

St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
16th 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

041 984 5355
041 983 1973



www.sppd.ie

Email office@sppd.ie



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

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 today, Sunday 16th August at 11.00am, and give his First Blessing. All are 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, **we are looking for volunteers** to support our bucket collections across the town. Individuals can sign up by clicking on our website [Special Olympics Ireland](http://www.specialolympicsireland.com).

Embrace the Grace" 16 August 2026

An Afternoon today, Sunday 16th August (2-6pm) for Young Adults 18-35y with the Power of the Holy Spirit in Honouring Our Lady in the Oasis of Peace Mellifont Abbey. Praise & Worship with Conor Taaffe (renowned singer), Special Guests John & Danelle Connors (Actors & Podcasters Reclaim the Faith) & Testimonies from Kyle Carroll & Nadine Clerkin. (Not to be missed). Enquires: www.apostlesoflove.ie or #comeasyouare_group) T 086 861 1531.

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.

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.

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 Kaiden James Oliver O'Reilly **Into the Christian community**

Deaths

We pray for the recently deceased

John Branigan, Matson Lodge,
Madelaine Carr, Fiona Doherty,
Vivian Everitt, Bridget Brown,
Gordana Curilovic, Jacinta Kierans,
Carmel Devlin, Bernie McKenna.
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.

Feast days this week

Monday 17th August Our Lady of Knock
Wednesday 19th August St John Eudes
Friday 21st August St Pius X
Saturday 22nd August The Queenship of Mary

*"Rest is in Him alone. Man knows no peace in the world;
but he has no disturbance when he is with God."*
- Bernard of Clairvaux, Abbot.-

(Feast Day on Thursday 20th of August).

Parish Collection for the weekend of 8th/9th August 2026

Loose €1,478 Envelopes €1,125
Tap to Donate €913 Total €3,516

Many thanks to all those who contributed to the Central Diocesan Fund €585.

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

Lough Derg Pilgrimage

One Day Retreats – Guided Days of Prayer and Reflection - places available on August 18th, 22nd, 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-

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