

Divine Renovation Leadership Team (DRLT). Divine Renovation Website www.divinerenovation.org
Members: Eugene Callan (Kilkerley) Fr. Gerry Campbell, Deacon Martin Cunningham, Kirstie Matthews (Darver). Joan McKenna (Knockbridge) Lorraine Quigley (Kilkerley) Helen Stewart (Encountering Christ Ministry). Recently members of DRLT went to the ‘Hearts on Fire’ Conference in Belfast. We were invited to share our experience of bringing Divine Renovation into a Pastoral Area into rural Ireland. Presently we are putting a strategy together that will connect the DRLT to a new Pastoral Area Council (PAC). More about PAC in next weeks bulletin.

Diocesan Congress: Youth Family and Faith March 2026. Presently the Archdiocese of Armagh is engaging in a synodal process of deep listening, reflection and shared discernment to renew the Church’s mission in today’s world by following the path of Jesus together. A Diocesan Congress has been organised for March 2026 on the theme: **Youth, Family and Faith**. The 1st preparatory meeting is over: the next 2 preparatory meetings, will take place on 13th November 2025 and 5th February 2026. In between these meetings there will be parish reflection and discernment gatherings, the first being in late September. The delegates are: **Nicola Connolly, Helen Stewart, Catherine Carolan, Claire Brennan, Geraldine Kirk, Ciara Nash, Kirstie Matthews, Brian O’Hanlon, Maura Melia, Lorraine Quigley, Leah Hoey and Lisa Carragher**. We thank them all for their service

Pastoral Area Bereavement Group Training for this new support team will be provided by the Bethany Bereavement Support Group in October and November. Already six people have signed up — would you like to be part of this team that helps families around funeral Masses and follow-up care? Please contact the Pastoral Area Office in Knockbridge. Coordinator: Catherine Barrett (Dromiskin).

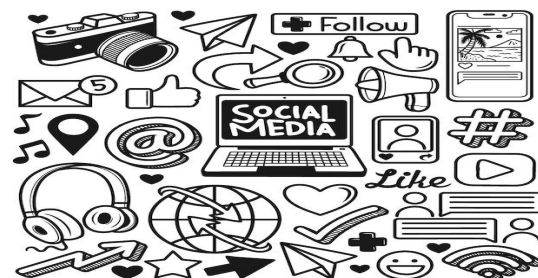
Kirstie’s corner. HELP NEEDED

Do you love using social media and have a passion for sharing your faith? We’re looking for a creative, enthusiastic volunteer to help manage our parish’s social media presence!

As a Social Media Volunteer, you’ll:

- Share parish news, events, and inspirational content
- Help build an online community rooted in faith
- Use Facebook, Instagram, or other platforms to reach parishioners and beyond
- Bring your unique voice and gifts to our digital mission

No formal experience required—just a love for your parish and a willingness to learn! We’ll support you with training and tools. Whether you’re a student, retiree, or anyone in between, your talents can make a difference. **Interested? Have questions?** Contact Kirstie at kirstiematthews96@hotmail.com



Sycamore Programme Our first Sycamore programme—(a 7-week journey of discovering and deepening our Catholic faith)—ended on Wednesday, 9th July in St Mary’s Church, Knockbridge with a special evening of prayer and ‘Baptism in the Holy Spirit’. We give heartfelt thanks to all who took part from parishes within and outside the Pastoral Area: **Lucy, Mary T., Marianne, Gerard, Ann, Sinead, Ben, Kathleen, Brigid, Mary DB, Kirstie, Patsy, and Deacon Martin**. The openness, sharing, and hunger for God was a blessing to all who made this commitment.

Sycamore is a beautiful way to explore the **big** questions of life and faith in a friendly, prayerful setting—helping us to grow disciples and deepen our friendship with Jesus.

Sycamore will return in October, expanding to three groups, so even more people can share in this wonderful experience. Watch this space for details after the summer!

