

**Dromiskin: Maríosa Prayer Hour** on Tuesday 7-8pm in St. Peter's Church. A time for silence, rosary, scripture, reflection and Adoration. All in our PA. and beyond are invited and will be very welcome

**Lectio Divina** will take place on Monday 8th, 15th and 22nd in the Knockbridge Parochial House. Lectio Divina is a simple, prayerful way of reading Scripture that leads us from listening to God's Word to reflecting on it, praying with it, and allowing it to shape our daily lives. This time of reflection is especially helpful for Mins. of the Word, but everyone is warmly invited to come and pray with the Scriptures during Advent.

**Kirstie's Corner 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! Don't forget to stay connected with us online: [www.ourladyqueenofpeacepa.ie](http://www.ourladyqueenofpeacepa.ie) Facebook, Instagram, YouTube & TikTok @ourladyqueenofpeacepalouth. For all advertising in the pastoral area through our socials and website, please contact Kirstie at: [kirstiematthews96@hotmail.com](mailto:kirstiematthews96@hotmail.com) or 087-915-6682

**School Penitential Services** for Advent are on the following dates and times:  
Tuesday 9th @ 11.30am **Darver**. Wednesday 10th @ 11.20am **Kilkerley**  
Monday 15th @ 11.00am **Dromiskin**. Tuesday 16th @ 11.15am **Louth**  
Wednesday 17th @ 10am **Knockbridge**

**Do this in Memory Mass** is on Sunday 14th December in Louth 9.30am Kilkerley 10.30am Knockbridge 11.30am and in Dromiskin on Saturday 13th at 7.00pm

**Pre-Christmas Penitential Service – A Beautiful Moment of Grace**  
**Church of the Immaculate Conception LOUTH– Wednesday 17th at 7.30pm**

As Christmas approaches, we invite you to step away from the rush and enter a moment of peace, healing, and new beginning. Our Pre-Christmas Penitential Service is a gentle, prayerful opportunity to let go of burdens, receive God's mercy, and make room for the joy Christ longs to bring.

Come as you are. No pressure. . Just quiet music, Scripture, and the freeing gift of God's forgiveness. Experience the deep peace of walking out with a lighter heart and a renewed spirit—the perfect way to prepare for Christmas. All are welcome.

**The Heart of Christmas** Adeste Fideles... O Come, all ye Faithful! You are invited to step aside from all the busy-ness, and come join us for a special time of Scripture and Song, to lead us to the Heart of Christmas. So, mark the date. Thursday, December 18th at 7.30 p.m. in St. Michael's Church, Darver. There will be an opportunity to donate to The Birches Day Care Centre, Dundalk, which provides dementia specific, person centred care to meet the needs of people with dementia, in a warm, welcoming and safe environment.

**Christmas Story Competition for Children in our Pastoral Area 2025**

Following the wonderful success of Fr. Sijo's Christmas Poster Competition last year, we are delighted to announce this year's Christmas Story Competition for Christmas 2025! Age Categories:

**A) 3rd & 4th Class Students B) 5th & 6th Class Students**

Theme: **The Christmas message of hope, joy, anticipation, and goodwill.**

While the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem remains central to our celebration, children are encouraged to create their own versions of the Christmas story that reflect our Christian values.

Teachers are invited to select the best five stories from each age category.

Fr. Sijo will then choose six overall winners (three from each category) from across the pastoral area.

**Submitting Entries:** Each chosen story should include the student's **name, class, and school** and be returned by the Principal/Teacher to your parish church by **Wednesday, December 17th.**

(Entry boxes will be available in all parish churches.) Let's share the joy of Christmas through the imagination and faith of our young writers!



# Our Lady Queen of Peace Pastoral Area

**Darver & Dromiskin, Kilkerley, Knockbridge and Louth**

**7th December 2025  
Second Sunday of  
Advent**



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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** 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](http://www.ourladyqueenofpeacepa.ie) or [www.churchmedia.tv](http://www.churchmedia.tv) (Recording is possible on request by contacting the pastoral area office in advance.)



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CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL, DARVER

Darver: Sunday 7th November 10.30am— Parish List of the dead

Tuesday 9.30amThursday 9.30am

CHURCH OF SAINT PETER, DROMISKIN

Dromiskin: Saturday 6th December 7.00pm— PJ Lynch, Kay Tomkins

Mon. 8th -6.20pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6.30pm Rosary

7.00pm Mass & Novena - James & Lena Weldon, son Patsy & wife Kit & dec members of the Hernon family

Wed Oct —9.10am Rosary, 9.30am MassFri— 9.10am Rosary, 9.30am Mass 10am Adoration

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, KILKERLEY

Saturday 6th December 6.00pm - Ann Smyth, Tom & Peggy Monahan & DFM

Sunday 7th December 10.30am— Harry Reilly M.M.

