

Media & Communications Corner

We are delighted to share that our Pastoral Area Social Media Ministry team is now in place. Liz Davey (Knockbridge) joins Kirstie Matthews (Darver & Dromiskin) in helping to share the life, faith, and good news of our parishes across our online platforms. Through this ministry, we aim to keep parishioners connected, informed, and inspired by highlighting parish events, celebrations, and moments of community life. If you have a parish event, notice, photo, or any suggestions of what you would like to see shared online, please feel free to contact: Kirstie – kirstiematthews96@hotmail.com | 087 915 6682 or message us on our socials @ourladyqueenofpeacepalouh (Facebook, Instagram, Tikok. Thank you for your continued support as we grow our Pastoral Area presence online.

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.

Our Lady Queen of Peace Prayer Group meet every Thursday at 7.30pm in the church meeting room in Louth Village. Feel free to drop in.

TheWay.ie is a new digital platform set up by the Irish Bishops Conference dedicated to sharing the 'Good News' and the witness of the Catholic Church in Ireland. It is intended to help people discover the faith, live the faith and pass on the faith. It is for both seekers and followers.

Pastoral Area Council (PAC) the Pastoral Area Clergy and the Pastoral Area Congress

Delegates will meet on **Monday 27th April at 7.45pm** in the parochial house, Knockbridge to discuss the results of the recent historic diocesan Congress. The PAC members are: **Lorraine Quigley: Chairperson** (Hospitality) **Joan McKenna** (Ministers of the Word) **Jean McLoughlin** (Ministers of the Eucharist) **Maura Melia** (Ministry of Music) **Eileen Fitzpatrick** (Baptism Team) **Catherine Barrett** (Bereavement Team) **Lisa Carragher** (Children's Liturgy) **Eugene Callan** (Sacristans). **Kirstie Matthews: Secretary** (Communication) The additional Congress members are: **Catherine Carolan, Nicola Connolly, Mark Hoey, Ciara Nash, Geraldine Kirk, Claire Brennan & Leah Hoey.**

St. Peter's Church, Dromiskin celebrates 100 years (Oct.4th 2026)

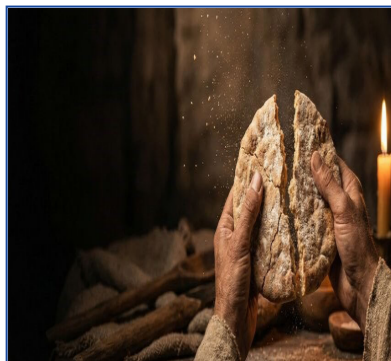
This will be marked by a Mass led by Archbishop Eamon Martin on Sunday Oct. 4th at 3pm followed by a meal at 5pm. Important work needs to be done to the interior of the church: **A new Lighting system in and outside the church, preceded by a comprehensive upgrade and replacement of the churches electrical 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. 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 Fundraiser

One of our first major fundraising initiatives this year is Quid Games, taking place on 31st May 2026 at the Fairways Hotel Dundalk. This event is a joint effort between St. Peter's Church and School. We are still seeking volunteers to assist in four key areas over the coming months: Contestants, Marketing, Ticket Sales, and Sponsorship. You can support our contestants by donating on the official fundraiser page for St. Peter's School and the Church, Dromiskin. Every contribution makes a real difference by going to the link: <https://clubspotevents.ie/clubs/st-peters-school-church-dromiskin/>

There is still time for new contestants to take part, fundraise, and enjoy the event on 31st May 2026 at the Fairways Hotel Dundalk ie people in DARVER, DROMISKIN, KILKERLEY, KNOCKBRIDGE & LOUTH. If you would like to get involved or participate, please contact Kirstie Matthews on 087 915 6682

Monthly Communion Rounds: The first Friday of May (1st May) is approaching. The sick and housebound will be visited either on that day or whatever day (that week) you have arranged with the priest. If you know anyone who would like to receive Holy Communion in their home, please contact the Pastoral Area Office, Knockbridge



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Our Lady Queen of Peace Pastoral Area

Third Sunday of Easter
19th April 2026



THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

Darver & Dromiskin, Kilkerry, Knockbridge and Louth

www.ourladyqueenofpeacepa.ie

Tel: 042 6827418

Parochial House, Knockbridge, Co. Louth, A91 NA03

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 19th April 10.30am : People of the parish

Tuesday 9.30am:

Thursday 9.30am

CHURCH OF SAINT PETER, DROMISKIN

Saturday 18th April 7.00pm: People of the parish

Mon. 20th April. -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 18th April 6.00pm: Eugene, Briega & James Callan, Baby Jason Finnegan & dec members of the Callan & Rogers family, Tom Mulholland & DFM

Sunday 19th April 10.30am : - Rose, Bernard & Brendan McGuinness, Tom Kirk

Tuesday 9.30am—

Thursday 9.30am—

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

CHURCH OF ST. MARY'S, KNOCKBRIDGE

Saturday 18th April 7.30pm : Gerry McGuinness 1st Anniv, Olivia Reilly, Peter, Mary & Pat Hanratty, Owen Joe Veldon

