

St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

26th July 2026

Canon Eugene Sweeney PP
Fr Aidan Murphy PE, AP
Fr Cleophas Lungu, Priest in Residence
Fr Desmond Branigan CC
Fr Piotr Wojtala CC
Deacons: David Durrigan & John Taaffe

St Peter's Parochial House
St Peter's Presbytery

041 983 8537
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Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery

041 983 1899

St Peter's Church Sacristy
Our Lady of Lourdes Sacristy

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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
041 980 7416

Welcome to the Society of African Missions

As part of the national Mission Awareness (or the CPPP – Coordinated Parish Promotions Programme) the Society of African Missions (SMAs) has been assigned Armagh Archdiocese (parishes in County Louth). Fr. Tommy Faherty, SMA, visits St Peter's Church this weekend, 25th/26th July and Our Lady of Lourdes Church next weekend, 1st/2nd August. He will leave Mission Awareness envelopes on the pews. He will refer to these at the end of his homily and also to the 'African Missionary' magazines on display at the back of the church. People will be invited to take the magazines and envelopes home with them, and if they wish, they may return the envelopes the following week, making a donation to the SMA missionary work.

Sixth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly: The Sixth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly takes place today, 26th 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.

Knock Shrine Annual National Grandparents Pilgrimage, today at 2.30pm with Anointing of the Sick. Chief Celebrant: Archbishop Eamon Martin.

Prayer for Grandparents

Lord Jesus, you were born of the Virgin Mary, the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne. Look with love on grandparents the world over. Protect them! They are a source of enrichment for families, for the Church and all society. Support them! As they grow older, may they continue to be for their families, strong pillars of Gospel faith, guardians of noble domestic ideals, living treasures of sound religious traditions. Make them teachers of wisdom and courage, that they may pass on to future generations the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience. Lord Jesus, help families and society to value the presence and roles of grandparents. May they never be ignored or excluded, but always encounter respect and love. Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed in all the years of life which you give them. Mary, Mother of all the living, keep grandparents constantly in your care, accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage, and by your prayers, grant that all families may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland, where you await all humanity for the great embrace of life without end, Amen. *Pope Benedict XVI*



Altar Society Church Gate collection takes place at all Masses in both churches this weekend, 25th/26th July. Many thanks to the Altar Societies for their great work.

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.

St Vincent de Paul monthly church gate collection next weekend.

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

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.

Baptism

We welcome Elliot Cassidy and Aden Nitin Dabre *into the Christian community*

Deaths

We pray for the recently deceased

Vivian Everitt, Moneymore, Bridget Brown, Bridge View, Gordana Curilovic, College Rise, Jacinta Kierans, Carmel Devlin, Bernie McKenna, Martin Somerville, Sr Veronica Hanratty, MMM, Liam Reilly, Roy Breen, Mary McLoughlin, Mickey Corbally, Olive Sarsfield. **May they rest in peace.**

Come & See: Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th August Come and see new life in the Holy Spirit, experience the love of God, a relationship with Jesus, purpose in your Life and receive new gifts. "Share Baptism in the Holy Spirit with everyone in the Church, it is the grace you received" - Pope Francis. Visit www.apostlesoflove.ie for further information.

Apostles of Love prayer and healing time, Tuesdays 11.00am-1.00pm. Join us at Oasis of Peace Centre Mellifont Abbey, Collon Village for our Apostles of Love Prayer & Healing Time. Rosary, Scripture, and Eucharistic Healing.

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

Parish Collection for the weekend of 11th/12th July 2026

Loose €1,627 Envelopes €1,335
Tap to Donate €809 Total €3,771

Something to ponder:

A rather unusual sower goes out to sow, but does not care where the seed falls. He throws the seeds even where it is unlikely they will bear fruit: on the path, on the rocks, among the thorns. This attitude surprises the listener and induces him to ask: how come? We are used to calculating things - and at times it is necessary - but this does not apply in love! The way in which this 'wasteful' sower throws the seed is an image of the way God loves us. Indeed it is true that the destiny of the seed depends also on the way in which the earth welcomes it and the situation in which it finds itself, but first and foremost in this parable Jesus tells us that God throws the seed of his Word on all kinds of soil, that is, in any situation of ours: at times we are more superficial and distracted, at times we let ourselves get carried away by enthusiasm, sometimes we are burdened by life's worries, but there are also times when we are willing and welcoming. God is confident and hopes that sooner or later the seed will blossom. This is how he loves us: he does not wait for us to become the best soil, but he always generously gives us his word. Perhaps by seeing that he trusts us, the desire to be better soil will be kindled in us. This is hope, founded on the rock of God's generosity and mercy. *Pope Leo XIV*



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First Friday Visits Those who would like a First Friday visit from a priest for themselves or for a loved one should contact any of the priests of the parish, or give the details (name, address and telephone number) to the sacristy, or by email to the Parish, office@sppd.ie