If you want to learn more then check out the Diocesan Theology Programme. It begins in September. There are no educational entry requirements, and completion of the course is based on submitted work and does not include sitting exams. The Pastoral Area will help with costs. Contact Milanda on (042)9342954



Our Lady Queen of Peace Pastoral Area

Darver & Dromiskin, Kilkerley,
Knockbridge and Louth

13th July 2025
15th Sunday in Ordinary
Time

St. Oliver Plunkett



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OUR MISSION: ‘TO OPEN THE DOORS AND LET JESUS RETURN’

BAPTISMS: will normally take place on Saturdays at 2pm in each of the churches. . **It is now obligatory for all first time parents to attend a pre-Baptism course. Please contact the Pastoral Area Office for further information or contact the priest residing in the parish where the Baptism will take place**

WEDDINGS: Please contact Fr Gerry Campbell directly for all wedding enquiries. It is important that all couples who intend to marry make contact with the pastoral area office at least four months before the wedding (details above) to ensure that all necessary requirements and paperwork are fulfilled on time.

CONFESSIONS: Before monthly **Family Tree Healing Mass** & before monthly **Encountering Christ Mass** or on request.

VISITS TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: If you know of anyone who requires a visit please contact the pastoral area office. If it is an emergency contact the nearest priest.

ANNIVERSARIES: can be emailed to olqopoffice@gmail.com at least two weeks prior to the date of the anniversary for inclusion in the parish bulletin, or contact the priest residing in the parish where the Mass will be offered. You can also book with the sacristan.

ALL SACRAMENTAL AND PASTORAL AREA NOTIFICATIONS can be emailed to olqopoffice@gmail.com no later than Wednesday midnight.

Webcam Masses and other events are broadcast live via webcam and can be accessed through either: www.ourladyqueenofpeacepa.ie or www.churchmedia.tv (Recording is possible on request by contacting the pastoral area office in advance.)



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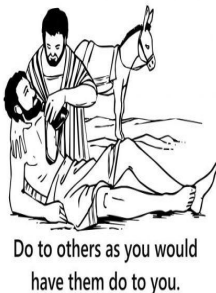
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CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL, DARVER

Darver: Sunday 13th July 10.30am— Thomas & Eileen Doolan, Margaret McEnteggart, Michael & Peg Casey & Brenda Byrne, Anna Mackin and dec members of the Coleman & Boyle families, John & Alice Dullaghan & Kitty Harlin



CHURCH OF SAINT PETER, DROMISKIN

Dromiskin: Saturday 12th July 7.00pm – Mary & Paddy Neary

Monday 14th July —Novena

Friday— 9.00am Rosary - 9.30am. (10am to 10.30am Adoration)

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, KILKERLEY

Saturday 12th July 6.00pm - Gene Woods

Sunday 13th July 10.30am—Blessing of Graves

Tuesday 9.30am— **Thursday 9.30am** —



ROSARY & ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FRIDAY 6.30-7.30PM

CHURCH OF SAINT MARY, KNOCKBRIDGE

Saturday 12th July 7.30pm– Pat & Brigid Byrne, Jim Byrne, MaryAnn Brennan & DFM

Sunday 13th July 11.30am— Tom McGahon (Prospect) Meegan family (Rossmakea), John, Maura, Mickey, Sean & Anthony Joyce

Wed 9.30am— **Fri 18th 9.30am** - Special intention

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, LOUTH

Saturday 12th July 5.30pm– Cora McArdle Curley 1st Anniv, Alannah Englishby, Fergus Commins, Seamus, Elizabeth & James Campbell & DFM, Barney Neary, Bernadette Byrne

Sunday 13th July 9.30am— No Mass: Mass in Ardpatrick at 2pm

Tuesday 15th July 9.30am— Leo & Roisin McDonnell

OUR LADY OF SNOWS CHURCH, STONETOWN

Mass on 1st Sunday of the month at 11am & second Friday at 7.30pm

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for Patrick Connolly, Lourda Mackin, Catherine McGrath (nee McCabe), Sean McConville, (Greystones) Anthony Reilly (Courtbane & Rathmore), Eamonn Kirk, Fearghal Donnelly (Armagh), Patricia O’Brien, Barry Cassidy, Helen O’Connell (née McElroy)

ANNIVERSARIES FOR NEXT WEEK:

Darver: Sunday 20th July 10.30am : Paddy, May & Matt Quigley, Catherine & James Mulholland, Pauline O’Rourke, Derek Kenneally

