

Vintage Rally & Working day Mark your calendars for a fantastic day out at the annual Knockbridge Vintage Rally & Working Day, happening on **Sunday 14th September**. The Knockbridge vintage club is delighted to have been selected to host the Irish Vintage Society All Ireland Vintage Rally. Attractions include: Live entertainment by Johnny Brady and Gavin Gribben, Vintage Tractor, car & bicycle displays, vintage working area, ploughing, threshing, trade stalls, childrens play area & much much more!!

A First for the Pastoral Area. On **Sunday 14th September** Our Lady Queen of Peace Pastoral Area will have a stall at the Knockbridge Vintage Day and we're looking for a few helpers . The day runs from 11am until around 5/6pm. We're hoping to have teams of 3-4 people, with each team covering about 2 hours at the stall. We'll be promoting Mass times, prayer groups, and other ministries in our pastoral area. We'll also have a selection of religious items available — some for sale and some free to take away. Don't worry about prep, the stall and items will be set up in advance. We just need kind volunteers on the day to help out. Please contact Kirstie on 087-915-6682 for more information

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?

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 volunteers to help manage our parish's social media presence! As a Social Media Volunteer, you will

- 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—We'll support you with training and tools. **Interested? Have questions?** Contact Kirstie at kirstiematthews96@hotmail.com

Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis & Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati : Sunday 7th September - St. Patricks Catherdral, Armagh.

We are delighted to invite all families, young people, and everyone involved in our children's liturgy to a very special celebration marking the canonisation of two young people **Blessed Carlo Acutis** and **Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati**. **Date: Sunday 7th September Venue:** St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh **Programme: 10:00 am** – Prayer Walk in the Cathedral Grounds **11:00 am** – Celebration Mass in the Cathedral. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together in joy and thanksgiving, to be inspired by the lives of these two modern saints who lived their deep love for Jesus. **A FREE 25 seater bus will leave Knockbridge church carpark at 8.45am to Armagh and return to Knockbridge at 1.30pm. Phone Fr Gerry or Rob on 0832085877 today to book your place.**

The First PAC Meeting. The Pastoral Area Council (PAC) will meet together for the first time with the clergy and Pastoral Renewal Team on **Monday 22nd September at 7.30pm** in the parochial house Knockbridge. This group is made up of coordinators of various ministries in the Pastoral Area. Members are: **Joan McKenna** (Ministers of the Word) **Gerard Pepper** (Ministers of the Eucharist) **Maura Melia** (Ministry of Music) **Rob O'Hara** (Youth) **Eileen Fitzpatrick** (Baptism Team) **Catherine Barrett** (Bereavement Team) **Lorraine Quigley** (Hospitality) **Lisa Carragher** (Childrens Liturgy) **Eugene Callan** (Sacristans).

Devotions in honour of Our Lady of Fatima (First Saturday) will be held in St. Peter's Church, Dromiskin on Saturday, 6th September from 11.00 am to 1 pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary at 11.00 and 12.00, concluding with Divine Mercy Chaplet at 12.45.

Age Friendly Ireland are organising an older adult sports day in the Sport Ireland Campus in Blanchardstown on **Thursday 25th September**. Activities to include sports and fitness (walking football, tai chi, cricket, trishaw bikes, ceili dancing and fitstix activator poles). All low impact. Transport is **free**, a bus will **leave from Dundalk Sports Centre at 8.30am** and will also pick up any participants at **the bus stop beside Roma Pizzeria in Georges, Street, Drogheda**. The event is due to end around 3.30pm. Refreshments & Lunch will also be provided. Age Friendly Louth are looking for participants to take part from County Louth, **a maximum of 16 people**. To confirm places, participants can email agefriendly@louthcoco.ie or 042 9324281.

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Our Lady Queen of Peace Pastoral Area

**31st August 2025
22nd Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

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IS CONCERNED WITH
WHO IS RIGHT**

**HUMILITY
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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 were 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** 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.)

CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL, DARVER

Darver: Sunday 31st August 10.30am—Parish list of the dead
Tuesday 9.30am Thursday 9.30am

CHURCH OF SAINT PETER, DROMISKIN

Dromiskin: Saturday 30th August 7.00pm – Michael Kerr

Monday —6.20pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6.30pm Rosary
7.00pm Mass & Novena
Wed —9.10am Rosary, 9.30am Mass Fri— 9.10am Rosary, 9.30am Mass
(Adoration 10am)
Sat: 6.30pm Rosary

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, KILKERLEY

Saturday 30th August 6.00pm - Hugh & Moira McCabe & DFM, Catherine McGrath & DFM,
Anthony & John Kearney, Michael & Bridget Brosnan,

Sunday 31st August 10.30am—
Tuesday 26th 9.30am— Thurs. 9.30am
ROSARY & ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FRIDAY 6.30-7.30PM

CHURCH OF SAINT MARY, KNOCKBRIDGE

Saturday 30th August 7.30pm– Andrew Murphy 1st Anniv, Marie Murphy, Olivia & Mary McKeown,
dec members of the Mackin family (Rathiddy)
Sunday 31st August 11.30am— Brendan (Bobo) Duffy Jnr, Brendan Duffy Snr

