

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. No prior experience is required training and support will be provided. If you are interested in representing your parish, please contact Kirstie at: kirstiematthews96@hotmail.com or 087-915-6682

Devotions in honour of Our Lady of Fatima (First Saturday)

will be held in St. Peter's Church, Dromiskin on Saturday, 7th February from 5.30pm to 6.45pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Rosary at 5.30, Divine Mercy Chaplet at 6.00pm and concluding with the Holy Rosary at 6.30. Vigil Mass at 7.00 pm.

Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Booking now open for 2026. Sun 10th—Fri 15th 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

NET Ministries Team Visit – February 8th –14th Accommodation Needed

The NET Ireland team will be visiting our parishes to lead pre- Confirmation retreats for students from Darver, Dromiskin, Kilkerley, Knockbridge, and Louth schools. They will also meet with parents. Their week will end with a show on Friday 13th (all proceeds to the children of Gaza). We welcome **Emmanual, Jacie, Lydia, Maggie, Onagh, Therese, Tim & Tomas**

Children of the Eucharist (COTE)

begins on Thur. 12th Feb. for and St. Peters NS Dromiskin (11.15am—12.15pm) & St. Michael's NS Darver (1.10-2.10pm) and Fri. 13th Feb. for St. Mochta's NS. (11.15am-12.15pm) This programme that helps children engage in Adoration of Jesus in the local churches has already begun in Knockbridge and Kilkerley.

St. Peter's Church, Dromiskin celebrates 100 years (Oct.4th 2026)

This will be marked by a Mass lead by Archbishop Eamon Martin on Sunday Oct. 4th at 3pm followed by a meal at 5pm in Darver Community Centre. To prepare for this historic occasion important work needs to be done to the interior of the church: **A new Lighting system in and outside the church, preceded by a comprehensive upgrade and replacement of the churches electrical wiring, a complete restoration of the mosaics in the sanctuary, many of the windows require sealing to ensure that they are air-tight.**

This is a huge undertaking and will require much fundraising, private donations and sponsorship. A fund-raising team is being assembled to carry out this task but we need all parishioners to get behind this project. One of the first fund raising initiatives is '**Quid Games**' (31st May in the Fairways Hotel.) The church fundraising team will work jointly with a team representing St. Peters School who are celebrating their golden jubilee this year. You will hear much more about this in the coming weeks.

Monthly Communion Rounds: The sick and housebound will be visited on the first week of February on the usual days at the usual times. If you know anyone who would like to receive Holy Communion in their home, please contact the Pastoral Area Office, Knockbridge

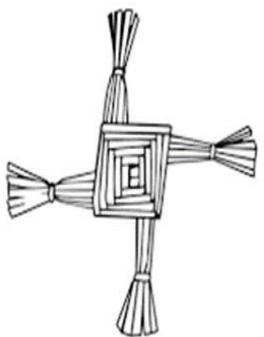
Family Tree Healing Mass: (FTHM) Monday 2nd February 8pm: In St. Mary's Church, Knockbridge .Preceded by Rosary & Confessions. Theme: '**The Awakening**'

Blessing of Candles and Throats Traditionally **2nd Feb.** is of the feast of the Presentation of the Lord and 'Candlemas Day' and **3rd Feb.** is the feast of St. Blaise patron saint of throats.

Candles will be blessed at Masses and distributed after Masses on **Mon. 2nd Feb. Kilkerley (9.30am)** **Novena Mass Dromiskin (7.00pm)** & **FTHM Knockbridge (8.00pm)** Candles in Louth will be blessed after 9.30am Mass on Sun. 1st Feb.

NB Blessing of throats Tuesday 3rd Feb. Louth, Darver & Kilkerley at 9.30am and Knockbridge 10.30am

THE BEGINNING OF LENT: ASH WEDNESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2026



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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.

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.)

1st February 2026
St Brigid
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL, DARVER

Sunday 1st February 10.30am : Monina Leahy, Marie & John Woods & daughters Patricia & Olivia, Peter Matthews,

Tuesday 9.30am

Thursday 9.30am

CHURCH OF SAINT PETER, DROMISKIN

Saturday 31st January 7.00pm: Mary Neary M.M., John (Jack) Bellew, Molly McDonald, Sharon Murtagh– Solan, Anthony & Christina Weldon

Mon. Jan-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 10am Adoration

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, KILKERLEY

Saturday 31st January 6.00pm: Deirdre McArdle Clinton M.M., Harry Fee, Willie Cronin

Sunday 1st February 10.30am : - Edward, Rose Ann & Marie Quigley, George Martin, Olivia Wallace, Gerry Jones & DFM

