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Re: St Oliver Plunkett 400

Dear Father, Deacon,

We had a beautiful celebration on Wednesday in St Peter's Church, Drogheda, home to the National Shrine of St Oliver, to mark the launch of St Oliver Plunkett 400, recalling the birth of the martyred Archbishop of Armagh in 1625.

I attach a copy of my address on that occasion.

On Wednesday we launched a very beautiful commemorative book prepared by the St Oliver 400 Committee, Drogheda. St Peter's Parish hopes to distribute copies to the clergy at the next clergy conference.

Also launched was a very fine Parish Resource Ebooklet for St Oliver 400 prepared jointly by the Archdiocese and St Peter's Parish. It contains a very informative history of the Saint and map associated with him, list of 2025 dates and events, new hymn to St Oliver, parish evening prayer and Mass, Prayer of the Faithful, prayers, etc. It can be accessed through the following link:

<https://www.armagharchdiocese.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/St-Oliver-Plunkett-E-Booklet-Revision-date-11th-feb-1.pdf>

#StOliver400 resources can also be found at <https://www.armaghprays.com/>.

Finally, please find attached a very useful St Oliver 400 primary school resource prepared by St Oliver's National School, Drogheda, which you may find helpful in your school visitation this year. This resource is being sent directly to primary schools throughout the Archdiocese.

It is fitting throughout this Jubilee Year 2025 that we appropriately honour and celebrate, and be inspired by the life of St Oliver, pilgrim of peace and hope *par excellence*.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

+ Eamon Martin

Eamon Martin
Archbishop of Armagh