

St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

28th June 2026

Canon Eugene Sweeney PP
Fr Aidan Murphy PE, AP
Fr Cleophas Lungu, Priest in Residence
Fr Desmond Branigan CC
Fr Piotr Wojtala CC
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St Peter's Parochial House 041 983 8537
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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

Cemetery Sunday

Cemetery Sunday will take place today, Sunday 28th June, in St Peter's Cemetery at 3.00pm and Newtown Cross at 5.00pm. Whether in Croke Park or in Drogheda, we will be united in spirit!

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. Not everyone will be able to attend the annual Cemetery Sunday celebration. Some parishioners may prefer to make a private visit to the Cemetery later on Sunday evening or during the week beginning Monday 29th June. 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. Church Masses at 11.00am and 12.00 noon today, Sunday 28th June will be offered for all those interred in our cemeteries.

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

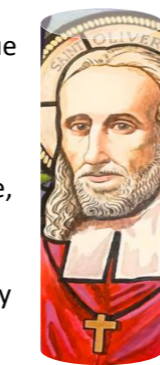
St Oliver's Festival Weekend 3rd - 5th July 2026

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.

TheWay.ie is a digital platform set up by the Irish Bishops Conference dedicated to sharing the 'Good News' and the witness of the Catholic Church in Ireland. It is intended to help people discover the faith, live the faith and pass on the faith. It is for both seekers and followers. Use the QR code to access the site.



Best of Luck to Louth in Croke Park. An Lú abú!



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.

St Vincent de Paul monthly church gate collection next weekend

Healing with Laying on of Hands, Mellifont Catholic Church A92 RY73, today 28th June after 11.00am Mass. Each session takes about 5 minutes and is completely confidential. The healing prayer can be any form of personal healing, be it emotional, physical or spiritual.

Baptism

We welcome Jack James Cronan Kerr, Theo McDonagh, Ocean Georgia Whelan Wright, Theodore Galloway, Isla Noelle Cleary, Arthur Martins Fernandes *into the Christian community*

Deaths

We pray for the recently deceased Richard (Dick) Hughes, Forest Park, Ann McCann, Kathleen Skelly, Eileen Carroll, Christy Carolan, Suzanne Bradley, Sheila Durrigan, Breda Curran, Kevin Mallon, Nuala Greene, Michael J. Byrne. **May they rest in peace.**

Archdiocesan Congress Report on Youth, Family and Faith A digital copy of the Report of the Archdiocesan Congress on Youth, Family and Faith can be found on armagharchdiocese.org or through the following link <https://www.armagharchdiocese.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/Diocesan-Congress-Report-2026.pdf> The Congress, which took place from 20th - 22nd March 2026 brought together representatives from across the Archdiocese, including young people, families, clergy, parishes, schools and diocesan bodies. The report gathers the fruits of that weekend, including the prayer, conversations, recommendations and initial pathways for implementation. The archdiocese will begin a more focused and formal reception of the fruits of the Congress in the autumn, including the first steps towards implementation and the publication of a pastoral letter from Archbishop Eamon.

Friday 3rd July is the **First Friday** of the month. The clergy will visit the sick and housebound by request from the person concerned or their family. Please contact the parish office, either sacristy, or any priest if you or your loved one would like a visit.

The **Divine Mercy Chaplet** is recited after the 10.00am Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes Church each First Friday.

The monthly Mass in honour of the **Sacred Heart** (Pioneer Association) on Friday at 10.30am in St Peter's Church.

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

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

Loose €1,385 Envelopes €1,250 Tap to Donate €650
Total €3.285

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.

The monthly meeting of **Drogheda COPD Support Group** will be held on Monday 6th July, 11.30am-12.15pm in The Barbican Centre, Drogheda. All are welcome and refreshments are served. Weekly exercise classes take place every Monday from 12noon-1.00pm in The Barbican Centre, with the exception of monthly meetings and Bank Holidays, when classes start at 12.15pm. Classes cost €5.

Lourdes Youth Choir Director: St Peter's Parish seeks expressions of interest 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.

Feast days this week

Wednesday 1st July St Oliver Plunkett
Friday 3rd July St Thomas, Apostle

Drogheda Community Services provide a one-to-one Bereavement Counselling Service This is a free service. To make an appointment please call 041 983 6084 or email info@droghedacsc.net

The **Parish Newsletter** is available at the back of the churches throughout the week. Items for the Parish Newsletter, may be emailed to office@sppd.ie or handed into the Parish Office by Wednesday evening each week.