulations to the children of St Brigid's & St Patrick's who made their Confirmation on Friday last and to the children from St Joseph's CBS who received their First Holy Communion on 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).



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.

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

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.

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.



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.



We pray for the recently deceased Gertie Brennan, Pearse Park, Noreen White, Maple Drive, Frank McShane, Paul Floody, Joan Smith, Kevin Kirwan, Jackie Moran, John Quinn, Mary Black, John Murray, Angela Dunne, Christopher Gregan, Kathleen Meade, Rita Kenny, Paul Russell, Patrick Ferry, Brendan Rothwell. **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

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.

Parish Collection for the weekend of 9th/10th May 2026

Loose €1,606 Envelopes €1,175 Tap to Donate €757
 Total €3,538

Knights of Columbanus Meet & Greet at all Masses in Our Lady of Lourdes Church this weekend

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

'What the World Needs Now' Join Réalta Chamber Choir, Conductor Claire Grogan, alongside the talented lyric-soprano, Hannah O'Brien, for an unforgettable live performance in St Peter's Church of Ireland on Sunday 14th June 2026 at 4.00pm. Music by Michael Holohan, Vaughan Williams, James Taylor, Puccini, Burt Bacharach and more!! Tickets now available on Eventbrite. Limited tickets at the door on the day.

The next meeting of the **Drogheda COPD Support Group** takes place this Monday 18th May 18th 2026, 11.00am in The Barbican Centre, Drogheda. Light refreshments are served and all are welcome to attend. Exercise classes every Monday, also in the Barbican Centre from 12noon-1.00pm, cost €5 per person. All are welcome. For further details, contact Peter 087 807 1138 or Oliver 083 415 6104.

Healing Service: Tullyallen Church, A92 RY73 on Wednesday 20th May at 8.15pm.

Fr Mike Schmitz - The Parables Tour, in the National Stadium, Dublin, Monday 20th July 2026, 7.00pm - 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. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster.ie