

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, Kilkerry, 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

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 .. **PRE-CONGRESS MEETING OF DELEGATES ON 10TH MARCH @ 7.30PM IN THE PAROCHIAL HOUSE, KNOCKBRIDGE.**

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

Monthly Communion Rounds: The sick and housebound will be visited on this **first week March** 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. Or one of the local priests.

Pastoral Area Bereavement Group: Bethany Bereavement Support Group is a parish-based service whose objective is to support the bereaved through the grieving process. This confidential, voluntary service has commenced. More volunteers are needed and full training and ongoing support will be provided. If you are interested please contact: **Catherine Barrett 086 872 6442**. Margaret Mulholland a member of our PA Bereavement Team will speak at **Masses on 7th & 8th March** in Kilkerry & Knockbridge.

BEHOLD Lenten Daily Reflections

The BEHOLD Team — (Fr. Pat, Fr. Gerry, Carmel Kennedy, Evelyn Agnew, Irene Brennan, Joan McKenna, Marian O'Sullivan and Maura Melia) are sharing **daily Lenten oral reflections** to help you journey more deeply through this sacred season. Each reflection offers Scripture, prayer and encouragement as we prepare our hearts for Easter. We warmly invite you to walk with us during Lent.

Follow us on social media: @ourladyqueenofpeacepalouth **Join our BEHOLD WhatsApp Group** (to receive the daily reflection only): Text **Kirstie Matthews** on **087 915 6682**

The Sacrament of First Penance (Confession) will take place on the following days :

Knockbridge Thurs. 5th March 7pm. **Darver, Dromiskin and Louth** Thurs. 12th March 7pm
Kilkerry Thurs. 19th March 7pm

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 working 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

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Our Lady Queen of Peace Pastoral Area

**1st March 2026
2nd Sunday of Lent**



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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 (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.)

CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL, DARVER

Sunday 1st March 10.30am : Kevin McHugh, Patsy & May Carolan, Kevin Crawley

Tuesday 9.30am:

Thursday 9.30am

CHURCH OF SAINT PETER, DROMISKIN

Saturday 28th February 7.00pm: Jem & Mardi Corrigan

Mon. 3rd Mar. -6.20pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament **6.30pm** Rosary

7.00pm Mass & Novena - **Wed —9.10am** Rosary, **9.30am** Mass:

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

Sat: 6.30pm Rosary

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, KILKERLEY

Saturday 28th February 6.00pm: Anna Daly 1st Anniversary

Sunday 1st March 10.30am : - Noel Clarke M.M., Miriam McEnteggart

Tuesday 9.30am— Thursday 9.30am

Friday 6th March 9.30am—Peter & Kate-Ann Kenny, Mary McElroy, Baby Thomas Kenny, John L. Kerr & DFM

Sunday 8th March—Do This In Memory Mass

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

CHURCH OF ST. MARY'S, KNOCKBRIDGE

Saturday 28th February 7.30pm : Sean Prendergast

Sunday 1st March 11.30am : Sheila O'Brien M.M, Noel Sampson M.M, Kevin Little, Bernard Byrne, Joan Breen

Wed - 9.30am: Fri - 9.30am —

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Monday 10am to 10pm

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, LOUTH

Saturday 28th February 5.30pm: Sharon Gartlan 1st Anniversary, Sean & Eileen Gartlan, dec members of the Gartlan & Pembroke families, Sam & Kathleen Feely & DFM, Chrissie & Jack Matthews & DFM, Kevin Murray

Sunday 1st March 9.30am: -

Tues 9.30

OUR LADY OF SNOWS CHURCH, STONETOWN

Mass on First Sunday at 11am
Mass on the second Friday 7.30pm

RECENTLY DECEASED. Please pray for Martin Dooley, Inniskeen James McGuinness, Ciaran Gallagher, Peadar O'Baoighill, Stephen Martin, Sean Reynolds, TJ Kelly (Ballinloughan & Luton) Malachy Coogan, David McBride, Joe Daly, Noel Clarke, Noel Sampson, Sheila O'Brien,

