

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 @ourladyqueenofpeacepalouth (Facebook, Instagram, TikTok). Thank you for your continued support as we grow our Pastoral Area presence online.

Louth News: Special Holy Mass in Honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary on the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. Wed. May 13th at 7.00 pm. The Holy Mass will be followed by the Solemn Rosary.

Station Masses– June

Louth Parish will be organising Station Masses during the month of June.

Parishioners who would like to host a Mass in their home or premises are kindly requested to inform Fr. Sijo or any member of the Parish Council.

Monday's with Jesus. Eucharistic Adoration has been ongoing in the Parish of Knockbridge for a quarter of a century on Mondays from 10am to 10pm. Through Adoration many people experience extra graces & blessings. Would you be interested in having some quiet time with Jesus. Please contact Nuala 086 2660964 or Irene 087 6677654

Dromiskin: Mariosa 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.

Quid Games – Dromiskin Fundraiser

Quid Games is 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 4 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, contact Kirstie Matthews on 087 915 6682

Annual Rosary Rallies

The Annual Rosary Rally will take place in many locations across Ireland on Saturday 16 May at 4.00pm, praying especially for the conversion of Ireland. One confirmed venue is St Joseph's Grotto, St Joseph's Church, Chapel Road, Glenavy, Crumlin, Co. Antrim, with tea and coffee afterwards.

The All-Ireland Rosary Rally at Knock Shrine will take place separately on Saturday 6 June 2026. All are welcome to take part in these national moments of prayer.

Sycamore Retreat Day — Saturday 30th May

Parents of children in primary school — and anyone else who is interested — are warmly invited to a Sycamore Retreat Day on Saturday 30th May, from **10am to 4pm**, in the idyllic setting of Stephentown Pond.

Sycamore is a welcoming and gentle programme for exploring the Catholic faith in a relaxed and friendly way. The day will include short videos, discussion, a meal, tea and coffee — and, above all, some much-needed peace and quiet. This retreat has been organised by local parents and members of the Pastoral Area Council. It promises to be a lovely opportunity to pause, breathe, meet others, and reflect on faith in a beautiful setting.

And by the way — it's free!

So, if you're interested give your name to your school secretary or call Fr Gerry at the Parochial House. All are welcome.



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**Our Lady
Queen of
Peace
Pastoral
Area**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter
10th May 2026**

**IF YOU LOVE ME,
KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS**
Jesus
JOHN 14:15



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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 10th May 10.30am : Rose Kavanagh M.M., Fr. Peter Paul Kerr

Tuesday 9.30am: Thursday 9.30am

CHURCH OF SAINT PETER, DROMISKIN

Saturday 9th May 7.00pm: Stephen McArdle, Fr. Peter Paul Kerr

Mon. 11th May. -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 9th May 6.00pm: James Kneel, Noel McElroy, Cathy McCaffrey

Sunday 10th May 10.30am : - Margaret McCullagh

Tuesday 9.30am— Thursday 9.30am—

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

CHURCH OF ST. MARY'S, KNOCKBRIDGE

Saturday 9th May 7.30pm : John & Bridget Kirk, Bernard & Kate Rose Rooney, Eithna Murphy, Joe & Pdraig Ward, Bernard & Mary Ann Ward, Tommy Mulholland

Sunday 10th May 11.30am : Patricia Cluskey M.M., Joseph & Rose Nolan & DFM,

Mary, Matthew & Denis Flynn & DFM, John, Elizabeth & Briega English & DFM

Wed - 9.30am: Fri - 9.30am —

Adoration: Monday 10am to 10pm



CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, LOUTH

Saturday 9th May 5.30pm: Gerry Lennon, Kitty Marron & dec members of the McGeough & Marron family, Keith Byrne, Special intention

Sunday 10th May 9.30am: -

Tues 12th May 9.30am— Leo McDonnell, Roisin McDonnell Fri 9.30am—

OUR LADY OF SNOWS CHURCH, STONETOWN

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

RECENTLY DECEASED. Please pray for Tom Killeen, Ena Fulcher, Mickey Farrell, Patsy Sharkey, Tom McElroy, Maureen Whelan, Fr. James O'Connell SM, Rose Kavanagh, Una Dunne, Patricia Cluskey,

ANNIVERSARIES FOR NEXT WEEK:

Darver: Sunday 17th May 10.30am - Mary & Peter McDonnell, Paddy Matthews

Dromiskin: Saturday 16th May 7.00pm - Sean Mulligan, Brigid & Tony Gorham, Eamon White & Larry Donnelly
Brendan & Madge Matthews & son Brendan

Kilkerley: Saturday 16th May 6.00pm - Turlough Lennon, Terry, Eileen, Pat & Brendan Lennon & DFM
Sunday 17th May 10.30am -

Knockbridge: Saturday 16th May 7.30pm - Aaron Callan

Sunday 17th May 11.30am — Mickey Farrell M.M., Briega Kerr, Mary Grant & DFM,
Bernard & Marie Quigley & DFM

Louth: Saturday 16th May 5.30pm — Seamus Sweeney 1st Anniversary

Sunday 17th May 9.30am — John & Katie King, Deceased members of the Burke family

COLLECTIONS DROMISKIN: 3RD MAY €291 **DARVER** 3RD MAY € 320

KILKERLEY: 3RD MAY €972 **KNOCKBRIDGE:** 3RD MAY €801.17 **LOUTH** 3RD MAY €1040

Marian Month of May (a gentle word of encouragement from Fr. Gerry)

Pray the Rosary: The Rosary is so important because, bead by bead, Mary places the Gospel in our hands, the name of Jesus on our lips, and the power of Heaven into the battles of every-day life.



‘Mercy Prayer Healing’ (MPH) afternoon will take place today at 3.00pm 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. The theme is: **HEALING OUR ROOTS, LIVING HIS PROMISE.**

Confirmation 2026: Congratulations to the children of St Mochta's NS who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday 8th May. It was a lovely and prayerful celebration for the children, their families, the school, and the wider parish community. The celebrant was Fr. Gerry. A sincere word of thanks to all who helped make the day so special, especially the class teacher Mr Niall Arthur, the organist Mrs Shalom Martin, and soloist Lisa McGuinness and Fr Sijo concelebrant, MC and chaplain of the school. 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.

First Holy Communion 2026 : Congratulations to the girls and boys who received their First Holy Communion yesterday in Darver and Kilkerley “Lord Jesus, bless these children with a deep love for You in the Eucharist and keep their hearts always close to Yours” **First Holy Communion** will take place in Knockbridge on Saturday 16th May at 11.00am **Dromiskin:** Saturday 23rd May at 11.00am. **Louth :** Saturday 30th May at 11.00am

The annual Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from today Sunday 10th May to Friday 15th May 2026. We wish all pilgrims, especially those travelling from our pastoral area, every blessing and many graces as they set out on pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine at Lourdes. May this be a time of prayer, healing, peace and renewed hope for all who travel, and for the sick, assisted pilgrims, carers, clergy, youth helpers and all who support the pilgrimage. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for them.

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. 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.

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, 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