Wed 3rd September 9.30am—Rose & Tom Flanagan Fri. 11.30am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Monday 10am to 10pm

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, LOUTH

Saturday 30th August 5.30pm– Seamus Byrne & DFM
Sunday 31st August 9.30am—Patrick & Dora Reilly, Gerry Grimes
Tuesday 9.30am— Fri 9.30am



OUR LADY OF SNOWS CHURCH, STONETOWN

Mass First Sunday of the Month at 11am
Mass Second Friday of the month at 7.30pm

RECENTLY DECEASED. Please pray for Orla Carroll, Kathleen Browne (Co. Mayo), John McArdle, Bridie Callan (Donaghmoyne),

ANNIVERSARIES FOR NEXT WEEK:

Darver: Sunday 7th September 10.30am : Nick & Anna Neary, Malachy & Kathleen Hynes
Dromiskin: Saturday 6th September 7.00pm: Parish list of the dead
Kilkerley: Saturday 6th September 6.00pm: Pat, Josephine, Joe, Kieran, Phyllis Pepper , Baby Daithi Pepper
Sunday 7th September 10.30am : —
Knockbridge: Saturday 6th September 7.30pm : Fiona O’Donnell (Quigley), John & Sheila McNally, Packie, Nuala, Katie, Fintan, Kevin, Darren, Packie Jnr, & Eileen Callan, Jim & Mary Dullaghan, Peggy Hudson
Sunday 7th September 11.30am : Brendan Byrne, Doris & Jimmy Duffy & DFM
Louth: Saturday 6th September 5.30pm: Micheal McArdle , Cliff & Gretta Boyd, Patricia Campbell
Sunday 7th September 9.30am: Monine Ward (nee Gernon), Ann Kerr & dec members of the Kerr & Dooley families

COLLECTIONS

Darver 24th €270 DROMISKIN 24TH: €320 KILKERLEY: 24TH €600 KNOCKBRIDGE: 24TH €769.70
LOUTH:24TH €610

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.

Welcome Back to School As the summer break ends, we warmly welcome back the children, staff and all involved in our parish schools. We wish them every blessing for the new academic year—may it be a time of learning, growth, friendship and joy. Let us keep them in our prayers as they begin this new chapter together.

Kilkerley Bowls resumes Wednesday 3rd September at 7.45pm in Community Centre. All welcome

Walking Together Toward 2026 – A Once-in-a-Generation Moment

The Archdiocese of Armagh is preparing for the most important and transformative initiative in decades: the **Diocesan Congress on Youth, Family and Faith in March 2026**. This is more than just another meeting—it’s a deep listening and discernment journey to renew the Church and shape its future. Everyone has a voice. Be part of it—don’t be left behind. .Our delegates and clergy have already met to begin rolling out listening sessions across our Pastoral Area. These will take place on:
(Louth) **Tuesday 16th September in Louth Church Room at 7.30pm.**
(Kilkerley) **Tuesday 14th October in Kilkerley Community Centre at 7.00pm**
(Knockbridge) **Wednesday 15th October in Knockbridge Community Centre at 7.00pm.**
(Darver & Dromiskin) **Thursday 16th October in Darver Community Centre at 7.00pm**
An invitation letter will be sent to people who are already engaged in various parish ministries: Word, Eucharist and Music. Sacristans, Prayer groups, Rosary groups, Adoration groups, Daily Mass goers, Children’s Liturgy leaders, Collectors, St. Vincent de Paul members, Hospitality, Altar Society members, Apostolic workers, cemetery committees as well as teachers, GAA reps., youth leaders, young people to discuss one fundamental question: ‘**What can we do together, in our schools, homes, parishes and in the Archdiocese of Armagh to help young people and families to grow in faith and get to know Jesus in a real and personal way?’**’ Our delegates are: Nicola Connolly, Catherine Carolan, Claire Brennan, Geraldine Kirk, Ciara Nash, Kirstie Mathews, Maura Melia, Lorraine Quigley, Leah Hoey, and Lisa Carragher .This is our Church. This is our time. Let’s walk together.

‘The Church you never knew: A theology course for the rest of us’. Do you want to learn more about your faith? **YOU DO ?** Then consider joining our **Diocesan Theology programme**. The programme is accredited by St Patrick’s Pontifical University, Maynooth. There are no educational entry requirements, and completion of the course is based on submitted work and does not include sitting exams. Our Theology programme will be continuing this year and starting late September. Call Milanda on 0(0353 42) 9342954 or **milanda@parishandfamily.ie** (9am – 2pm). If you are still interested in pursuing the course then contact Fr.Gerry or Kirstie Matthews (see Kirstie's corner in this newsletter) who has started the course and loves it.

Monthly Communion Rounds: The sick and housebound will be visited on the **first week of September** on the usual days at the usually times. Please note Fr. Gerry will do his calls in Knockbridge on **Friday 12th September**. If you know anyone who would like to receive Holy Communion in their home, please contact the Pastoral Area Office, Knockbridge.