

Media/Communications Corner

Please join us in welcoming **Liz Davey** as the newest member of our Pastoral Area Social Media Ministry, representing Knockbridge. Liz joins Kirstie Matthews, who represents Darver & Dromiskin, as we continue to build a team to help share the life and good news of our parishes online. We are still looking for one representative from Kilkerry and one from Louth to complete the team. No experience is needed, Training and support will be provided, if you enjoy social media and would like to help keep people connected with parish life, we would love to hear from you. Interested in representing your parish? Please contact Kirstie: kirstiematthews96@hotmail.com / 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 Matthews and Maura Melia **KILKERLEY**: Lorraine Quigley, Leah Hoey, and Lisa Carragher ..

Adoration for Congress: To coincide with the Congress and to pray for its success, you are invited to pray before the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday 21st March in St. Mary's Church, Knockbridge sometime between 10am—6pm. Can you spend 1 hour, even 30 minutes or possibly 15 minutes before the Lord praying blessings on this historic event. Thank you in anticipation.

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

Darver: Our 4th annual Lenten Pilgrimage will take place on Tuesday, March 31st, at 7.30 p.m. in St. Michael's Church, Darver. This will be a time of music, reflection and prayer as we join with Mary who accompanied her Divine Son through His passion. All are welcome and warmly invited to join us. The collection on the night will be for the St. Peter's Church Centenary Fund.

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.

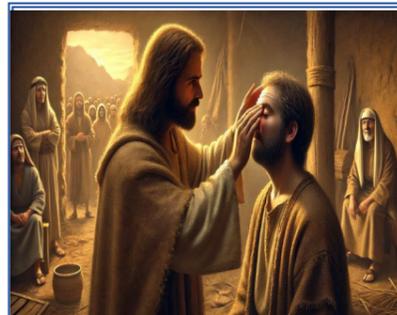
The Sacrament of First Penance will take place in **Kilkerry** Thurs. 19th Mar. @ 7pm

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

Fr. Gerry has said that he will be a contestant but on one condition that 5 others will join him to support St. Peters Church. Each contestant must reach €1,500 to enter. HAPPY FUNDRAISING :)



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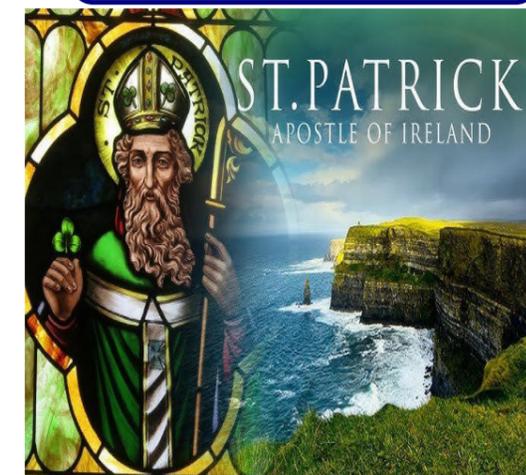
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Our Lady Queen of Peace Pastoral Area

15th March 2026
4th 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 15th March 10.30am : Bridie & Eddie Walsh, Patrick & Brenda Mackin
Tuesday 17th March 10.30am: Eileen, John & Irene O'Brien
Thursday 9.30am



CHURCH OF SAINT PETER, DROMISKIN

Saturday 14th March 7.00pm: Tommy Reilly & DFM, Mary & Thomas McGuinness, Karen Breen, Jean Kennedy
Mon. 16th 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 14th March 6.00pm: Anna & Christy Moore, Maura, Micheal, & Bridget Quigley & DFM,
Pat McMahan
Sunday 15th March 10.30am : - Sean Sheehy First Anniv
Tuesday 17th March 10.30am— Mary Enright (nee Belton) Thursday 9.30am
ROSARY & ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FRIDAY 6.30-7.30PM

CHURCH OF ST. MARY'S, KNOCKBRIDGE

Saturday 14th March 7.30pm : John & Mary Wallace & DFM, Margaret McGuinness,
Nicholas & May Marry,
Sunday 15th March 11.30am : - Julia, Brigid & Joseph Callan, MJ & Ita McDonnell & DFM
Wed - 9.30am: Fri - 9.30am —



CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, LOUTH

Saturday 14th March 5.30pm: Tom Malone
Sunday 15th March 9.30am: -
Tues 17th March 9.30am—Catherine & Michael Byrne Fri 20th March 9.30am— Gertie Lamb
ROSARY&ADORATION: Monday 10am –10pm

OUR LADY OF SNOWS CHURCH, STONETOWN

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

RECENTLY DECEASED. Please pray for Pat Kearney, Thomas Halpenny, Mary Bailey, Tony Callan, James Faul, Jack Reilly, Elizabeth (Betty) Breslan, Martin Dooley Inniskeen, James McGuinness, Ciaran Gallagher, Peadar O'Baoighill, Stephen Martin,

ANNIVERSARIES FOR NEXT WEEK:

Darver: Sunday 22nd March 10.30am - Catherine & James McKeever

Dromiskin: Saturday 21st March 7.00pm - Brian Kerr, Lily & Billy Morgan & DFM

Kilkerley: Saturday 21st March 6.00pm - Michael Lynch (Rathmore)

Sunday 22nd March 10.30am— John & Kathleen Rogers, Jimmy Luckie

Knockbridge: Saturday 21st March 7.30pm— Ciaran Gallagher M.M, Mamie Prendergast 1st Anniv, Elizabeth & James Carolan, Una & Paddy Fox, Kathleen, Tom & Mary Carron, Annie & James Wallace & DFM, Jane & Pat Marron & dec members of the McHugh family, Niall Garland & DFM, Special intention.

Sunday 22nd March 11.30am – Deirdre Quinn 1st Anniv, Sean Manning, John, Kate & Pat Maguire & DFM, Brianán Markey

Louth: Saturday 21st March 5.30pm– Pauline Englishby, Johnny Kindlon

Sunday 22nd March 9.30am — Peg & Paddy Hoey, Jem Matthews

COLLECTIONS DROMISKIN: 8TH MARCH € 464

DARVER 8TH MARCH €349

KILKERLEY: 8TH MARCH €993.87

KNOCKBRIDGE: 8TH MARCH € 1908.95 **LOUTH:** 8TH MARCH €1020

The collections last weekend in aid of Women's Aid, Dundalk amounted to €1085. Thank you to all who contributed.

Fr. Tommy Faherty SMA: For the next two weekends we welcome Fr Tommy Faherty SMA. Who will speak at Masses about the work of the Society of Missionaries to Africa,

Saturday 14 March: 6pm in Kilkerley and 7.30pm in Knockbridge. **Sunday 15 March:** 10.30am in Kilkerley and 11.30am in Knockbridge **Saturday 21 March:** 5.30pm in Louth and 7pm in Dromiskin. **Sunday 22 March:** 9.30am in Louth and 10.30am in Darver

St. Patrick's Day Masses:

Monday 16th Vigil: Dromiskin 7.00pm, Knockbridge 7.30pm (Aifreann Gaeilge/Mass in Irish)

Tuesday 17th : Louth 9.30am, Darver 10.30am Kilkerley 10.30am, Knockbridge 11.30am

St. Patrick's Brestplate" Patrick's poem of faith and trust in God:

"Christ be within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ inquired, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger."



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

Trócaire Lenten Campaign 2026 Please take a **Trócaire Box** for your home and join us in making a difference. For more information, visit www.trocaire.org.

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 **Wed. 18th, Mon. 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.

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

St.Endas prayer group Meet every Monday (except Bank Holidays) at 7.30pm in Stonetown N.S. All welcome.