

Kirstie's Corner **Kirstie's corner.**

Parish Social Media Ministry – Representatives Needed

Our pastoral area is forming a shared Social Media Ministry and is seeking one representative from each parish Darver & Dromiskin, Kilkerley, Knockbridge, Louth (and surrounding areas).

Each representative may serve in one or more of the following roles:

-  Photographer – Capture parish life at Masses and events
-  Content Writer – Write captions, reflections, and announcements
-  Video Creator – Create short videos for Instagram Reels and TikTok
-  Graphic Designer – Design simple graphics/posters using Canva or similar tools
-  Content Planner/Scheduler – Help organize and schedule weekly posts
-  Prayer Support – Pray for the ministry and its evangelising mission

No prior experience is required training and support will be provided.

If you are interested in representing your parish, please contact the pastoral area office or Kirstie at: kirstiematthews96@hotmail.com or 087-915-6682

St. Peter's Church, Dromiskin celebrates 100 years

Next September, St Peter's Church, Dromiskin, will celebrate its 100th anniversary. To mark this occasion, a Centenary Book is being prepared. If you have old photographs of the church, parish groups or parishioners, or relevant newspaper articles from the past 100 years, please send them to Fr Gerry in Knockbridge (042) 6827418 or Pat Mulligan (087) 1312626 Dromiskin. Be sure to include your contact details so all items can be returned.

Eucharistic Ministers Training 21st & 28th January at 7.30pm in St. Mary's Church, Knockbridge. This is for **present ministers** in all four parishes in the Pastoral Area and anyone who feels called to this ministry. The requirements are as follows. You must be a practicing Catholic, fully initiated into the Catholic Church (Baptised, Confirmed and has received first holy communion.), Regular participation at Sunday Mass. Living a life of faith that reflects Church teaching. A person of good character and reverence. Usually 18 years or older. Sufficient maturity and emotional stability for the role. Respect and love for the Eucharist. A willingness to pray regularly and grow spiritually and to engage in ongoing training and formation. If this is you then let your local priest know or the parish coordinator: **Darver** (Deirdre Sweeney) **Dromiskin** (Marian O'Sullivan) **Kilkerley** (Mary McKeown) **Knockbridge** (Jean McLoughlan) **Louth** (Gerard Pepper). The training will be given by Fr. Stephen Wilson CC Dundalk on 21st January and Fr. Gerry Campbell on 28th January.

“Come as You Are” Conference for young adults (17-35) 1 February 2026 11am – 5pm Collon

“Come as You are” is a conference organised by a young Catholic adult group to come together to explore faith. Why not take some time out from the busyness of day-to-day life and spend a day listening to inspiring talks and deepening your relationship with Christ. Sunday 1 February 11am – 5pm at Oasis of Peace Centre, Mellifont Abbey, Collon, Co Louth (A92 YP73) info: Instagram: [comeasyouare_group](https://www.instagram.com/comeasyouare_group/) www.apostleoflove.ie



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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.

CONFESIONS: Before monthly **Family Tree Healing Mass** (Sun. 3pm Mon. 7pm) 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.)

18th January 2026
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL, DARVER

Sunday 18th January 10.30am : Families of the Parish

Tuesday 9.30am

Thursday 9.30am

CHURCH OF SAINT PETER, DROMISKIN

Saturday 17th January 7.00pm: Brigid Boyle, Ambrose Doyle

Mon. 19th Jan-6.20pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6.30pm Rosary

7.00pm Mass & Novena - Thomas McGuinness

Wed —9.10am Rosary, 9.30am Mass

Fri— 9.10am Rosary, 9.30am Mass 10am Adoration

Sat: 6.30pm Rosary

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, KILKERLEY

Saturday 17th January 6.00pm: Peter & Teresa Quigley & DFM, Teresa & Francis Byrne, James & Christina Haughey

Sunday 18th January 10.30am : - Sean (Johnny) Hand M.M.

Tuesday 9.30am— Thursday 9.30am

CHURCH OF ST. MARY'S, KNOCKBRIDGE

Saturday 17th January 7.30pm : Dermot & Mairead Marmion, Peter & Molly Byrne, Liam & May Fagan , Paddy, Mary & Paul Byrne, Margaret Hoey, Peadar & Betty Byrne, Kevin Hughes

Sunday 18th January 11.30am : Paddy & Aileen Shevlin, Pat & Peggy O'Neill, Nancy & Philip Fagan Byrne & DFM

Wed 21st 9.30am: Jackie O'Sullivan

Fri 9.30am —

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Monday 10am to 10pm

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, LOUTH

Saturday 17th January 5.30pm: Kathleen McQuillan, James & Margaret Neary & DFM, Deceased members of the Pepper & Quigley families, Bryan Matthews

