

St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
30th August 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 041 983 8537
St Peter's Presbytery 041 983 8239
Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery 041 983 1899
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 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

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 good health for the future.

Parish Secretary Vacancy

St Peter's Parish Drogheda invites applications for the position of **Parish Secretary**. Based in Drogheda, this is a key role with responsibility for provision of full secretarial support to the Parish. The successful candidate will have responsibility for all administrative duties, payment of accounts due and maintenance of accurate and timely records of all the income and expenditure of the Parish. The ideal candidate will have:

- A qualification at NFQ Level 5 (or equivalent) in Business Administration, Office Administration, Secretarial Studies, Accounting Technician, Bookkeeping, Business Studies, or a related discipline.
- A minimum of 3 years' administrative or secretarial experience in a busy office environment.

Experience in the community or voluntary sector, as well as experience of liaising with auditors, regulatory bodies, or governance committees is desirable. This role is a part-time role at 15 hours per week, with flexibility in working hours and days, subject to the needs of the parish.

Remuneration: Salary to be agreed with the successful candidate upon appointment, dependent upon experience. For further details and a full job description, please contact the HR department of the Archdiocese of Armagh by emailing omccullough@aracoeli.com.

Closing date for applications: 1.00pm Friday 11th September 2026
St Peter's Parish Drogheda is an Equal Opportunities Employer

Family Mass, today Sunday 30th August at 10.30am in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, will include the Blessing of School Bags for Junior Infant and all other pupils. All welcome.

The weekday 8.30am St Peter's Church Mass (Monday – Friday) returns tomorrow, Monday 31st August after the summer recess.

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.

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.

St Vincent de Paul Our Lady of Lourdes Church Gate Collection July €1,114.50, August €1,020. Many thanks.

The Pope's Intention for September: *For the care of water*
Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

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.

Marriage

Congratulations to Christopher Broderick & Sarah Kiernan **on their recent wedding**

Baptism

We welcome David Tijo **into the Christian community**

Deaths

We pray for the recently deceased

Patricia Hoey, Newtownstalaban, Mona McCarthy, Brian Hogan, Kay Horkan, John Branigan, Madeleine Carr, Fiona Doherty.

May they rest in peace.



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

Loose €1,483 Envelopes €1,115, Tap to Donate €780
Total €3,378

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.

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.

Marino Institute of Education: Are you looking for food for the mind and oxygen for the soul in the company of fellow seekers? Join the Adult Education Certificate in Spirituality and Human Development Programme. It is now open for applications. For more information, please see the following website www.mie.ie/spirituality. If you are interested, please contact Mary at mary.gao@mie.ie or 087 450 8549.



St Joseph Men's Camino Every Camino changes us in ways we least expect. 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



Mell Parish/St Padre Pio Pilgrimage to Knock

Sunday 20th September, cost €30.
Contact Eva 087 935 7321 or Mary 087 929 1192 for booking details.

Legion of Mary Annual Pilgrimage to Knock

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