

St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5th 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

St Oliver Plunkett - Sunday 5th July

The Annual St Oliver Procession, commences today from the Holy Family Church, Ballsgrove, 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.



Prayer to St Oliver Plunkett

Glorious Martyr, St Oliver, who willingly gave your life for your faith, help us also to be strong in faith. May we be loyal like you to the See of Peter. By your intercession and example, may all hatred and bitterness be banished from the hearts of Irish men and women. May the peace of Christ reign in our hearts, as it did in your heart, even at the moment of your death. Pray for us, for Ireland and the whole world. Amen.

Cemetery Sunday Thanks

Sincere thanks to all who prepared family graves in St Peter's Cemetery or Newtown Cross Cemetery for the Cemetery Blessings last Sunday. Thank you to all those who contributed to the collection at St Peter's Cemetery. Thanks to the Gardaí, Red Cross, the CE participants for maintaining the Cemetery so well, the Cemetery Committee, collectors, our Sound people, clergy, sacristans and those who organised and participated in the liturgy in any way.

8.30am Mass

The St Peter's Church, Monday to Friday, 8.30am Mass won't take place during the months of July and August. Weekday Masses, Monday to Saturday, in St Peter's Church at 10.30am and in Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 10.00am continue throughout the summer. There is no change to the Parish Sunday Mass, Baptism and Confession schedules. We are very grateful for the understanding of parishioners. The Church will open during the summer at 8.30am. The 8.30am St Peter's Church weekday Mass will recommence on Tuesday 1st September.

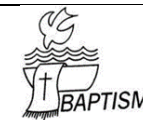


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Best of Luck to Louth in Croke Park next Saturday. An Lú abú!

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).



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.

St Vincent de Paul monthly church gate collection this weekend

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

Deaths

We pray for the recently deceased



Mary McLoughlin, Sunday's Gate,
Mickey Corbally, Sunday's Gate, Olive
Sarsfield, Chord Road, Richard (Dick)
Hughes, Ann McCann, Kathleen Skelly,
Eileen Carroll, Christy Carolan, Suzanne Bradley,
Sheila Durrigan, Breda Curran.

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>

Summer Dues for the support of the priests of the parish will be collected over the coming few weeks. Many thanks for your support.

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 our support.

Parish Collection for the weekend of 27th/28th June 2026

Loose €1,531 Envelopes €1,080 Tap to Donate €658
€Total €3,269

Cemetery Sunday €6,265.00

The monthly meeting of **Drogheda COPD Support Group** will be held tomorrow, 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.

Bishop Kevin Doran of Elphin welcomes the upcoming RTÉ One broadcast of Heart of a Servant - Fr Flanagan Story, this Monday 6th July at 9.30pm. Born in Leabeg, Co Roscommon in 1886, Father Flanagan became a pioneering advocate for vulnerable children, founding Boys Town in Omaha during and after World War I. His work inspired the 1938 Academy Award-winning film Boys Town. Bishop Doran highlights Father Flanagan's Gospel-driven commitment to child welfare, his rejection of sectarianism and racism, and his courage in confronting injustice, including opposition to the Ku Klux Klan. He welcomed children of all backgrounds and even arranged refuge in Boys Town for Japanese families interned during World War II. After the war, he travelled to countries devastated by conflict to support care for homeless children, dying in Germany in 1948. Father Flanagan's conviction that "there is no such thing as a born bad boy" shaped his ministry and his advocacy. In March 2026 he was declared Venerable by Pope Leo XIV, advancing his cause for sainthood. Bishop Doran encourages prayers through Father Flanagan's intercession and invites reports of unexplained healings to support the next stage toward Beatification.

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

Feast days this week

Saturday 11th July St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe

Congratulations to Declan Power, Manager, St Peter's Parish Barbican Centre on his election as Mayor of Drogheda. We wish him a wonderful year.

Franciscan Missionary Union Many thanks to all who purchased St Anthony's Herald and for donations received in aid of the Franciscan Missions during the recent Novena to St Anthony. The total amounted to €862.

Youth 2000 Summer Festival 13th – 16th August.

Find out more by visiting 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