Sunday 18th January 9.30am: John Gogarty

Tues 9.30am— Dec members of the McMahon family

OUR LADY OF SNOWS CHURCH, STONETOWN

No Masses in Stonetown in February

RECENTLY DECEASED. Please pray for John Woods, Patrick (Patsy) Muckian, Brendan Reenan, Patsy (Patricia) Lynch, Brian P. Clarke, Mary Sands, Deirdre McArdle-Clinton, Anthony Mulholland, Mary Neary, Brendan O'Hanlon, Joe Commins, Sean (Johnny) Hand, Brian Monaghan, Mary Hayes,

ANNIVERSARIES FOR NEXT WEEK:

Darver: Sunday 25th January 10.30am - People of the Parish

Dromiskin: Saturday 24th January 7.00pm - People of the Parish

Kilkerley: Saturday 24th January 6.00pm - Vera McEneaney, James Kneel

Sunday 25th January 10.30am— Majella Glenny (nee Mulholland), Tom & Rosaleen Deery

Knockbridge: Saturday 24th January 7.30pm – Susan Collins (nee Duffy) 1st Anniv. Kate Keenan,

Sunday 25th January 11.30am—Ann Meehan & dec members of the Mooney & Meehan family, John & Lena Lambe

Louth: Saturday 24th January 5.30pm- Eithne Murray & DFM, George & Deidre Kierans

Sunday 25th January 9.30am — Seamus Duff

COLLECTIONS DROMISKIN: 11TH JAN €404 **DARVER** 11TH JAN €355 **KILKERLEY:** 11TH JAN € 1025

KNOCKBRIDGE: 11TH JAN € 1244.70 **LOUTH:** € 11TH JAN €1190

Catholic schools week Today Sunday 18th January marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week 2026. During this week we aim to celebrate the unique contribution that Catholic schools make to their communities. This year's theme is **Catholic Schools: Normal Lives, Called to Holiness** Our parishes are joining in the celebrations with a grandparents Mass in local churches on the following days. **Dromiskin** Tues 20th@10am, **Knockbridge** Thurs. 22nd @ 10am, **Louth** (Mid-February) **Darver** Tues 20th @11.30am **Kilkerley** Wednesday 21st (Rang 2) 1.30-2.45pm in Community Centre.

The Diocesan Congress is getting closer & closer. **On 20th to 22nd March 2026** 400 delegates including young people and clergy will gather in Armagh City Hotel for the first Congress on the theme: **Youth, Family & Faith**. As well as the clergy in our pastoral area, our delegates are: **LOUTH**: Nicola Connolly and Catherine Carolan, **KNOCKBRIDGE**: Claire Brennan, Geraldine Kirk and Ciara Nash, **DARVER & DROMISKIN**: Kirstie Mathews and Maura Melia **KILKERLEY**: Lorraine Quigley, Leah Hoey, and Lisa Carragher .This is our Church. This is our time. Let's walk together.

The Congress Prayer

Heavenly father as we prepare for the **Congress of Youth, Family and Faith**, we come before You with grateful hearts. You have walked with us through the synodal journey, teaching us to listen deeply, to speak with love, and to walk together in hope. Send forth Your Holy Spirit upon our parishes, schools and homes. Renew our faith and unite us as one family in Christ. Bless our Congress with wisdom, compassion and courage, that it may bear fruit for the renewal of our Church and for the flourishing of all Your people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

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

Unbound Deliverance Ministry will take place on **Saturday 24th January** from **1.00–5.00pm** in **St Mary's Church, Knockbridge**. Unbound is a prayer ministry that helps people find freedom from spiritual burdens through repentance, forgiveness, and the authority of Jesus Christ. For further details, please contact Joan McKenna 0863288847

Do This In Memory Mass takes place on **Sunday 25th January** in all parishes our Pastoral Area. This Mass focuses primarily on the children who are preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion and their families. We thank their teachers and the teams of parents for preparing the children for this Mass.

Kilkerley: Ceremony of Light for children preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Thur. 29th January at 7.30pm in the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

Blessing of the graves 2026: Kilkerley 12th July 10.30am, Dromiskin 19th July 12noon, Louth Sunday 2nd August 6.00pm, Knockbridge 9th August, 11.30am Darver 16th August 12noon

Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes Booking now open for 2026. 5th—10th May. Fare is €1020 per person sharing with a single room supplement of €195. Travel Insurance €55. Please contact a member of the Lourdes Committee for more information or Catherine Lynch on 087 9575658