

St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

13th 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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041 984 5355

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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

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

The discovery of the True Cross is dated back to 14th September 320. The churches on Calvary were dedicated on 13th September 335 and the cross that St Helena discovered was venerated there the next day. The annual commemoration of this event has been celebrated since, in praise of the redemption won for us by Christ.
A relic from the True Cross is enshrined in St Peter's Church.

Area Masses

The following area Masses have been arranged:

Newfield Mass, Tuesday 15th September 2026 at 7.00pm in Newfield Estate weather permitting (otherwise in Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 7.30pm)

Pearse Park Mass, Tuesday 22nd September 2026 at 7.30pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Church

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.

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.

Second Collection

There will be a *second envelope* next weekend, 20th September, for **St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh**, for the ongoing restoration and maintenance of the Cathedral so that it might remain a centre of hope and prayer for generations to come. The cost of maintaining this important heart of our Archdiocese is considerable, averaging over £150,000 (€173,000) each year.

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland: Join the **Drogheda Memory Walk 2026** on Sunday 20th September at 2.00pm. Meeting point St Dominic's Park, Drogheda and follow the Riverwalk to Oldbridge House. Walk to support people living with dementia. Register now www.memorywalk.ie Every step makes a difference.

St Peter's Parish Pastoral Council meeting tomorrow, Monday 14th September

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.

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.

Feast days this week

Monday 14th September The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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.

Welcome all to the weekly **Monday night Prayer Meeting**, at "Bethany", 34 Point Road, A91 WOC 9 which resumes Monday 14th September 8.00pm - 9.30pm and meet new friends.

A Journey of Faith. You are warmly invited to join us for an informal **OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)** Information Evening at St. Patrick's Church, Dundalk, at 7.00pm on Thursday 17th September 2026. This invitation is open to anyone who is searching for God, exploring the Catholic faith, has not yet completed their initiation into the Catholic Church, or perhaps has stepped away from the Church and is considering returning. There is no obligation or commitment — just an opportunity to meet others, learn more about the Catholic faith, and discover where God may be leading you. For further information, please contact Sharon Dunne of the Armagh Diocesan Pastoral Team on 087 641 7334 or email dunnesharon.pastoralcentre@gmail.com.

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.



The Archdiocese of Armagh Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart Annual Venerable Matt Talbot Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 27th September in

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Sean McDermott Street, Dublin at 3.00pm.

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.

Baptism
We welcome Arthur Gabriel Mikucionis *into the Christian community*

Deaths

We pray for the recently deceased

Rosaleen Dunne, Lia Bhrega, Bernie Farrelly, Patrick Street, Sr Noreen Theresa Smyth, MMM, Beechgrove, Liz Matthews, Flanagan Terrace, Sr Mechtilde Robinson, MMM, Patricia Hoey, Mona McCarthy, Brian Hogan, Kay Horkan.

May they rest in peace.



Parish Collection for the weekend of 5th/6th September 2026

Loose €1,517 Envelopes €1,315 Tap to Donate €757
Total €3,589

Sick & Retired Priests' Collection €900

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.



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.

Fundraiser concert in support of **O'Raghallaigh's CLG**
A spectacular evening run by the Cast of 'The Town' featuring **St Peter's Male Voice Choir**, Saturday 19th September in the O'Raghallaigh's Club Hall, North Road. Generous Raffle. Tickets €15 on the night or contact Gemma on 086 201 6111.