

St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

6th 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

St Peter's Parochial House

St Peter's Presbytery

Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery

St Peter's Church Sacristy

Our Lady of Lourdes Sacristy

041 983 8537

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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 Bishop Michael Router

A Mass of Thanksgiving will take place on Wednesday 9th September 2026 at 7.00pm in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh. All are welcome. This Mass will give us all an opportunity to thank Bishop Michael for his six years of generous service in the Archdiocese of Armagh and to wish him well on his appointment as Bishop of Derry.

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

The **Season of Creation 2026** began on 1st September. In his message for the Season, Pope Leo calls us to appreciate the gift of life amid suffering that is itself a plea for healing and peace which we believe flows from the enduring love of Christ. Pope Leo invites us to 'transform harm into life' in accordance with the prophetic call to "beat swords into ploughshares" (Is 2:4). In the spirit of the Final Document of the Synod on Synodality, he guides us towards a path of conversion and with 'Laudato Si' on Care for our Common Home in mind, directs us to ecological conversion which can only happen in an encounter with Jesus Christ. Pope Leo concludes that it's only with God's help we can courageously seek peace and the care of creation.

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 this weekend.

Feast days this week

Tuesday 8th September The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Deaths

We pray for the recently deceased

Sr Mechtilde Robinson, MMM, Beechgrove,
Patricia Hoey, Mona McCarthy, Brian Hogan,
Kay Horkan, John Branigan, Madeleine Carr.
May they rest in peace.



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.

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.



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.

Employment Opportunities: Are you looking for part-time or full-time work? If you're unemployed due to accident, illness, injury, disability, or are recovering from depression, EmployAbility Service Louth is here to support you in finding employment. For more information, please contact us at ☎ 042-938 6718 or 087-638 6885

Parish Collection for the weekend of 29th/30th August 2026

Loose €1,608 Envelopes €1,135, Tap to Donate €823 Total €3,566

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.

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.

AnamCara Bereavement Information Evening: Supporting Surviving Siblings 15th September 2026, 7.00pm. Anam Cara is very pleased to announce its first Bereavement Information Evening especially dedicated to supporting surviving siblings this autumn. As part of our commitment to supporting everyone following the death of a child, we are exploring opportunities to further support the entire family. This event is open to all parents whose child or children have died, regardless of the age of their child, circumstances of their death, or time since bereavement. We are also opening this Bereavement Information Evening to bereaved adult siblings over 18. Register: bit.ly/SeptBIE



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.

There will be a *one-day workshop* on Saturday 10th October in **An Tobar Retreat Centre**, Ardracran, Navan, exploring contemplation and meditation in the second half of life. For further details and to register, phone 046-907 8973 or email reception@antobar.ie