St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time – World Mission Sunday

18th October 2026

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	Our Lady of Lourdes Sacristy	**041 983 1973**

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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

We pray that **Pope Leo** will make a full and speedy recovery. We ask the Lord to grant him health and strength to continue to lead the Church.

World Mission Sunday, is celebrated today 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. The 2025 Mission Sunday Collection raised €1,360,971 from the 26 Irish dioceses, including €45,000 from the Archdiocese of Armagh. Missio Ireland coordinates World Mission Sunday throughout all dioceses in Ireland, visit www.missio.ie or call 01 497 2035 for further information.

There is a *second envelope* this weekend for ***Mission Sunday***.

Parish Secretary Congratulations to Nicola Bedford who has been appointed Parish Secretary. Nicola will continue her role as Sacristan in St Peter's Church.

Voluntary Refurbishment Work at Our Lady of Lourdes Church

Many thanks to the **Syro-Malabar Catholic Community** in Drogheda for the wonderful voluntary work recently undertaken - power washing of the Church, the presbytery external walls and painting of the extensive church railings. This included the provision of machinery and materials. The Syro-Malabar community comes from Kerala in India. They celebrate their rite in their native language, Malayalam, a few times a month in Our Lady of Lourdes Church with their chaplain, Fr Sijo John, a Catholic Curate ministering in Louth Village. We are greatly enriched by the presence of the Syro-Malabar community at so many of our own parish liturgies. We also thank **Bobby O'Neill** who did such a wonderful job in painting the foyer of Our Lady of Lourdes Church and the external doors recently.

National Synodal Assembly

The National Synodal Assembly took place on 17th October in the City North Hotel marking the culmination of the five-year process of the Irish Synodal Pathway, bringing together nominated delegates from across the Catholic Church. The purpose of the Assembly was to: prayerfully consider the fruits of five-year Synodal Pathway; engage with the proposals contained in the Working Document; listen to the experience and wisdom of delegates from across the island; deliberate on proposals and recommendations emerging from the Irish Synodal Pathway; make recommendations (or not) to the Irish Bishops' Conference; identify ways in which the Church can continue to grow as a listening, participatory and missionary community. The gathering built on the prayer, listening and discernment that has taken place across the Church since October 2021. Seven priorities for renewal emerged from that experience: belonging; co-responsibility and lay ministry; family; formation and catechesis; healing; women; and youth, all explored by national Working Groups which made practical and actionable proposals contained within the Working Document. Recommendations emerging from this Assembly will be received by the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference.

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.

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

Baptisms

We welcome Lennon John Newman & Ayan Michael Lobo ***into the Christian community***

Deaths

We pray for the recently deceased

Martin Keeley, Glenmore Drive, Bernadette Thornton, Glenview, Ronan Kilmurry, Newfield, Margaret Murphy, Sr M Joseph Anne Kelly MMM, Mary Brodigan, Olive Brady, Jim Reynolds, Rita Gallagher, Charlie Gallagher, Patsy Fulham, Marian Byrne, Marie Holden. ***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

Eucharistic Adoration: Diocesan Adoration Lay Committees in Armagh and Dromore are being renewed, expanded and consolidated in order to increase the practice of Eucharistic Adoration in parishes. You are welcome to attend an Information Meeting on Tuesday 20th October in The Parish Centre, Hale St, Ardee A92 X5DE at 8.00pm. Registration from 7.30pm.

Parish Collection for the weekend of 10th/11th October 2026

Loose €1,577 Envelopes €1,170 Tap to Donate €759
Total €3,506

The monthly **Family Mass** will take place next Sunday 25th October, at 10.30am in Our Lady of Lourdes Church. All welcome.

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.

Tusla Louth is recruiting foster carers urgently for children in the Louth area. We endeavour to keep children in their schools, clubs and local communities and need your support to make this happen. If you are interested in receiving more information, please contact the fostering team on 1800 226 771 and we will be happy to discuss your enquiry.

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.

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.

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