ANNIVERSARIES FOR NEXT WEEK:

Darver: Sunday 8th March 10.30am - People of the parish

Dromiskin: Saturday 7th March 7.00pm - Patrick & Kathleen Kelly, Patrick & Brigid Healy

Kilkerley: Saturday 7th March 6.00pm - Patsy & Moya Maguire, Molly McArdle, Fintan Callan

Sunday 8th March 10.30am— Josephine Martin

Knockbridge: Saturday 7th March 7.30pm — Maura Casey, Margaret & Joseph Farrell & Sean Farrell,

Charles & Christina McKenna & DFM, Jack & Margaret Brennan, Edward (Eddie) McKenna

Sunday 8th March 11.30am —

Louth: Saturday 7th March 5.30pm— Maureen Scott 1st Anniversary

Sunday 8th March 9.30am —

COLLECTIONS DROMISKIN : 22ND FEB €516 **DARVER** 22ND FEB €575 **KILKERLEY:** 22ND FEB €920

KNOCKBRIDGE: 22ND FEB €1810 **LOUTH:** 22ND FEB €1025

Family Tree Healing Mass change of date: The FTHM scheduled for Monday 16th March is changed to Monday 23rd March at 8pm.

Today is Welcome Sunday The Hospitality Team in each parish & the Children's Liturgy Team will be ready to welcome you . Come and join the celebration. Volunteers still needed for these ministries in Darver. It could be you :)

Trócaire Lenten Campaign 2026 This Lent, Trócaire focuses on Rwanda, one of the top 10 most vulnerable countries to climate disasters. Many families already live in extreme poverty, struggling with poor access to healthcare, food, and water. With your support, Trócaire can help families build a more secure future. Last year, Trócaire worked with over 40,000 people in at-risk communities across Rwanda, helping vulnerable families build resilience against climate change by: • Supporting over 2,500 women to receive training in sustainable resource management • Providing over 20,000 families with fuel-efficient cookstoves to reduce firewood use . Planting over 320,000 trees across the country Please take a **Trócaire Box** for your home and join us in making a difference. . For more information, visit www.trocaire.org.

International Women's Day – Sunday 8 March 2026

Next Sunday, our parishes will join the Archdiocese of Armagh and Dromore Diocese in celebrating **International Women's Day**. We will give thanks for the women who contribute so much to the life of our Church—through ministry, service, leadership, and quiet dedication. On that Sunday you are invited to stay after Mass for a short parish gathering as we honour the women of our community. A special collection will be held at all masses for Womens aid.

Afternoon Tea Dance: in aid of NECRET & Drogheda Oncology services.

Join Dolores McNally & Mary McArdle for a wonderful afternoon Tea (Sandwiches & Cakes), Live Music by Brian Mohan & friends. Exciting Raffle on the day. and treats in support of our vital local cancer services.

Date: **Sunday 8th March 3pm—6pm in Knockbridge Community Centre.** Tickets €20. Raffle on the day. If you are unable to attend but would like to support you can donate at <https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/doloresmcnally1>

Sunday 8th March: '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: **'The Thirst Inside'** Refreshments afterwards in the Parish Centre. Don't miss this special moment of healing, hope, and blessing for you and your family.

Lectio Divina During Lent Lectio Divina — “sacred reading” — is a simple, prayerful way of listening to God through Scripture. It invites us not just to read the Word, but to reflect on it, pray with it, and allow it to shape our lives. It is slow, and attentive— a true Lenten practice. It continues on **Mondays of Lent: Mar. 2nd, 9th, (Wed. 18th), 23rd, (Tues. 31st — Holy Week).** 7.30-8.30pm in the parochial house Knockbridge. Everyone is welcome and we especially encourage all **Ministers of the Word** to take part—this will enhance your ministry no end. Come let us listen together to God's living Word and allow it to shape us more deeply as disciples of Christ.

The PA Finance Committee will have an extraordinary meeting on Wed. 11th March at 7.30pm in the parochial house Knockbridge to discuss the Financial Statements of Year ended 2025. These will be shared with parishioners at a date to be arranged in the near future.