Sunday 19th April 11.30am : Aoife & Breda O' huallacháin, Brendan Marry

Wed - 9.30am:

Fri - 9.30am —

Adoration: Monday 10am to 10pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Monday 10am to 10pm

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, LOUTH

Saturday 18th April 5.30pm:

Sunday 19th April 9.30am: - Peadar & Sally McDonnell & DFM

Tues 21st April 9.30am— Tom & David Sharkey

Fri 9.30am—

ROSARY&ADORATION: Tuesday 10am –12noon

OUR LADY OF SNOWS CHURCH, STONETOWN

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

RECENTLY DECEASED. Please pray for Rose Kavanagh, Garry O'Reilly, Bríd McDonnell, Una Dunne, Mary B Boylan, Patricia Cluskey, Peggy Hughes, Stella Cassidy, Katrina Loughran, Thomas Gleeson, Margaret Nugent, Barbara Farrell

ANNIVERSARIES FOR NEXT WEEK:

Darver: Sunday 26th April 10.30am - Mattie Woods

Dromiskin: Saturday 25th April 7.00pm - Nell & Paddy Yore, sons Paul & Patrick & Gerry & Nancy Yore

Kilkerley: Saturday 25th April 6.00pm - Jim Sheridan, Vincent, Mary Clarke & Noel Clarke

Sunday 26th April 10.30am -

Knockbridge: Saturday 25th April 7.30pm - Willie Moonan & grandson Dillon Farrell, John Sweeney

Sunday 26th April 11.30am – Margaret Nugent M.M, Kevin McArdle 1st Anniv

Louth: Saturday 25th April 5.30pm – Stella Cassidy M.M.

Sunday 26th April 9.30am — Ita McKeown 1st Anniversary, Fergus & Tom McKeown

COLLECTIONS DROMISKIN : 12TH APRIL € 392 **DARVER** 12TH APRIL € 410

KILKERLEY: 12TH APRIL €910 **KNOCKBRIDGE:** 12TH APRIL €682.30 **LOUTH:** 12TH APRIL € 965

HOLY LAND COLLECTIONS: KILKERLEY €728.71 LOUTH: €540 KNOCKBRIDGE: €550 DARVER/DROMISKIN €430

Knockbridge: The Safe Routes to Schools works have begun, with the first phase taking place in the church car park. While some disruption is unavoidable, we hope it will be kept to a minimum, especially around weekday Mass times school times. The work in the carpark will take approximately 3 weeks and the full programme is expected to take up to 3 months. We ask for your patience and understanding as these works are carried out, and we hope they will be of lasting benefit to the children, families, and wider parish community.

Congratulations :to the children of St Mary's NS who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on 17th April. It was a lovely and prayerful celebration for the children, their families, the school, and the wider parish community and was led by Bishop Michael Router. A sincere word of thanks to all who helped make the day so special, especially Mrs McKeown, class teacher, Margaret McGill SNA, Mrs McGeaney, organist, Mr Clifford, conductor, and Fr Brian who served as MC. Your dedication, generosity, and support are deeply appreciated. We keep the children in our prayers and ask that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide and bless them in the years ahead.

Sacrament of Confirmation 2026

Darver & Dromiskin: Thursday 23rd April at 11.00am

Kilkerley: Friday 24th April at 11.00am **Louth:** Friday 8th May at 11.00am



Do This in Memory Mass is Sunday 19th April in all Parishes in the Pastoral Area except for Knockbridge who will celebrate this Mass on 26th April.

Commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers (Knockbridge) Gracie Pulickai and Thomas Halpenny will be Commissioned as extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist on Sunday 26th April at 11.30am Mass.

St.Endas prayer group Mass on in Stonetown N.S on Monday 20th April at 7.30pm preceded by confessions at 7pm

Kilkerley ICA chair exercise classes each Wednesday in Kilkerley Community Centre from 11am –12. €10 All welcome.

Monthly Welcome Sunday will take place on Sunday 3rd May. This means CHILDRENS LITURGY the little ones will be taken aside to explore God's Word through stories and artwork. Also the HOSPITALITY teams will offer Tea/Coffee/ Treats as you leave the church building. We are still waiting for Darver to join us.

Family Tree Healing Mass (FTHM) will take place on Monday 4th May at 8pm preceded by Confessions at 7.00pm and the Holy Rosary at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome. The theme is: **'WOUNDED. HEALED. SENT'**

The next Mercy Prayer Healing (MPH) afternoon will take place on Sunday 10th May at 2.30pm with Confessions. At 3pm to 4pm there will be Adoration, the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Holy Rosary. At 4pm the Family Tree Healing Mass. At 5.20pm Hospitality in the Community Centre. Everyone is welcome. **HEALING OUR ROOTS, LIVING HIS PROMISE.**