

St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

12th July 2026

Canon Eugene Sweeney PP

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St Peter's Church
Monday to Saturday 10.30am
Tuesday
St. Anthony's Novena 7.30pm
Saturday 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
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Sixth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, 26th July

The Sixth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will take place on the 26th of July 2026. The theme chosen by Pope Leo XIV for the 6th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly – “I will never forget you” (Is 49:15) – reminds us that God’s unwavering love is the ultimate answer to the isolation and neglect so often experienced by the elderly. It brings comfort and hope, assuring us that the Lord knows each of us personally, forgets no one, and loves us unconditionally, even through the frailties of old age.

Sunday 26th July 2026 - Knock Shrine Annual National Grandparents Pilgrimage
Chief Celebrant Archbishop Eamon Martin.
Commencing at 2.30pm with Anointing of the Sick. A day of grace and blessing for the whole family as we honour grandparents and the elderly. Visit our website www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org



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.

Check out an interesting article on the dedication by Archbishop Eamon Martin of the new seminary church, dedicated to Mary, Star of the New Evangelisation, at the Redemptoris Mater Archdiocesan Missionary Seminary in Dundalk on 28th June. The day also marked the inauguration of the new seminary extension.

Giving Thanks for Summer
Father, Creator of all, thank you for Summer!
Thank you for the warmth of the sun
And the increased daylight.
Thank you for the beauty I see all around me
And for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy your creation.
Thank you for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family,
And for the more casual pace of the summer season.
Draw me closer to you this summer.
Teach me how I can pray
No matter where I am or what I am doing.
Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence
And light my path with Your Word and counsel.
As I enjoy your creation, create in me
A pure heart and a hunger and thirst for you. (Author unknown)

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.

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.

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.

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

Pope Leo's intention for July: For respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognising it as a gift from God.

Baptism
We welcome Louie James Sirbu *into the Christian community*
Deaths
We pray for the recently deceased
Liam Reilly, Maple Drive, Roy Breen, College Rise, Mary McLoughlin, Mickey Corbally, Olive Sarsfield, Richard (Dick) Hughes, Ann McCann, Kathleen Skelly, Eileen Carroll, Christy Carolan. ***May they rest in peace.***

Families Our era is marked by rapid changes which make it necessary, even more than ten years ago, to give particular pastoral attention to families to whom the Lord entrusts the task of participating in the church's mission of proclaiming and listening to the Gospel. There are, in fact, places and circumstances in which the Church 'can become the salt of the earth' only through the lay faithful and, in particular, through families. For this reason, the Church's commitment in this area must be renewed and deepened, so that those whom the Lord calls to marriage and family life can, in Christ, fully live out their conjugal love, and that young people may feel attracted, within the Church, to the beauty of the vocation of marriage. I have decided to convene the presidents of the episcopal conferences from around the world in October 2026, in an effort to proceed, in mutual listening to a synodal discernment on the steps to be taken in order to proclaim the gospel to families today, in light of Amoris Laetitia and taking into account what is currently being done in local Churches. I entrust this journey to the intercession of St Joseph, guardian of the Holy Family of Nazareth. Pope Leo XIV

Boyne Music Festival, 23rd–26th July.
The Boyne Music Festival returns with four days of chamber music concerts, family events, talks and tours in beautiful historic venues across the Boyne Valley, including St. Peter's Church of Ireland, Drogheda, Townley Hall and Slane Castle. Everyone is warmly welcome. For the full programme and tickets, please visit boynemusicfestival.com

Parish Collection for the weekend of 4th /5th July 2026
Loose €1,427 Envelopes €1,400
Tap to Donate €682
Total €3,509

St Oliver Plunkett Sunday Collection €570

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>

Reek Sunday 26th July 2026: *'In His hand are the depths of the earth, the heights of the mountains'* Psalm 95.4
Pilgrims of all ages – from across the island and from abroad – are expected to scale Croagh Patrick (2,510ft/765m), Ireland's Holy Mountain, to pray and participate on the summit in the Sacraments of Reconciliation (Confession), and of the Eucharist. This year, we offer a special prayer intention for 'Road Safety'. The Pilgrimage is associated with Saint Patrick, who it is said, in 441AD, spent 40 and days and nights fasting on the summit, following the example of Christ and Moses. A virtual tour and additional information on Croagh Patrick can be viewed on tuamarchdiocese.org and westportparish.ie

Youth 2000 Summer Festival: 13th–16th August.
Calling all young people aged 16–35! Join us at the Youth 2000 Summer Festival in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. This is a donation-only event, with free buses available across the country and all meals included. Expect inspiring talks and workshops, Mass, music, prayer, and plenty of opportunities to chill out and meet other young Catholics. To register or find out more, visit youth2000.ie or follow @Youth2000Ireland
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.