Tuesday 9.30am— **Thursday 9.30am**

CHURCH OF ST. MARY'S, KNOCKBRIDGE

Saturday 31st January 7.30pm : McKenna family Allardstown, Brendan Woods

Sunday 1st February 11.30am : Patrick, Eileen & Peter Farrell, Philip Farrell, Baby Caelon Quigley, Eamonn Barry & Henry Foster, William O'Malley

Wed 9.30am: **Fri 9.30am —**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Monday 10am to 10pm

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, LOUTH

Saturday 31st January 5.30pm: Peter & Isabell Mullen, Frank & Rose McCoy, Danno Breen

Sunday 1st February 9.30am: Special intention

Tues 9.30

ROSARY&ADORATION: Monday 10am–10pm

OUR LADY OF SNOWS CHURCH, STONETOWN

No Masses in Stonetown in February

RECENTLY DECEASED. Please pray for Joe Daly, Noel Clarke, Noel Sampson, Sheila O'Brien, John Woods, Patrick (Patsy) Muckian, Brendan Reenan, Patsy (Patricia) Lynch, Brian P. Clarke, Mary Sands, Deirdre McArdle Clinton, Mary Neary,

ANNIVERSARIES FOR NEXT WEEK:

Darver: **Sunday 8th February 10.30am** - Lily McCormack, Tom Doolin, Sean Mooney

Dromiskin: **Saturday 7th February 7.00pm** - Patsy (Patricia) Lynch M.M., Margaret Corrigan, Lynn Kennedy, Mona Murtagh, Anna & Ollie Kinahan, Margaret & Liam McKnight

Kilkerley: **Saturday 7th February 6.00pm** - Kitty Doherty & Martin Doherty, Eddie Sharkey & DFM, Ollie & Mairead Darcy

Sunday 8th February 10.30am— Mary Sands M.M., Peadar & Phyllis Cassidy & Ita McKevitt, Jim Rafferty, Mary Sands M.M., Yvonne Brennan

Knockbridge: **Saturday 7th February 7.30pm**—

Sunday 8th February 11.30am— Terry McMahon 1st Anniversary, Elizabeth Lawless, Sean Kieran & DFM

Louth: **Saturday 7th January 5.30pm**— Peter McGeough, Patsy Muckian M.M., Joe Lennon & DFM

Sunday 8th February 9.30am— Martin Connolly, Jimmy Quinn

COLLECTIONS **DROMISKIN:** 25TH JAN €572 **DARVER** 25TH JAN €360 **KILKERLEY:** 25TH JAN € 1070

KNOCKBRIDGE: 25TH JAN €907.40

LOUTH: 25TH JAN €730

St Brigid of Faughart (c. 451–525), one of Ireland's three national patrons, has a special and treasured connection with Faughart, as her birthplace. From earliest times, Faughart has been recognised as sacred ground linked to her life, faith, and mission. In Faughart, pilgrims have long prayed at St Brigid's Shrine that speak of her deep prayerfulness, humility, and closeness to God. It was in this landscape that Brigid's faith was first nurtured, shaping the woman who would later found the great monastery of Kildare and become a powerful witness to Christ through charity, hospitality, and service to the poor. St Brigid is remembered for her generosity, her care for the vulnerable, and her trust in God's providence. The weaving of **St Brigid's Cross**, still cherished in Irish homes, reflects her desire that Christ be at the centre of family and community life. On this her feast day marking the beginning of spring, reminds us that Brigid's legacy is one of renewal, hope, and living faith. St Brigid ' Mary of the Gael', pray for us.

TODAY is Welcoming Sunday: Every first Sunday of the month we have a special welcome Sunday where vetted volunteers take the children from pre-school to 2nd class to a place in the church to hear stories and draw pictures related to the Gospel of the day. It gives the children an opportunity to meet new friends and it gives parents a little break too:) Also on welcoming Sunday parishioners will be offered a cup of tea and biscuits and juice for the Kids. Come avail of our hospitality.

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 last of the pre-congress meetings takes place on Thursday 5th February at 6.30pm in the Carrickdale Hotel.**

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

Pastoral Area Bereavement Group: Bethany Bereavement Support Group is a voluntary community- and parish-based service whose objective is to support the bereaved through the grieving process. This confidential, voluntary service will commence in **February 2026**. Volunteers are also needed and full training and ongoing support will be provided. If please contact: **Catherine Barrett 086 872 6442**

Sunday 8th February: 'Mercy, Prayer, Healing' Join us for a powerful afternoon of grace in St. Mary's Church, Knockbridge that takes place each month.

3pm – Divine Mercy Hour : Adoration • Confession • Mercy Chaplet

4pm Family Tree Healing Mass Theme: **'Radical Visibility'** Refreshments afterwards in the Parish Centre. Don't miss this special moment of healing, hope, and blessing for you and your family.