

St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Day for Life)

21st June 2026

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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
Confessions: Wednesday & Saturday 12.30pm-1.00pm.
Also 30 minutes before Saturday Vigil Mass



Our Lady of Lourdes Church

Monday to Saturday 10.00am
Saturday Vigil 7.00pm
Sunday 9.00am, 10.30am & 12noon
Confessions 30 minutes before Saturday Vigil Mass

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

Day for Life 2026

Today, Sunday 21st June, the Church across Ireland celebrates Day for Life on the theme "The humanity of the unborn child", which invites us to reflect on the wonder of human life from the moment of conception. We remember how the Lord Jesus Christ Himself sanctified and experienced the beginning of life in the world as an unborn child, hidden in the womb of Mary. Mary knew that she was carrying the Son of God - God and man - as soon as He was conceived. John the Baptist leapt in his mother Elizabeth's womb when Mary greeted her. Our Lady treasured Our Lord in her heart and womb until His birth. To read the full bishops' message visit www.councilforlife.ie

Cemetery Sunday

Cemetery Sunday will take place on Sunday 28th June, in St Peter's Cemetery at 3.00pm and Newtown Cross at 5.00pm. As always, people are invited to prepare family graves. Priests and deacons will bless the graves during the ceremonies. A Garda Traffic Management Plan will be in operation. Please comply with directions. There will be a Gate Collection for the upkeep of the Cemetery. Please use the special envelope in your box (28th June) which can be put into the basket in the Cemetery or in the church. We rely on your support. Thank you. Masses at **11.00am** and **12.00 noon** on Sunday 28th June will be offered for all those interred in our cemeteries.

St Oliver's Festival Weekend 3rd - 5th July 2026

Friday 3rd July A Walk in the Footsteps of St Oliver, starting at St Peter's Church at 7.00pm, led by Archbishop Eamon Martin. Unveiling of plaque at the Augustinian Church, Shop Street, believed to be the site of St Oliver's school, at 8.15pm.

Saturday 4th July Guided tours of St Peter's Church 11.00am-1.00pm. "Guilty until proven Innocent" debate and music in the Barbican Centre, speakers include author Anthony Murphy, Fr Paddy Rushe and poet John O'Rourke. Traditional music to close. 3.00pm-5.00pm.

Sunday 5th July Annual St Oliver Procession, commencing at Holy Family Church at 3.00pm arriving at St Peter's Church for concelebrated Mass at 4.00pm. Preacher: Rev Dr Thomas O'Connor, Emeritus Professor of European History, NUI Maynooth, priest of the Diocese of Meath and recently appointed Chaplain to the Irish College, Paris.



Happy Father's Day to all fathers in our parish community. We remember in prayer fathers who have died, may our memories of them continue to bless and console us.

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

The Pope's Intention for June: *For the values of sports:* Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity and personal growth.

Low-gluten Communion hosts may be received at all Masses. Coeliacs should please go the priest to receive.

Baptism

We welcome Thomas De Oliveira Arantes, Beatriz De Oliveira Arantes & Sofia Mae Myles Mulroy **into the Christian community**

Deaths

We pray for the recently deceased Ann McCann, Riverview, Mell, Kathleen Skelly, Brookville, Eileen Carroll, Beamore Road, Christy Carolan, College Rise, Suzanne Bradley, Sheila Durrigan, Breda Curran, Kevin Mallon, Nuala Greene, Michael J. Byrne, Gerard Byrne. **May they rest in peace.**



Farewell to Jackie Walshe A heartfelt farewell was held last Tuesday in Our Lady of Lourdes Church for Jackie Walshe, marking the end of her 37 years as Director of the Lourdes Youth Choir and coinciding with the annual Awards presentation. Tributes were offered by Catherina McNicholas, Chair of the Lourdes Youth Choir, Fr Eugene Sweeney, PP, and several choir members, each highlighting Jackie's outstanding leadership, the consistently high standards she fostered, and many cherished memories from across the decades. During the ceremony, Jackie received the Medal of St Patrick of the Archdiocese of Armagh in recognition of her outstanding contribution to the life of Church. The same honour was presented to Sean Walshe, retiring after an extraordinary 64 years as organist in Our Lady of Lourdes Church. The Choir performed a selection of beautiful pieces, with former member Hannah O'Brien, soprano, also contributing a special performance. Refreshments followed on the plaza, giving the community a chance to gather and celebrate the occasion. As an interim arrangement, a number of Choir leaders will jointly share responsibility for directing the Choir from the autumn until the end of the year. We thank them for assuming this responsibility and wish them every success in their endeavours. We are, however, still seeking a permanent person to accompany the choir.

Theology, Adult Education & Pastoral Ministry starting 26th September, a two-year part-time programme with 6 modules per year. Do you want to learn more about your faith? If you do, why not enrol in the Armagh Diocesan Theology Programme. There are no entrance criteria and no exams. Adult Faith Formation is part of our Diocesan Synodal process. We will begin with a non-residential weekend in September. If you are interested, please contact Milanda at milanda@parishandfamily.ie or 042 934 2954.

Parish Collection for the weekend of 13th/14th June 2026

Loose €2,055 Envelopes €1,380 Tap to Donate €872
Total €4,307

Summer Dues

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.

Vocations Society of St Joseph, formerly St Joseph's Young Priests' Society, monthly meeting will be held on Thursday 25th June at 10.30am in Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery. If you would like to become a member or supporter, please contact Margaret 086 602 4982.

The Monthly Mass in honour of **St Oliver Plunkett** will be celebrated next Saturday, 27th June in St Peter's Church at 6.15pm

The **June Family Mass** will be celebrated in Our Lady of Lourdes Church next Sunday 28th June at 10.30am.

Feast days this week

Wednesday 24th June The Nativity of St John the Baptist

3 Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg, 4th -6th July. For further details contact Mary 086 403 2364/041 685 1754 or Rose 086 845 8808/041 982 2504. Bus departs from Drogheda and Monasterboice.

Clogherhead RNLi Family Fun Day in Barmeth Castle and Gardens, Togher A92 P973, today, Sunday 21st June, 2.00pm-5.00pm. €10 per car admission.