

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 kirstiematthews96@hotmail.com or 087-915-6682

Coffee morning There will be a coffee morning on Shrove Tuesday 17 February in the Old School Kilcroney from 10 till 2. Proceeds in aid of Ardee Hospice. All welcome for a cuppa and a chat.

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.

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 you are interested please contact: [Catherine Barrett 086 872 6442](mailto:Catherine.Barrett.086.872.6442)

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 local Lourdes Committee for more information or Catherine Lynch on 087 9575658

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

This will be marked by a Mass led by Archbishop Eamon Martin on Sunday Oct. 4th at 3pm followed by a meal at 5pm. 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 fundraising team is being assembled to carry out this task but we need all parishioners to get behind this project.

Quid Games (Dromiskin) 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. This Committee are looking for volunteers to assist in **four key areas** over the coming months: **Contestants, Marketing, Ticket Sales, Sponsorship**. If you would like to get involved, please get in touch and you will be added to the committee [WhatsApp group](#) and [email list](#). Kirstie Matthews 0879156682

Many thanks to the NET Team — Tomas, Jacie, Oonagh, Therese, Emmanuel, Maggie, Lydia and Tim — for leading such outstanding retreats for the children of our Pastoral Area who are preparing for the the Sacrament of Confirmation as well as meetings for their parents from 9th–12th February, and for presenting the NET Show on Friday 13th in Knockbridge Parish Centre for children and parents alike.

It truly was an incredible week of faith, energy, and encouragement for our young people and their families. Sincere thanks also to everyone who helped make it possible: those who hosted the NET team, the school principals, 6th class teachers and SNAs, the Management of Stephenstown Pond, the PA Hospitality Team, and all who supported the programme in any way.



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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.)

15th February 2026
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

