

### **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](mailto: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. 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 please contact: **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 Lourdes Committee for more information or Catherine Lynch on 087 9575658

**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.

**Do this in Memory Mass (DTIM)** will take place in all 4 parishes on 15th February

**Pastoral Area Finance Committee** will take place in the parochial house Knockbridge on Thursday 19th February at 7.30pm

### **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. 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



## Our Lady Queen of Peace Pastoral Area

8th February 2026  
5th Sunday in Ordinary  
Time



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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.)



**Be These**

Matthew 5: 13-16

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CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL, DARVER

Sunday 8th February 10.30am : Lily McCormack, Tom Doolin, Sean & Mary Mooney

Tuesday 9.30amThursday 9.30am

CHURCH OF SAINT PETER, DROMISKIN

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

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

7.00pm Mass & Novena -Wed 11th —9.10am Rosary, 9.30am Mass: Gus O’Reilly

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

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, 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,Yvonne Brennan

Tuesday 10th Feb 9.30am—Joan LucidThursday 9.30am

CHURCH OF ST. MARY’S, KNOCKBRIDGE

Saturday 7th February 7.30pm :Tom & Pat Smyth & DFM

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

Wed 9.30am:Fri 9.30am —

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Monday 10am to 10pm

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, LOUTH

Saturday 7th February 5.30pm: Patsy Muckian M.M, Peter McGeough, .,Joe Lennon & DFM, Donald Neary, Thomas Campbell & DFM

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

Tues 9.30

OUR LADY OF SNOWS CHURCH, STONETOWN

No Masses in Stonetown in February

RECENTLY DECEASED.

Please pray for TJ Kelly (Ballinloughan & Luton) Malachy Coogan, David McBride, Joe Daly, Noel Clarke, Noel Sampson, Sheila O’Brien, John Woods, Patrick (Patsy) Muckian, Brendan Reenan, Patsy (Patricia) Lynch, Brian P. Clarke, Mary Sands,

ANNIVERSARIES FOR NEXT WEEK:

Darver: Sunday 15th February 10.30am - Brendan McDonnell

Dromiskin: Saturday 14th February 7.00pm - Paddy &Annie Neary, Paddy (Jun), Betty & Geraldine, Arthur & Ita Murtagh

Kilkerley: Saturday 14th February 6.00pm - John Woods M.M, Owen & Bridget Quigley, dec members of the McNally & Hamill families.

Sunday 15th February 10.30am—

Knockbridge: Saturday 14th February 7.30pm —

Sunday 15th February 11.30am – Philip Gunne, Ruth Kennedy Gunne, Michael & Christina McCarthy, Patsy Breen, Patrick, Anna & Joseph O’Neill, Special Intention Derek McMahon & DFM

Louth: Saturday 14th January 5.30pm– Hughie Byrne, Mary De Castro (nee Maguire)

Sunday 15th February 9.30am — Gertie, Breda, & Waltie Gernon

COLLECTIONS DROMISKIN : 1ST FEB €653 DARVER 1ST FEB €437 KILKERLEY: 1ST FEB €1,250

KNOCKBRIDGE: 1ST FEB € 1,464.40 LOUTH: 8TH FEB €665

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.

The NET Road Team

arrive today Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February for one special week to lead pre-Confirmation retreats for all our schools and to meet with parents and guardians. We warmly welcome the team members: Tim (USA), Tomas (Spain), Jacie (USA), Oonagh (Ireland), Thérèse (USA), Emmanuel (Uganda), Lydia (USA), Maggie (USA)

Student Retreats

Venue: Stephenstown Pond. Time: 10:00am – 2:30pm each day

Monday 9th: Darver & Dromiskin

Tuesday 10th: Knockbridge

Wednesday 11th: Louth

Thursday 12th: Kilkerley

Parents / Guardians Meetings. All meetings at 7:30pm

Monday 9th: Darver & Dromiskin — St Peter’s School, Dromiskin

Tuesday 10th: Knockbridge — St Mary’s School

Wednesday 11th: Louth — St Mochta’s School

Thursday 12th: Kilkerley — Community Centre

Special NET Charity Show — Friday 13<sup>th</sup>. Community Centre, Knockbridge @ 7.00pm

A special NET performance with all the children in all four schools. Donations welcome. All proceeds in aid of the children of Gaza. Refreshments provided by the Pastoral Area Hospitality Team. All are welcome.

