St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Prisoners' Sunday

11th October 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 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

World Mission Sunday, which is celebrated on the second last Sunday in October each year, will take place next Sunday 18th October.

World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal in support of overseas mission. All offerings made at this time will help missionaries care for some of the world's most vulnerable people in over 120 countries. Missio Ireland coordinates World Mission Sunday throughout all dioceses in Ireland, visit www.missio.ie or call 01 497 2035 for further information.

There will be a *second envelope* next Sunday for ***Mission Sunday***.



Rosary and Benediction
in St. Peter's Church at 5.00pm for the month of October. Please note that Sunday evening devotions now only take place in the months dedicated to Our Lady, namely May and October.

Peace Prize
Congratulations to Julitta Clancy (Meath Peace Group) and Roy Garland (Guild of Uriel) on being conferred with the peace prize by Historical Groups from Ireland's Ancient East and Oliver Plunkett Peace and Reconciliation at the inaugural award. Both have promoted peace and reconciliation and created safe spaces for dialogue North and South over many years. This award is a fitting tribute to two courageous individuals who worked tirelessly, overtly and discreetly, encouraging forgiveness as a true path to peace but not afraid to ask the difficult questions.

Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood - Anyone interested in joining a discernment group to consider aspects of the Diocesan Priesthood is invited to contact Fr Barry Matthews, Armagh Archdiocese Vocations Director at armaghpriest@gmail.com or visit www.armaghpriest.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.



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 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.

Parish Pastoral Council meeting tomorrow, Monday 12th October.

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).

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.

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.

Pope's monthly intention for October
For mental health ministry – Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illness.

Baptisms
We welcome Myles Brendan Gibney & Anaiah Ren Krcelic ***into the Christian community***

Deaths
We pray for the recently deceased
Margaret Murphy, Oulster Lane, Sr M Joseph Anne Kelly MMM, Mary Brodigan, Olive Brady, Jim Reynolds, Rita Gallagher, Charlie Gallagher, Patsy Fulham, Marian Byrne, Marie Holden, Monica Haider, Dr Colm Charles Faulkner, Gloria Robinson. ***May they rest in peace.***

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

Faith, Hope, Love: Celebrating the Spirit of Lourdes through music in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, Friday 16th October. Tickets £20 are available by calling 087 261 0026.

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

Items for the **Parish Newsletter** may be emailed to office@sppd.ie or handed into the Parish Office by 6.00pm on Wednesday evening each week.

Parish Collection for the weekend of 3rd/4th October 2026

Loose €1,503 Envelopes €1,295 Tap to Donate €789
Total €3,587

Feast days this week
Thursday 15th October: St Teresa of Avila, virgin and doctor of the Church
'It is foolish to think that we will enter heaven without entering into ourselves.' St Teresa of Avila

Are you or is someone you know, living with a long-term health condition? If so, then you may be interested in the **'Living Well Programme'**. Living Well is a FREE, 6week self-management group programme for adults living with long term health conditions, such as asthma, COPD, diabetes, heart conditions, stroke and others to name but a few.There are spaces available on the following Programmes:
1. Barbican Centre, Drogheda – starting Wednesday 4th November to Wednesday 9th December
2. Online – Starting Thursday 5th November to Thursday 17th December
To book your place, please contact
Aine 041 685 0676 / 087 114 0371 or Elaine 041 686 0710 / 087 430 8735

Pieta Suicide Bereavement Liaison Service – Louth & Meath. The Pieta Suicide Bereavement Liaison Service provides information, support and guidance to individuals, families, communities and organisations who have been bereaved by suicide. The service can also assist with identifying appropriate supports and referral pathways. Referrals: Individuals, families or professionals can make a referral by contacting the Suicide Bereavement Liaison Officer for Louth and Meath in the following ways: Email: sblo.referrals@pieta.ie or Tel: 0818 111 126

Aras Mhuire Nursing Facility, Beechgrove Drogheda offers Long-Term Care, Respite, Convalescence & Palliative Care. It is owned and managed by The Medical Missionaries of Mary and is fully HIQA compliant. We have vacancies at present and are open to admissions. Please email your enquiries to nursemanager@arasmhuire.com

To find out more about becoming a member/volunteer of **St Vincent de Paul** visit svp.ie