Tuesday 9.30am—Thurs. 11th 9.30am— Peter & Margaret McArdle

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

CHURCH OF SAINT MARY, KNOCKBRIDGE

Saturday 6th December 7.30pm– Maurice & Kitty Soraghan, Owen & John Devin, Michael Brennan, Sean O’Hare & DFM Peadar Hoey

Sunday 7th December 11.30am : Mary Byrne M.M., David Robinson M.M., Eddie Sherry, Rose & Larry McElroy & DFM, Pete & Peggy Brennan, dec members of the McGahon family (Prospect) & Brennan family (Springhill)

Wed 9.30amFri 9.30am —

NO ADORATION ON MONDAY 8TH DECEMBER

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, LOUTH

Saturday 6th December 5.30pm– Annie McGeough M.M., Hugh Duff M.M., Jem Martin,

Sun. 7th December 9.30am— Angela Kenny 1st Anniv, Pat Lennon & DFM, Sean Kelly

Tuesday 9.30am—Fri - 9.30am

Adoration 10am to 12noon

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 Mary B. Herrity, Kitty Downey, Chloe McGee, Shay Duffy, Alan McCluskey, Dylan Commins, Chloe Hipson, Mary Corrigan, Brendan Byrne, Marian Neary, Harry Reilly, Mary Byrne, Clare Clarke, David Robinson, Annie McGeough, Hugh Duff,

ANNIVERSARIES FOR NEXT WEEK:

Darver: Sunday 14th December 10.30am : Andy Kieran, Lucy & Joe McDonnell, Rita & Michael Corrigan, James Thornton, Roseanne McKeever

Dromiskin: Saturday 13th December 7.00pm: Kieran Lynch, Johnnie & Rose Murtagh

Kilkerley: Saturday 13th December 6.00pm: Joe Rooney, Mary Laverty, Michael, Jane & Brigie Hamill

Sunday 14th December 10.30am : - John & Kathleen Tennyson & DFM

Knockbridge: Saturday 13th December7.30pm : James, Tommy & Nora Dorian

Sunday 14th December 11.30am : Dermot McElroy, James O’Brien

Louth: Saturday 13th December 5.30pm: Marian Neary M.M, Kitty Crawley

Sunday 14th December 9.30am: Kevin Conlon & DFM

COLLECTIONS

Darver 30th € 541 DROMISKIN 30TH: € 427 KILKERLEY: 30TH €780 KNOCKBRIDGE: 30TH €965.50

LOUTH:30TH € 835

St Vincent de Paul Society. Annual Pre-Christmas Collection Sat. & Sun. 6th & 7th December 2025

**Second Sunday of Advent: Prepare for Christmas and Congress 2026** As we enter the 2nd week of Advent we are invited to prepare **a straight path for the Lord**, just as John the Baptist proclaims in today’s Gospel (Mt 3:1–12). John’s call to “**make straight his paths**” reminds us that preparation begins with honest self-examination: What *mountains of pride* or *valleys of apathy* in my life need to be levelled so that Christ may reign in my heart? This same spirit of preparation echoes the theme of our Archdiocesan Congress 2026: **Youth, Family & Faith**. Advent awakens our longing for the Lord who comes to **restore our families, strengthen our young people, and deepen our faith**. The Congress invites us—young and old—to walk together in hope, to renew our commitment to Christ, and to welcome His healing presence more fully into our homes and communities. May this Advent season continue to bless each of us with clarity, courage, and a renewed openness to all that the Lord desires to do among us. Fr. Gerry

**The Feast of the Immaculate Conception** takes place on Monday 8th December **ie tomorrow** when we celebrate Mary’s pure ‘YES’ to becoming the Mother of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Mass times are as follows: **Louth 9.30am, Darver 10.30am, Knockbridge 11.30am, Dromiskin 7.00pm Kilkerley 7.30pm**

**Louth village Christmas market** in community centre TODAY Sunday 7th December from 11—4pm. Christmas stalls of flower arrangements, crafts, gifts, candles baking and more. Raffle on the day & Tea/Coffee.

**Give Hope This Christmas with Double the Love:** Mary’s Meals provides life-changing school meals to more than 3 million children living in some of the world’s poorest communities. . It costs just €22 to feed a child with Mary's Meals every day for a school year. Thanks to the Tom Cunningham Trust, donations will be doubled until 12th January 2026 or until the match funding limit has been reached. Together, through Double the Love, we can transform the lives of many more desperately hungry children waiting for Mary’s Meals. To donate, go to [www.marysmeals.ie](http://www.marysmeals.ie) or phone 01 853 5163. Every donation is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

**‘Mercy, Prayer, Healing’** in the afternoon of the **Third Sunday of Advent 14/12/25**  
Join us for a powerful afternoon of grace in St. Mary’s Church, Knockbridge.  
**3pm – Divine Mercy Hour** :Adoration • Confession • Mercy Chaplet  
**4pm Family Tree Healing Mass** Theme:”**JESUS THE CHRIST: THE EVIDENCE**  
**Refreshments afterwards in the Parish Centre.** Don’t miss this special moment of healing, hope, and blessing for you and your family!

**12 days of Christmas Raffle Kilkerley GFC:** Prizes won daily from 13th Dec. to Christmas Eve. Tickets: €10. Three tickets 25 euros. Each ticket gives you entry into 12 draws! Prizes include €500, Hampers, Vouchers, & lots more. Tickets can be purchased online or through fundraising team or revolut Orlaith Kelleher on 087 2035918