

St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
23rd August 2026

Canon Eugene Sweeney PP	St Peter's Parochial House	041 983 8537
Fr Aidan Murphy PE, AP	St Peter's Presbytery	041 983 8239
Fr Cleophas Lungu, Priest in Residence		
Fr Desmond Branigan CC	Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery	041 983 1899
Fr Piotr Wojtala CC		
Deacons: David Durrigan & John Taaffe		
	St Peter's Church Sacristy	041 984 5355
	Our Lady of Lourdes Sacristy	041 983 1973
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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

Farewell to Parish Secretary

After 21 years of sterling and faithful service as Parish Secretary, Helena Codd is retiring. We thank Helena for her generous and distinguished contribution to St Peter's Parish since 2005. We wish Helena every peace and happiness, and all good health for the future.

Blessing of School Bags for Junior Infants pupils and other pupils on Sunday, 30 August at the 10.30am Family Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes Church. All welcome.

House Blessing

Anyone wishing to have their house blessed by a priest should please contact the Parish Office, office@sppd.ie or either of the church sacristies.

Hospital Visitation / First Friday Visit

Anyone wishing to have their loved one visited in hospital or on a monthly First Friday visit should please contact the Parish Office office@sppd.ie or either of the church sacristies.

Special Olympics Collection Day

On **Friday, 18 September**, the annual **Special Olympics Collection Day** will take place in Drogheda. Special Olympics Ireland is a year-round sports organisation that provides training and competition opportunities for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. To help make Collection Day a success, the organisers **are looking for volunteers** to support their bucket collections across the town. Individuals can sign up by clicking on www.specialolympics.ie

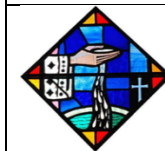
Autumn Dues for the support of the Priests of the Parish will be collected over the coming weeks. Many thanks for your great generosity, and to our collectors.

The monthly Mass in honour of **St Oliver Plunkett** will be celebrated next Saturday in St Peter's Church at 6.15pm.

St Joseph Men's Camino

Every Camino changes us in ways we don't expect, every man needs one. Join men from across Ireland on Saturday 12th September for a 25km pilgrimage through the Boyne Valley, beginning in Drogheda. The day includes Mass, Adoration, Rosary, Confessions, fraternity, lunch and dinner, with after-dinner speaker Fr. Mark Quinn. Open to men aged 18+. Cost: €65 (student €55). Registration, accommodation, details: www.dominicans.ie/events. Enquiries: op.evangelisation@gmail.com.

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.

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

Deaths

We pray for the recently deceased



Brian Hogan, Clogherhead,
Mona McCarthy (née Quinn),
Bryanstown Village, Lorraine
Collins, Ashley Gn, Kevin
Quigley, Australia and formerly
Bothar Brughna, Kay Horkan,
Sienna Convent, John Branigan,
Madelaine Carr, Fiona Doherty, Vivian Everitt.

May they rest in peace.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month 2026 takes place Thursday, Oct 1st, 2026 – Saturday, Oct 31st, 2026. For more information, please visit breastcancerresearch.ie

International Coffee Day 2026 takes place on Thursday, October 1st, 2026. Please see www.internationalcoffeeday.org for further details.

Feast Days this Week

Monday 24 th August	St Bartholomew
Thursday 26 th August	St Monica
Friday 28 th August	St Augustine
Saturday 29 th August	The Beheading of Saint John the Baptist

"You have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you."
- St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor:-

Lough Derg Pilgrimage

One Day Retreats – Guided Days of Prayer and Reflection - places available on August 23rd, 29th and 31st.
September 5th, 6th, 9th, 12th, 15th, 19th & 20th.
Admission €50. Advance Booking Essential.



"A pilgrimage has a vital part to play in our life of faith, for it removes us from our daily routines, and gives us time and space to encounter God more deeply". - Pope Leo XIV-

Parish Collection for the weekend of 22nd/23rd August 2026

Loose €1,751 Envelopes €1,235
Tap to Donate €891 Total €3,877

Catholic Mothers Ireland – Family Day

Will hold its Annual National Mass on Sunday 6th of September at Termonbacca Retreat Centre, Derry City. The day will begin with Mass at 2.00pm, followed by refreshments, children's activities, and a talk for parents.
For more information and booking details, please email info@catholicmothers.ie

Embrace the Grace Young Adult Catholic Conference

Organised by the Legion of Mary. It will take place on 29th of August from 9.30am to 6.00pm at De Montfort House, North Brunswick Street, Dublin 7 is a conference on faith and culture for young adults (18-40) with talks, prayer, Mass, confession, workshops, food and social. Tickets cost €20 and can be booked on the Eventbrite.
Enquiries: deusetpatria@gmail.com

Legion of Mary Annual Pilgrimage to Knock

Sunday 27th of September, €27 adult, €12 children. Bus departs from St Mary's, Drogheda at 7.00am. To book contact Catherine 086 399 1232 or Mary 087 646 7399