

St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9th 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
St Peter's Presbytery

Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery

041 983 8537
041 983 8239

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

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven
Saturday coming, 15th August, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven. It is a holyday of obligation. Vigil Mass on Friday evening in Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 7.30pm. Masses on Saturday morning in St Peter's Church at 8.30am and 10.30am, and Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 10.00am.

36th Eucharistic Adoration Anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving in St Peter's Church on Assumption Day, Saturday, August 15th, at 10.30am. All welcome.

First Mass of Fr Anthony Reilly

Fr Anthony Reilly, son of Breda and the late Frank Reilly of Ashfield Close, and formerly Brookville Park, was ordained a priest of East Anglia Diocese on 4th July by Bishop Peter Collins at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist, Norwich, England. We congratulate him warmly and wish him every peace and blessing in his ministry. Ad multos annos. Fr Anthony will celebrate a First Mass in St Peter's Church next Sunday 16th August at 11.00am, and give his First Blessing. All are welcome.



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

There is a **second envelope** this weekend, 9th August for the **Armagh Central Diocesan Fund**. This envelope goes towards the running of the Diocesan Curia in Armagh, its safeguarding and youth offices, the Diocesan Pastoral Office and its initiatives, including the Synodal Way. The collection also supports the Irish Bishops' Conference.

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

The Altar Society church gate collection last month amounted as follows: St Peter's Church, €681; Our Lady of Lourdes Church, €715. Many thanks for your great generosity.

Rosary Procession in honour of Our Lady of the Assumption, Saturday 15th of August starting at 4.00pm in Holy Family Church and going around Ballsgrove.

Joke of the Day In one of his books, Mark Twain recalls a visit to the Holy Land and a stay in Capernaum. It was a moonlit night, so he decided to take his wife on a romantic boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Twain asked a man in a rowboat how much he would charge. The man saw Twain's white suit, white shoes and white hat and supposed he was a rich Texan. So, he said the cost would be \$25. Twain walked away as he said, *"Now I know why Jesus walked on water!"* **Have a blessed Sunday!**

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

Baptism

We welcome Robyn Grace Bowe, Lillie Elizabeth Bowe, Elliot Gregory Williams, Liam Barbosa Ovidio **Into the Christian community**

Deaths

We pray for the recently deceased

Madelaine Carr, North Rd, Fiona Doherty, Vivian Everitt, Bridget Brown, Gordana Curilovic, Jacinta Kierans, Carmel Devlin, Bernie McKenna, Martin Somerville, Sr Veronica Hanratty, MMM, Liam Reilly. **May they rest in peace.**

Do you want to learn more about your faith? Do you want more confidence to play a role in your parish?

If you are interested, why not consider joining our **Diocesan Theology programme**. The programme is accredited by St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth. There are no educational entry requirements, and completion of the course is based on submitted work and does not include sitting exams. Our Theology programme will be continuing this year and starting 26 September. If you are interested and would like more information, contact Milanda at milanda@parishandfamily.ie All are welcome.

Apostles of Love Every Tuesday (11am-1pm) join us at Oasis of Peace Centre Mellifont Abbey, Collon Village for our beautiful Apostles of Love Prayer & Healing Time. Rosary, Scripture, and Eucharistic Healing.

Feast days this week

Monday 10th August Saint Lawrance, Deacon & Martyr.

*"Turn me over. I am finished on this side."
-St. Lawrance. During his martyrdom-*

Saturday 15th August The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Parish Collection for the weekend of 1st/2nd August 2026

Loose €1,476 Envelopes €1,145
Tap to Donate €699 Total €3,320

Many thanks to all those who contributed to the Society of African Missions in both churches.

Lady Well Day, Slane

On the 14th August, following 7 p.m. Mass. Fr Richard will lead a procession of Our Lady, from St Patrick's Church to Lady Well on the grounds of Slane Castle to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption. Our Lady's statue will remain there 'till dusk on August 15th There will be Flexibus available to transport pilgrims from the new Castle Gate on the Slane/Navan road from 11.30am till 4.00pm. Pilgrims are welcome.

Legion of Mary Annual Pilgrimage to Knock

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

Saint's quote *"Let us remember that love lives through sacrifice and is nourished by giving. Without sacrifice, there is no love."* -St. Maximilian Kolbe (Feast day on Friday 14th of August).