St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area

All Saints

1st November 2026

Canon Eugene Sweeney PP	**St Peter's Parochial House**	**041 983 8537**
Fr Aidan Murphy PE, AP	**St Peter's Presbytery**	**041 983 8239**
Fr Cleophas Lungu, Priest in Residenc		
Fr Desmond Branigan CC	**Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery**	**041 983 1899**
Fr Piotr Wojtala CC		
Deacons: David Durrigan & John Taaffe		
	St Peter's Church Sacristy	**041 984 5355**
	Our Lady of Lourdes Sacristy	**041 983 1973**

www.sppd.ie Email office@sppd.ie



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, Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday 11.00am – 1.00pm Tuesday & Friday 11.00am - 3.00pm

Email office@sppd.ie
The Barbican
St Peter's Parish Centre
041 980 7416



Commencing today, Sunday 1st November, the rosary and prayers for all the faithful departed will be recited each day during the month of November in **St Peter's Cemetery at 3.00pm**, meeting at the Calvary memorial and then walking around the cemetery. All are welcome to attend to remember their loved ones in prayer.

Monday 2nd November is **All Souls' Day.** Masses in St Peter's Church at 8.30am and 10.30am and in Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 10.00am and 7.30pm.

November Parish List of the Dead

Envelopes are available in both churches. All Masses on Monday 2nd November, Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day), will be offered for those whose names are on the 2026 List of the Dead, as well as Masses throughout November, monthly Masses in both St Peter's and Our Lady of Lourdes Churches, and other dedicated Masses. Please leave the envelopes in the secure box provided or in the Sunday basket.

November Remembrance of the Dead



Our parish celebration will take place in Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Saturday 7th November at the 7.00pm Vigil Mass. The names of all those whose funerals have taken place in the Parish, and/or who have been buried in the Parish, in the past twelve months, will be read out. A candle will be lit for each of the deceased.

Mass for Peace in Armagh Tuesday 3rd November, Feast of St Malachy

"In a video message this week to those gathered at the international meeting for Peace at Assisi, Pope Leo XIV said, "We must build peace everywhere, not prepare for more wars". In a world, and indeed in our own communities, marked by uncertainty, division and unrest, we are reminded of the urgent need to become people of peace. We remain deeply troubled by war, especially in the Holy Lands and Ukraine. Pope Leo points us to the troubling revival of violence and war in politics, and the accumulation of arms in many countries of the world. He offers us the path of St Francis and the saints, that God may make us "unarmed instruments of His peace". We pray with Pope Leo that God may "touch the hearts of those who seek war and terrorism". It is in this spirit that I warmly invite you to join me in celebrating the Feast of our great local saint, St Malachy, and praying for peace on Tuesday 3rd November at 7.30 pm in St Malachy's Church, Armagh. During this Mass, we will pray particularly for all those affected by conflict and violence throughout the world, and for reconciliation and lasting peace in our own land." ***Archbishop Eamon Martin***

St Vincent de Paul monthly church gate collection this weekend.

St Peter's and **Our Lady of Lourdes Churches** will close at **4.00pm** for the winter months

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 except for Tuesday, when exposition continues until 7.00pm.

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.

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 November

For the proper use of wealth Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

Marriage

Congratulations to Gary Noone & Rachel Barrett ***on their recent wedding***

Deaths

We pray for the recently deceased
Bernard Healy, Ballymakenny Road, Desmond Cleland, Flanagan's Terrace, Enda Hughes, Brookville, Pauline Byrne, Moneymore, Moira Harrison, Hardman's Gardens, James McEntee, Tony Harty, Peter Floody, Martin Keeley, Bernadette Thornton, Ronan Kilmurry, Margaret Murphy, Sr M Joseph Anne Kelly MMM. ***May they rest in peace.***

Drogheda Community Services provide a one-to-one free Bereavement Counselling Service at Dermot Kierans Centre, Scarlet Crescent, Drogheda. To make an appointment please call 041 983 6084 or email info@droghedacsc.net

Feast days this week

Monday 2nd November	The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)
Thursday 5 th November	St Martin de Porres
Friday 6th November	All the Saints of Ireland

Friday 6th November is the **First Friday** of the month. The clergy will visit the sick and housebound by request from 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.

Parish Collection for the weekend of 24th/25th October 2026
Loose €1,710 Envelopes €945 Tap to Donate €852
Total €3,507

Baptisms



We welcome Eve Kate Quinlan, Mikayla Iris Satis, Liam Joseph Maguire, Callum Tony Ryan. Calvin Eoghan Kelly-Caffrey ***into the Christian community***

ABIDE Women's Conference 2026 20th – 22nd November: Join hundreds of women at the Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran, Co. Donegal, in just a few weeks for our third Abide Women's Conference.
Speakers include Sarah Swafford, Danielle Noonan, Kimberlee Woo Ling, Fr Oisín Martin CFR, Fr Barry Braum, the Nashville Dominican Sisters, Fr David Nugent and Fr Mark Wharton, with Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Fintan Gavin. A beautiful weekend of faith, celebration, healing and joy! Register on Eventbrite: Abide in His Love. For more details, please visit Abide in His Love at eventbrite.ie Registration link: https://abideinhislove.eventbrite.com

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: 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

God First, St Peter's Youth Group 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, Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

November Prayer

Lord God, whose days are without end and whose mercies beyond counting,
Keep us mindful that life is short and the hour of death unknown.
Let your Spirit guide our days on earth in the ways of holiness and justice,
That we may serve you in union with the whole Church,
Sure in faith, strong in hope, perfect in love.
And when our earthly dwelling is ended, lead us rejoicing into your kingdom where you live for ever and ever.
Amen.

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