Dromiskin: Sat. 19th July 7.00pm: No Vigil Mass due to patrun on Sunday 20th 12 noon

Kilkerley: Saturday 19th July 6.00pm: Brian, Florrie, Petie & James Lynch, George & Ann Franklin, Peter & Margaret Clarke, Peter Clarke, dec members of the Clarke & McElroy families. Michael Kelly

Sunday 20th July 10.30am : Nan & Edward Donnelly, Patrick (Pat) Gorman

Knockbridge: Saturday 19th July 7.30pm : Barry Cassidy M.M, Joe Byrne, Tracy Byrne, Martina Woods, Thomas Connor & DFM, Sean Gethins, Fr.Michael Gethins, Baby Michael Crawford

Sunday 20th July 11.30am : Jim Myles, Sarah Jane & Eddie Bell

Louth: Saturday 19th July 5.30pm: Ursula Casey (nee Gartlan) Brendan Gartlan

Sunday 20th July 9.30am : ———

COLLECTIONS

Darver 6th €293 **DROMISKIN 6TH:** €377 **KILKERLEY: 6TH** €1082 **KNOCKBRIDGE: 6TH** €668.26

LOUTH: 6TH €820

Fundraising has become necessary to meet the ongoing expense of maintaining Louth and Stonetown Churches. 50/50 Draw envelopes now available in the church and shops. Draw will take place after Sunday morning Masses.

Louth: St. Oliver Plunkett 400 (Ardpatrick), TODAY

As part of our local **celebrations of 400 years since the birth of St. Oliver** there will be a procession from the church in Louth today Sunday 13th July at 2.00 pm to Ardpatrick for Mass at 3.00pm followed by refreshments. Everyone in our Pastoral Area and beyond are welcome to join us for this historic celebration. **NB: no 9.30am Mass in Louth Village**

As the name suggests, the church at **Ardpatrick** was founded in the 5th century by St. Patrick who later relinquished its administration to St. Mochta. The name Ardpatrick translates to ‘Patrick’s height’ or ‘Patrick’s hill’. During medieval times the church was in the hands of the Columban Order. In Penal times it was associated with St Oliver Plunkett, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland who while hiding in the area ordained many priests at Ardpatrick. In 1681 St. Oliver was taken to Tyburn and executed. He was canonised October 12th 1975 by St. Pope Paul VI

Blessing of the Graves in the Pastoral Area.

During the coming weeks beginning today in Kilkerley, we will gather in prayer at our local cemeteries for the Blessing of Graves. These are special moments of remembrance and hope as we honour our beloved dead and commend them once more to the loving mercy of God. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend the blessings in their local cemetery. Please bring holy water and join us as we pray for the souls of all who are buried in the cemeteries of our Pastoral Area.

Kilkerley TODAY Sunday 13th July @10.30am Mass in the cemetery.

Dromiskin Sunday 20th July @12noon Mass in the cemetery.

Louth Sunday 3rd August @ 6.00pm Mass in the cemetery preceded by a blessing of the old cemetery at 5.30pm

Knockbridge Sunday 10th August @ 11.30am Mass in the church.

Darver Sunday 17th August @12noon Mass in the cemetery. **Mansfieldstown** Cemetery at 5.30pm

Killincoole Graveyard, Darver on 24th August at 11.30am (following 10.30am Mass).

Unbound (Freedom in Christ) Deliverance Ministry: Are you feeling trapped, & bound up with anger, unforgiveness, fear, addictive behavior, depression, loneliness....then this ministry is for you. This is a gentle, prayerful way to find freedom by letting Jesus heal the roots of our struggles. Confidentiality guaranteed. Call Joan for bookings & other details (086)3288847. The next Unbound session is **Sat.. 19th July** 1-5pm in St. Mary’s Church Knockbridge during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Recent Weddings Congratulations to the following couples who celebrated the Sacament of Marriage:

Knockbridge: 28th June: Michael McMullan (Eglish, Co. Tyrone) and Natasha Kelly (Knockbridge)

Kilkerley: 5th July: Niall Brennan (Knockbridge) and Eimear Geoghegan (Kilkerley).We wish both couples every blessing for the future.