

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

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 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

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**

The Sacrament of First Penance (Confession) will take place on the following days : **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 **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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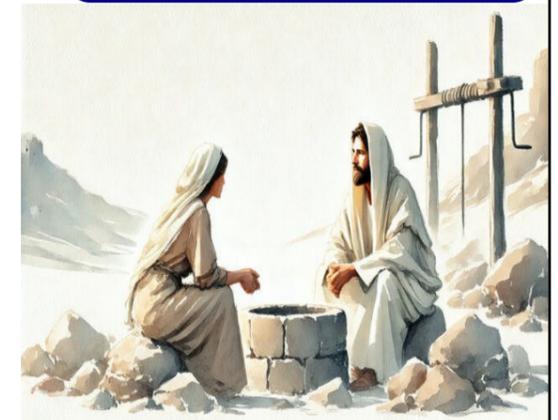
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Our Lady Queen of Peace Pastoral Area

8th March 2026
3rd 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 8th March 10.30am : Mary & Michael McHugh, sons Tony, Martin, & Eugene & DFM

Tuesday 9.30am:

Thursday 9.30am

CHURCH OF SAINT PETER, DROMISKIN

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

Mon. 9th 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

Saturday 14th March - Rosary for conversion of Ireland at 3pm in St. Peter's Dromiskin

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, KILKERLEY

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

Sunday 8th March 10.30am : - Josephine Martin

Tuesday 9.30am— Thursday 9.30am

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

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

Sunday 8th March 11.30am : -

Wed - 9.30am:

Fri - 9.30am —

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, LOUTH

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

Sunday 8th March 9.30am: -

Tues 9.30

ROSARY&ADORATION: Monday 10am –10pm

OUR LADY OF SNOWS CHURCH, STONETOWN

Mass on First Sunday at 11am

Mass on the second Friday 13th March 7.30pm Maggie Morgan, May & Willie McHugh & DFM

RECENTLY DECEASED. Please pray for Mary Bailey, Tony Callan, James Faul, Jack Reilly, Elizabeth (Betty) Breslan, Martin Dooley, Inniskeen James McGuinness, Ciaran Gallagher, Peadar O'Baoighill, Stephen Martin, Sean Reynolds, TJ Kelly (Ballinloughan & Luton)

ANNIVERSARIES FOR NEXT WEEK:

Darver: Sunday 15th March 10.30am - Bridie & Eddie Walsh, Patrick & Brenda Mackin

Dromiskin: Saturday 14th March 7.00pm - Tommy Reilly & DFM, Mary & Thomas McGuinness, Karen Breen, Jean Kennedy

Kilkerley: Saturday 14th March 6.00pm - Anna & Christy Moore, Maura, Micheal, & Bridget Quigley & DFM, Pat McMahon

Sunday 15th March 10.30am— Sean Sheehy First Anniv

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

Louth: Saturday 14th March 5.30pm– Tom Malone

Sunday 15th March 9.30am —

COLLECTIONS DROMISKIN : 1ST MARCH €412 DARVER 1ST MARCH €444 KILKERLEY: 1ST MARCH € 1120

KNOCKBRIDGE: 1ST MARCH €1004 LOUTH: 1ST MARCH €875

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.

International Women's Day – TODAY Sunday 8 March 2026

TODAY we celebrate **International Women's Day**. We give thanks for the women who contribute so much to the life of our Church—through ministry, service, leadership, and quiet dedication. TODAY 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 **Dundalk Women's Aid**.

A Reflection

Today we honour the many ways women live out their vocation: Women who are married and single, mothers and grandmothers, teachers, carers, and homemakers, women in paid work and unpaid service, women whose labour is visible and those whose faithfulness is hidden. We give thanks for religious sisters and consecrated women whose lives of prayer and service sustain the Church and the world.

We acknowledge women of other faith communities and women of no religious tradition, whose wisdom, courage, and commitment to justice enrich our shared human family.

We recognise the vital role of women in the life of the Catholic Church— pastoral leaders, theologians, catechists, ministers, volunteers, and faithful disciples who carry the Gospel forward each day.

May we continue to grow as a Church that listens to women's voices, honours their gifts, and works for dignity, inclusion, and justice for all. AMEN

TODAY 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. Don't miss this special moment of healing, hope, and blessing for you and your family.

TODAYSunday 8th March Afternoon Tea Dance: 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> All **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.

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. Mar. 9th, 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.