St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8th 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**

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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, 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

November Parish List of the Dead

Envelopes are available in both churches. Masses throughout November, monthly Masses in both St Peter's and Our Lady of Lourdes Churches, and other dedicated Masses will be offered for those whose names are on the 2026 List of the Dead. Please leave the envelopes in the secure box provided or in the Sunday basket.

St Peter's Male Voice Choir, 1956 - 2026

Since 1956 St Peter's Male Voice Choir has been the choir of St Peter's Church. The choir sings superbly and sublimely at Mass every Sunday and at major liturgical events in the Parish and Archdiocese, with sacred repertoire, including Missa de Angelis, Gounod's Deuxième messe pour les sociétés chorales, a wide variety of traditional and contemporary hymns, as well as Latin motets.

The choir's current Musical Director, Edward Holly, has very competently overseen the choir's artistic development for over 30 years. A graduate of Trinity College Dublin, he enjoys a distinguished career as a pianist and accompanist, lecturing at TU Dublin Conservatoire and performing with Ireland's national orchestras, National Symphony Orchestra Ireland and RTÉ Concert Orchestra.

St Peter's Male Voice Choir sang at the Latin Mass in St Mary's Cathedral, Dublin, over a ten-year period, accompanied by renowned international organist, Professor Gerard Gillen. In 2016, St Peter's Male Voice Choir sang Mass in Liebfrauenkirche, Frankfurt, Germany, as well as performing a recital in Justinuskirche, the oldest building in the city. Further highlights include a recital in St Patrick's Cathedral, New York, and being the first choir to perform in concert in the United Nations Building in New York. St Peter's Male Voice Choir has also appeared as guests of Aled Jones at the National Concert Hall Signature Series, where JM Martin's composition 'The Awakening' received its Irish Première with the RTÉ Concert Orchestra under the baton of David Brophy. The Choir's Keep it Country and Christmas Concerts are greatly anticipated.

We thank St Peter's Male Voice Choir for their wonderful contribution to St Peter's Parish and wish them continued flourishing. New members are welcome. Ad multos annos.

The Knights of St Columbanus annual Church Gate Collection will be held this weekend. Proceeds go towards funding Christmas hampers and dinners for the elderly living alone as well as to small local charities. We will also host a Meet & Greet this weekend to encourage young men to join our organisation and help to spread the faith and to assist the less well off in our area.

20th Anniversary of **Road Traffic Mass** on Sunday 15th November at 1.15pm in the Augustinian Church

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.

St Vincent de Paul Our Lady of Lourdes church gate collection, September: €1060, October: €1066. Grateful thanks to all who contributed.

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.

Deaths

We pray for the recently deceased

Joe Flanagan, Newfield, John McGinn, Creveen Terrace, Marites Soller, Greenhills, Nicholas McCann, George's Street, Kevin Martin, Yellowbatter, Bernard Healy, Desmond Cleland, Enda Hughes, Pauline Byrne, Moira Harrison, James McEntee, Tony Harty, Peter Floody, Martin Keeley, Bernadette Thornton.

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 9th November The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Samaritans Drogheda & North East will hold its annual Church Gate Collection on the weekend of 14th–15th November. We're here 24/7 to support anyone in emotional distress — just call our Freephone number: 116 123. We have an Outreach team that would be willing to meet with any community groups and talk about what we do and how we try to help people in emotional distress.

Parish Collection for the weekend of 31st October/1st November 2026
Loose €1,518 Envelopes €1,275 Tap to Donate €729
Total €3,522

Baptisms

We welcome Aaniyah Mary Prince ***into the Christian community***

Abide Women's Conference 20th – 22nd November 2026 Great Northern Hotel Bundoran, Co Donegal. Speakers include Sarah Swafford, Fr Barry Braum, Fr Mark Wharton, Kimberlee WooLing, Danielle Noonan, Nashville Dominicans & more, Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Fintan Gavin, from Cork & Ross Diocese. We would love to welcome you this weekend. 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.



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.

Forgiveness

Jesus reminds us that gift and forgiveness are the foundation of our existence. All things are given to us by God out of pure love, and none of us can claim to be perfect in responding to such goodness. For this reason, gratuitousness - which is the source of our existence- is also the best rule for our life together. We experience this every day. Forgiveness is indispensable, and without it, we cannot live in peace. Sooner or later conflicts, accusations, grudges and acts of vengeance emerge in our hearts and among people. And these acts destroy relationships, divide families and unleash wars. Only forgiveness sets us free and restores the light, even where human material and moral poverty has darkened the horizon and made the path uncertain. Forgiveness, like a gentle breeze, sweeps away even the thickest clouds until the sun shines once more. *Pope Leo XIV Angelus, September 2026.*