

St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

20th September 2026

Canon Eugene Sweeney PP

Fr Aidan Murphy PE, AP

Fr Cleophas Lungu, Priest in Residenc

Fr Desmond Branigan CC

Fr Piotr Wojtala CC

Deacons: David Durrigan & John Taaffe

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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 Installation Mass for **Bishop Michael Router** as **Bishop of Derry** takes place today, Sunday 20th September at 3.00pm in St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry. We wish Bishop Michael every grace and blessing in his new role.
<https://www.steugenescathedral.com/webcam.html>

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.

There is a **second envelope** this 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.

Lourdes Youth Choir
We are delighted to welcome the Lourdes Youth Choir back to the 10.30 Mass after their summer break. As an interim arrangement from the autumn until the end of the year, Katie Haggins and Aisling King will jointly direct the Choir with Kleopatra Bruno as organist. We thank them sincerely for assuming this responsibility. We thank all the members and their parents for their ongoing commitment to the Choir.

The **monthly Mass** in honour of **St Oliver Plunkett** will be celebrated next Saturday in St Peter's Church at 6.15pm.

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 on Sunday 4th October at 10.30am.

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.

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.

Deaths

We pray for the recently deceased
Marie Holden, Termonabbey formerly Chord Road, Monica Haider, Listoke Ave, Dr Colm Charles Faulkner, Chord Road, Gloria Robinson, Wheaton Hall, Rosaleen Dunne, Bernie Farrelly, Sr Noreen Theresa Smyth, MMM, Liz Matthews, Sr Mechtilde Robinson, MMM, Patricia Hoey, Mona McCarthy. **May they rest in peace.**

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

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 21st September St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Friends of the Order **Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem Lieutenancy of Ireland** Help sustain the living Christian presence in the Holy Land. The Holy Land is the land of the Gospel, but it is also home to Christian families, schools, parishes and communities who need prayer, solidarity and practical support today. Friends of the Order offers a simple way to help. The Order is a Catholic Order under the protection of the Holy See, dedicated to supporting the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem and the Christian communities of the Holy Land. Friends are not members of the Order but are people of goodwill who wish to support this mission through prayer, awareness and charitable giving. Friends support helps provide: ✠ Catholic schools, scholarships and teacher support ✠ Parishes, churches, seminaries and religious communities ✠ Healthcare, homes for the elderly and humanitarian aid ✠ Projects in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Gaza, Jordan, Galilee and the West Bank. 100% of Friends' donations go directly to approved Holy Land needs, without administrative deductions. To learn more or become a Friend: Website: holysepulchre.ie/friends Facebook: EOHSL Ireland Email: friends@holysepulchre.ie Phone: 086 325 3882 *Together, we can help ensure Christianity continues to flourish in the land where Our Lord lived, died and rose again.*



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.

The first meeting of **Vocations Society of St Joseph**, formerly *St Joseph's Young Priests' Society*, after the summer break will be held on Thursday 24th September at 10.30am in Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery. New members are urgently required to continue the work of supporting our seminarians. For further information contact Margaret on 086 602 4982.

Parish Collection for the weekend of 12th /13th September 2026

Loose €1,484 Envelopes €1,090 Tap to Donate €794 Total €3,368

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.

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.

St Pio of Pietrelcina Feastday Wednesday 23rd September

Pray, pray to the Lord with me, because the whole world needs prayer. And every day, when your heart especially feels the loneliness of life, pray. Pray to the Lord, because even God needs our prayers.

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.

70th Anniversary St Peter's Male Voice Choir

Keep It Country 3, featuring special guests Amy Judge, Dawn and a live band. Friday 23rd October, 8.00pm Barbican Centre, William Street Tickets €25 from the Barbican, Paddy Davis 087 201 9166, Credit card purchase 087 220 7383 or www.eventbrite.ie