

CONGRATULATIONS to James White of Knockbridge Parish who was crowned All-Ireland Senior Piano Accordion Champion 2025 at Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann held in Wexford. Comhghairdeas a Shéamuís.

Pastoral Renewal Team (DRT). Members: Eugene Callan (Kilkerley) Fr. Gerry Campbell, Deacon Martin Cunningham, Kirstie Matthews (Darver). Joan McKenna (Knockbridge) Lorraine Quigley (Kilkerley) Helen Stewart (Encountering Christ Ministry). Meeting on **Wednesday 27th August at 5.30pm**.

Hospital Visits: Is your relative or friend in hospital and would like a visit? Please call the parochial house in Knockbridge with name and ward number

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!!

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

'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 (above) who has started the course and loves it.

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. We are arranging a bus to bring us all up to Armagh. Phone Fr Gerry or Rob on 0832085877 today.

Ardee Parish one day trip to Lough Derg on Tues 19th August. If interested, please contact the parish office 0416850920 or 087 1202721

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17th August 2025
20th Sunday in Ordinary
Time



Our Lady Queen of Peace Pastoral Area



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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.)

CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL, DARVER

Darver: Sunday 17th August 12noon— Mass for all interred in Darver, Mansfieldstown 5.30pm

Tuesday 9.30am Thursday 9.30am

CHURCH OF SAINT PETER, DROMISKIN

Dromiskin: Saturday 16th August 7.00pm – Bernard Campbell
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 16th August 6.00pm - Tommy Woods (1st Anv.)
Sunday 17th August 10.30am—
Tuesday 9.30am— Thurs. 9.30am

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

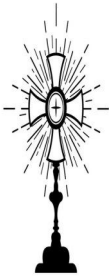
CHURCH OF SAINT MARY, KNOCKBRIDGE

Saturday 16th August 7.30pm- Rose O’Callaghan
Sunday 17th August 11.30am—Paddy Marry, Pat Clarke, Special Intention

Wed 9.30am— Fri. 11.30am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Monday 10am to 10pm

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, LOUTH

Saturday 16th August 5.30pm—
Sunday 17th August 9.30am—
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),Mick O’Brien, Vincent Savage (Castletowncooley) Patrick Connolly,
ANNIVERSARIES FOR NEXT WEEK:

Darver: Sunday 24th August 10.30am : Patrick, Aileen & Joanne Dromgoole, Lena Bird,
Aine O’Callaghan, Alfie Reilly

Dromiskin: Saturday 23rd August 7.00pm: Nancy & Jackie Neary

Kilkerley: Saturday 23rd August 6.00pm: —
Sunday 24th August 10.30am : —

Knockbridge: Saturday 23rd August 7.30pm : Paddy Monahan
Sunday 24th August 11.30am : Aideen Lawless & DFM

Louth: Saturday 23rd August 5.30pm: May Kindlon
Sunday 24th August 9.30am:



COLLECTIONS

Darver 10th €246 DROMISKIN 10TH: €443 KILKERLEY: 3RD €950 /10TH €945

KNOCKBRIDGE: 10TH €2,087 CEMETERY COLLECTION: €3,438.48 LOUTH: 10TH €1,065

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. Winner of €175: Anne McMahan

“All Are Welcome Here: Standing With Our Indian Neighbours”

As a pastoral Area faith community, we unreservedly condemn the recent spate of racist violence against members of the Indian community in Ireland. Such violence can form no part of a Christian response to people who have come to live and work among us. Neither can we condone these senseless acts and furthermore we are called to work for justice in response to them. We welcome all people who have come here from other countries, many of them working in our health service, the hospitality and services sector. We pray God’s blessing on them and ask that they may feel safe and welcome among us. And in assuring Fr. Sijo of our support, appreciation and prayers, we ask that he may convey our sentiments to the members of the Indian community to whom he ministers. In the words of the hymn “All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place”.

Blessing of the Graves in the Pastoral Area Darver TODAY Sunday 17th August @12noon
Mass. We welcome Canon Eugene Sweeney VG as the main celebrant. The blessing of Mansfieldstown Cemetery will take place later at 5.30pm Killincoole Graveyard on 24th August at 11.30am (following 10.30am Mass). Please bring holy water for your family grave.

Respect for our cemeteries old and new. Recent incidents of damage to graves and anti-social behaviour have been reported to Fr Gerry. Please stay alert when visiting your family grave and report any such behaviour to the Gardaí. Together, we can protect the dignity and peace of our cemeteries.

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 met on Wednesday 30th July in the Parochial House, Knockbridge to begin rolling out listening sessions across our Pastoral Area. In September and October they will be meeting people who are already engaged in various parish ministries: Word, Eucharist and Music. Sacristans, Prayer groups, Rosary groups, Adoration groups, Daily Mass go-ers, Children’s Liturgy leaders, Collectors, St. Vincent de Paul members, Hospitality, Altar Society members, Apos- tolic 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, Helen Stewart, Catherine Carolan, Claire Brennan, Geraldine Kirk, Ciara Nash, Kirstie Mathews, Brian O’Hanlon, Maura Melia, Lorraine Quigley, Leah Hoey, and Lisa Carragher This is our Church. This is our time. Let’s walk together.

Last few days of ‘Knock National Novena’ (13th-21st Aug. 2025) Theme: Pilgrims of Hope.
Sun.17th FAMILY DAY 3pm Bp. Kevin Doran: Family: The First Place of Accompaniment” 8pm Jn Farrelly; “Prayer: A silent Doorway to Hope **Mon.18th** 3pm & 8pm “Eileen Dunne Beyond the Headlines” **Tues 19th** 3pm & 8pm Fr Niall Leahy SJ “Our place in the Garden: Living with Humility in Creation” **Wed. 20th** 3pm & 8pm Breda Casserly: ‘Be not Afraid: Finding Peace in Illness” **Thur. 21st** Anv. Of Knock Apparition...