

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

Kilkerry NS Parents Association will hold the Annual Flag Day Collection on Friday 27th March. Please contact the school (042-9337187) if you are in a position to volunteer as a collector. Thank you for your support.

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.

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 Lenten Service will take place in St. Michael's Church on Thursday 26th March at 7.30pm. Make this Lent a time of grace and renewal by joining us for this annual service.

St. Ronans Hall, Dromiskin has been vacant for many years, and has been on the agenda at PA Finance Committee meetings recently. The Committee would welcome comments/suggestions from Dromiskin parishioners or organisations about a possible action plan for the building/site. Contact any member of the committee or email your message to Fr. Gerry at olqopoffice@gmail.com before Fri 10th April.

Stonetown School Building For the last number of months we have been seeking potential occupants for this building. 'Ready Steady Grow' pre-school service submitted a proposal, which has received the support of the Finance Committee and has been submitted to the diocesan property committee. We await their approval and the approval of St. Patrick's Archdiocesan Trust.

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

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.

If you wish to donate to Dromiskin Church project you can by cheque to **Darver Dromiskin** Or by bank transfer **IE62BOFI 903365 74478226**

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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Our Lady Queen of Peace Pastoral Area

Darver & Dromiskin, Kilkerry,

22nd March 2026
5th Sunday of Lent



"We are all pilgrims and
we are always pilgrims"
Pope Leo XIV

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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 22nd March 10.30am : Catherine & James McKeever

Tuesday 9.30am:

Thursday 9.30am

CHURCH OF SAINT PETER, DROMISKIN

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

Mon. 23rd 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 21st March 6.00pm: Michael Lynch (Rathmore)

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

Tuesday 9.30am—

Thursday 9.30am

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

CHURCH OF ST. MARY'S, 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

Wed - 9.30am:

Fri - 9.30am —

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, LOUTH

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

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

Tues 9.30am—

Fri 9.30am—

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 Barbara Farrell, Kathleen Roddy, Pat Kearney, Thomas Halpenny, Mary Bailey, Tony Callan, James Faul, Jack Reilly, Elizabeth (Betty) Breslan, Martin Dooley Inniskeen, James McGuinness, Ciaran Gallagher,

ANNIVERSARIES FOR NEXT WEEK:

Darver: Sunday 29th March 10.30am - Liam & Sheila McDonnell & dec members of McDonnell & Mooney families, Michael McDonnell

Dromiskin: Saturday 28th March 7.00pm - Thomas & Brigid Norton, Michael McArdle

Kilkerley: Saturday 28th March 6.00pm - Bernie Mulholland & dec members of the Smartt family, Veronica Mulholland

Sunday 29th March 10.30am— Kathleen & Patrick Bolton, Patrick & Brigid Murphy, Maeve Larkin, Maura Harold, Rose Quinn, Tom Murphy

Knockbridge: Saturday 28th March 7.30pm— Christopher Griffin, John & Anna Brannigan & DFM, Donal McGeough & Molly & Paddy McGeough, Katie Conroy, Jack Fitzpatrick

Sunday 29th March 11.30am – James McGuinness M.M.

Louth: Saturday 28th March 5.30pm– Marie Kirk 1st Anniv, Patrick & Mary Connolly, Chrissie & Jack Matthews & DFM , Special Intention

Sunday 29th March 9.30am —

COLLECTIONS DROMISKIN : 15TH MARCH €404

DARVER 15TH MARCH € 350

KILKERLEY: 15TH MARCH €840

KNOCKBRIDGE: 15TH MARCH €876

LOUTH: 15TH MARCH € 1273

The Diocesan Congress has arrived. As you read this 400 delegates including young people and clergy are 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. After 3 years of consultation with all 61 parishes in the Archdiocese, the 6 themes that will be explored and actioned are: **1. Belonging 3. Ecosystem of Parish, School and Family 3. Prayer & Spirituality 4. Faith Formation & Catechesis 5. Liturgy & Participation and 6. Digital Communication & Evangelisation.** Let us all pray that much good fruit will emerge from this Congress for the future of the Archdiocese of Armagh.

Fr. Tommy Faherty SMA will speak at Masses about the work of the Society of Missionaries to Africa, on **Saturday 21 March:** 5.30pm in Louth and 7pm in Dromiskin. **Sunday 22 March:** 9.30am in Louth and 10.30am in Darver.

Financial Report 2025 (Kilkerley) Susan Mulholland secretary to the PA Finance Committee will present this report to parishioners during Mass this weekend. This will take place in other parishes after Easter.

Family Tree Healing Mass (Knockbridge) will take place in St. Mary's Church on Monday 23rd March at 8pm preceded by confessions at 7pm and the Holy Rosary at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Do This in Memory Mass in all parishes next Sunday, Passion (Palm) Sunday

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 **Mon. 23rd and Tues. 31st — Holy Week @7.30-8.30pm in the parochial house Knockbridge.** Everyone is welcome 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. **Follow us on social media:** @ourladyqueenofpeacepalouath **Join our BEHOLD WhatsApp Group** (to receive the daily reflection only): Text **Kirstie Matthews** on **087 915 6682**

GATHERING OF FRIENDS are meeting on Wednesday next, March 25th.at 11am the St.Brides clubrooms. All welcome.