

St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

27th September 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

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Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery

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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

Drogheda Community Orchestra

Join the Drogheda Community Orchestra for a wonderful evening of live orchestral music featuring acclaimed violinist Aoife Ní Bhriain, conducted by Tadhg Murphy. 📅 Sunday 27th September 2026 ⌚ 5.00pm. Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Hardman's Gardens, Drogheda. 🎫 €25 📄 <https://DCOAutumn2026.eventbrite.ie> Featuring music by Rossini, Holohan, Bruch, Grieg, Lehár & Sarasate. A beautiful programme, an incredible soloist and the full sound of Drogheda Community Orchestra which played so wonderfully at the live broadcast Mass of the Bells in St Peter's Church last November.

A **Prayer Service** to mark the 47th Anniversary of the Visit of St Pope John Paul II to Killineer will take place at the Pope's Cross monument on Sunday 4th October at 5.00pm. Many thanks to the locals who look after the monument so well throughout the year.

St Peter's Church Shop Volunteers are needed to help in the shop. If you would like to give a few hours once a week or once a month, please contact St Peter's Sacristy at spc@sppd.ie or 041 984 5355.

The **October Family Mass** takes place in Our Lady of Lourdes Church today Sunday 27th September at 10.30am.

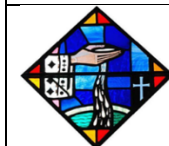
Feast of St Thérèse of Lisieux: Thursday, 1st October, is the Memorial of St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, better known as St Thérèse Collection of Lisieux or the Little Flower. The feast will be marked in a special way at the 10.30am Mass in St Peter's Church where roses will be blessed and a communal blessing of the congregation with the Saint's relic will be given.

Rosary and Benediction recommence in the Parish next Sunday 4 October, in St Peter's Church at 5.00pm. Sunday evening devotions take place in the months dedicated to Our Lady, namely May and October.

God First, St Peter's Youth Group is back after the summer break. Teens aged 13 - 17 are invited to come along on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month, 6.00pm – 8.00pm in the Family Room in Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

Come and listen to a series of talks for adults and young people. Wednesdays and Sundays at 8pm in the Family Room in Our Lady of Lourdes church. Starting on Wednesday 30th of September and continuing for several weeks. Everyone is welcome! Held by the Neocatechumenal Way, for more info contact 089 232 0365.

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 – 4.00pm (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.

St Vincent de Paul monthly church gate collection at all Masses next weekend, first Sunday of the month. Local needs are great.

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 and surrounding area of the Knights of St Columbanus - a Catholic layman's charity organisation promoting the faith and helping the less well off in our society. If you would like to join us at our monthly meetings check our QR code.

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.

Friday 2nd October is the First Friday of the month. The clergy will visit the sick in accordance with Government and diocesan norms, but only after consultation with the person concerned or their family. Please contact the parish office, either sacristy or any priest if you or your loved one would like a visit.

The **Divine Mercy Chaplet** is recited after the 10.00am Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes Church each First Friday.

The monthly Mass in honour of the **Sacred Heart** (Pioneer Association) on Friday at 10.30am in St Peter's Church.

Congratulation to John Bird & Kelly Thornton on their recent wedding.

70th Anniversary St Peter's Male Voice Choir *Keep It Country 3*, Conductor Edward Holly. Compere Gerry Kelly, featuring special guests Amy Judge, Dawn and a live band. Friday 23rd October, 8.00pm Barbican Centre, William Street Tickets €25 (No booking fee) from the Barbican 041 980 7416, Paddy Davis 087 201 9166, Credit card purchase 087 220 7383 or www.eventbrite.ie

Deaths

We pray for the recently deceased



Charlie Gallagher, Aston Village, Patsy Fulham, College Rise, Marian Byrne, Pearse Park, Fr Mark O'Hagan, PP, Ardee, Marie Holden, Termonabbey, Monica Haider, Dr Colm Charles Faulkner, Gloria Robinson, Rosaleen Dunne, Bernie Farrelly, Sr Noreen Theresa Smyth, MMM, Liz Matthews, Sr Mechtilde Robinson, MMM. **May they rest in peace.**

Parish Collection for the weekend of 19th/20th September 2026

Loose €1,572 Envelopes €1,000 Tap to Donate €764
Total €3,336

Many thanks to all those who contributed to the CATHEDRAL COLLECTION: €475.

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.

Feastdays this week. Tuesday 29th September
Thursday 1st October

Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, virgin and doctor of the Church

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

Hospital Visitation: 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.

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.

"A word, a kindly smile, will often suffice to gladden a wounded and sorrowful heart"– St Thérèse of the Child Jesus.

TAIZÉ PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS: You are warmly invited to an evening of Taizé Prayer around the Cross in IN CANDLELIGHT "BETHANY" 34 Point Road, Dundalk, A91 WOC9. On Thursday, 2nd October 8.00pm-9.00pm, followed by a cuppa. All are welcome to join us for this quiet and reflective time of prayer

Blessing of the Animals will take place in the Augustinian Church, Shop Street on Saturday October 3rd in the Augustinian Garden, all pets are welcome. However, we do appreciate it if all Dogs could be kept on leads.